Mr. Speaker, the President's proposal that he

will announce tonight to increase rather than decrease the number of

troops in Iraq defies the reality on the ground and the advice of our

wisest military commanders. This decision will only serve to put more

forces in the crossfire of a growing civil war. If there ever was a

justifiable mission to depose a ruthless dictator, that mission has

been accomplished. The Congress never authorized this military

occupation. It is irresponsible and, in fact, immoral to allow more

innocent American lives to be lost in vain.

Iraq is an artificial nation that was created by Winston Churchill

and Gertrude Bell in 1922 to promote their concept of British

imperialism. The reality is that this was never a winnable war for the

United States of America nor in my view is it a sustainable civil

society, and adding more troops is not going to change that reality.