Mr. Speaker, after waiting for months, the new Democrat

majority has introduced their plan for Iraq today, and it can be summed

up with one phrase, fully funded withdrawal.

Seeking to micromanage the war, the Democrats have come up with a

plan that attaches strings to troop funding in order to seek American

withdrawal from Iraq by 2008. This Democrat plan for a fully funded

withdrawal could also be described as a well-equipped retreat. A fully

funded withdrawal might well be added to that classic list of American

oxymorons that includes plastic glass and jumbo shrimp.

Since their election pledge to it has taken our

friends on the other side of the aisle 4 months to come up with a

strategy in Iraq. But even though their proposal does include funding

for our soldiers in the field and our veterans here at home, their

latest poll-tested approach for fighting the war in Iraq can best be

described as cut and run.

For all the Democrats' furtive back-room efforts and tortured

explanations, it is not nearly as complex as they describe. In fact,

their strategy could be described by George Orwell:

We don't need a fully funded withdrawal. We need to fully fund

victory for freedom in Iraq.