Madam Speaker, today Congress will send President

Bush an emergency war supplemental that finally begins moving this war

in a new direction.

Four years ago today, the Bush administration sent out a message of

``Mission Accomplished'' in Iraq. But our mission was not accomplished.

Instead, for 4 years, the President has stumbled, and past Republican

Congresses refused to hold the administration accountable for its

miscues and mistakes. Well, those days are over now.

Our legislation brings real accountability to the war. It provides

accountability to our soldiers who were sent into battle without proper

equipment or a clear mission. It provides accountability to our

veterans who are not getting the best medical care when they come home,

and to our military that is stretched to the limits by the current Bush

war policy. And it finally holds the Iraqi government accountable to

meet the benchmarks the President has created.

Madam Speaker, the American people want this war to move in a new

direction. The President should sign the bill today.