Mr. Speaker, the Iraq resolution that we are

debating here is bipartisan. Over the last 2 days, Democrats and

Republicans have come to this floor to voice their opposition about the

escalation plan for this war.

There is also strong bipartisan support for a resolution in the

Senate that would express the Chamber's opposition to the President's

plan there. Unfortunately, Senate Republican leaders are preventing the

debate and the resolution, preferring instead to blindly follow the

President.

Why have Democrats and Republicans come together to express our

opposition to the President's plan? Unlike the President, we have

listened to the military experts, his own generals, the American

people, the troops fighting in Iraq, and the bipartisan Iraq Study

Group that said this war no longer can be won militarily.

Congress must express an opinion to this President's plan. Over the

last month, the House and Senate committees have conducted 52 hearings

on Iraq, conducting oversight of an administration that is off course

internationally. The oversight will continue and we will bring a change

of course in Iraq