Mr. Speaker, what do our international friends know that

the Bush administration doesn't?

It seems everywhere you turn, the ``Coalition of the Willing'' is

concluding it is time to get out of Iraq, while the Bush administration

wants to send 21,500 more U.S. troops.

Just last week our biggest ally in the Iraq war, Britain, announced

that it was withdrawing 1,600 troops from Iraq in the coming months.

The same day Denmark said it, too, would pull out all of its 460 troops

by the end of the summer. And then South Korea decided that 1,100 of

its 2,300 troops would be withdrawn from Iraq in April, with the rest

following later this year.

With this news, the ``Coalition of the Willing'' is no longer so

willing, dwindling to about 10,000 troops. What is it that these

countries know that the Bush administration still can't figure out?

Could it be that they see the writing on the wall; that they have

concluded, as many others have here in the United States, that the Iraq

war can no longer be won militarily?

Mr. Speaker, our dwindling coalition should serve as another wake-up

call to the Bush administration that it is time for a new direction in

Iraq.