Mr. Speaker, the other side of the aisle is going to great

lengths to make the case for retreat in Iraq. It seems they'll even

ignore the facts if it helps their case.

For some time now, the other side has been saying that the war in

Iraq is not part of the war on terror but a distraction from it.

Mr. Speaker, the latest video released by al Qaeda's number two

operative clears that up. In this latest rant calling for our

destruction, Ayman al Zawahiri calls the violence in Iraq a jihad. He

optimistically states that the situation in Iraq

He goes on to proclaim that this victory for the terrorists will

Mr. Speaker, the fact is that we are fighting al Qaeda terrorists in

Iraq. And if we are unwilling to defeat them there, where exactly will

we do so?

Mr. Speaker, when we are honest about who we are fighting in Iraq,

the implication becomes clear: We must win in Iraq.