Mr. Speaker, just 6 weeks ago, Zarqawi was killed in

Iraq. Five weeks ago, the House held a debate on Iraq in which

Republicans belittled Democrats for questioning the President's

strategy.

Said my colleague from North Carolina:

But no matter how hard my Republican colleagues try, they cannot

escape the facts on the ground. After the most violent month in Iraq

and a U.N. report estimating that more than 100 Iraqis are being killed

per day, the Republicans are singing a different tune.

This morning's Washington Post reads:

And that same North Carolina lawmaker is quoted as

saying:

Well, here's reality: when the President went to war with too few

troops, not enough body armor, and not enough armed Humvees, and

without a plan for occupation, the Republican Congress failed their

oversight responsibilities.

Lieutenant General Greg Newbold said,

Members of Congress defaulted in fulfilling their

constitutional responsibility of oversight.

Mr. Speaker, it is time for a change. It is time for a new direction.