Mr. Speaker, according to both the Congressional Research

Service and the Center for Defense Information, the costs for the wars

in Iraq and Afghanistan will reach over $1 trillion by the end of this

year. Today we are being asked to approve many billions more in a

supplemental war appropriations bill.

There has never been anything conservative about these wars. This is

world government at its worst. We have never had any wars in the past

with so much waste, fraud, and abuse, and so many billions ripped from

the taxpayers by Pentagon contractors. Fiscal conservatives should be

the ones most horrified by all this spending.

The worst thing is the loss of young American lives, when Iraqi and

Afghani troops should have been doing this fighting. And there's really

no telling how much we will have to pay out in future medical and

disability costs.

Defense contractors have so many retired admirals and generals to

lobby for them that they keep requesting and getting more money. But

these wars have gone on far too long already. We should bring our

troops and, especially, our rip-off contractors home.