Mr. Speaker, the sound you hear on the other side of the

aisle is the sound of flip-flopping. Democrats may have put off

announcing their agenda, but they have managed to perfect the art of

the flip-flop.

Just this week the minority leader stated that she voted against the

war in Iraq because she had seen the intelligence and it did not

support the threat being claimed by the Bush administration.

Strangely, the minority leader had a different opinion during the

debate leading up to the vote authorizing the use of military force.

Then she said that she was aware that Saddam Hussein was engaging in

the development of weapons of mass destruction

and that there was no question he had

chemical and biological weapons.

Flash forward to this week, and the minority leader stated that there

was never anything in the intelligence that Iraq posed an imminent

threat. Mr. Speaker, which is it? As we begin this debate on Iraq and

the war on terror, the American people need decisiveness, not flip-

flopping. Republicans want to step up and meet the challenge. It is now

time for the Democrats to do the same.