Mr. Speaker, yesterday, an influential Republican voice

on foreign affairs admitted that the war in Iraq is doing more harm

than good and that, I quote,

Those are the words of Republican Senator Richard Lugar of Indiana,

who went to the Senate floor last night to say that changes in strategy

need to be made before September. Lugar's comments should be listened

to very carefully by my Republican colleagues who continue to hold out

hope that the President's troop escalation strategy can work.

Senator Lugar is just the latest to admit that the President's plan

is not working and that a new strategy is needed in Iraq. Last week,

General Petraeus himself said that we will not meet the target of

seeing any positive results from the troop escalation plan by

September.

Now, Senator Lugar's realistic assessment of the war in Iraq is

commendable, but words are simply not enough. If Lugar is convinced

that the war in Iraq is no longer in our Nation's best interest, he

must join us in finding an alternative that begins to bring our troops

home.