First, I would like to thank the Congresswoman from

California for her leadership tonight with this special order and also

her leadership of the Out of Iraq Caucus.

I will echo, to save time, every single word that has come out of the

mouths of my colleagues this evening. But there is one thing we have

not talked about that, every single time I am interviewed, somebody

says: But Congresswoman, what will happen to the Iraqi people if the

United States leaves?

My answer is asking them a question right back: Have you not paid

attention to what is happening to the Iraqi people right now with our

very presence?

It is my opinion, and my belief, and I know that I am right, when the

United States Army military leaves Iraq, the insurgency will calm down.

The United States then is responsible to work internationally to help

Iraq rebuild its country, invest in its infrastructure, invest in its

economy, invest in its education and help their people with getting

their feet back on the ground.

And I will end by just saying this. The United States is not going to

determine the fate of Iraq. Only the Iraqis will determine their fate.