Mr. Speaker, the days of this House rubber-stamping

President Bush's failed war policies have ended. So far this year,

House and Senate committees have held over 52 hearings on Iraq. And now

this week, over a 4-day period here on the House floor, we will be

debating the President's plan to send 21,500 more troops to Iraq.

The bipartisan bill is simple. It states that the House will continue

to support our troops, but that we oppose the President's troop

increase plan. Some of my Republican colleagues say that if you really

support the troops, you must support the President's plan. But this

makes no sense.

Do my colleagues not realize that our troops in Iraq were polled on

the President's plan? Only 41 percent of them supported it. Not even a

majority of our troops say that this plan of the President's is a good

plan. What about our generals? Both retired and active duty military

leaders have said that the President's plan will not reverse the

devastating civil war that is now taking place in Iraq.

Mr. Speaker, it is time that we listen to those military leaders and

our troops and voice our opposition to the President's plan.