Madam Speaker, our enemies are listening, and they are

planning on our actions today, just like the North Vietnamese did

decades ago. And don't believe me, but listen to the words of Colonel

Bui Tin, who served on the general's staff of the North Vietnamese Army

and received the unconditional surrender of South Vietnam on April 30,

1975.

In an interview with The Wall Street Journal in 1995, he drew some

important parallels to the debate today. When asked how the North

Vietnamese intended to defeat America, Colonel Tin responded

He went on to quote Ho Chi Minh, who said,

Colonel Tin said the American antiwar movement was

essential to their strategy. He said it represented the conscience of

America and the conscience of America was part of its war-making

capability, and we were turning that power in our favor.

Through protests, America lost its ability to mobilize a will to win.

That is what this supplemental does here today. Let's listen to the

past and not repeat its mistakes. Let's pass a clean bill and give our

soldiers what they need to win.