Mr. Speaker, when it comes to addressing the most

important issues currently facing our Nation, the Republicans in this

body are once again all talk and no action. Despite overwhelming public

opposition to President Bush's open-ended commitment in Iraq, despite

thousands of lives lost and hundreds of billions of dollars of

taxpayers money spent, Republicans still won't actually take action to

end this war.

Oh, they talk a good game. They say they are listening to the retired

generals, the soldiers and the American people who want our troops

brought home. A few of them even went to the White House a few weeks

ago to vent their frustration over the war in Iraq and the President's

leadership.

But when it comes to actually moving to send President Bush a message

that this Congress is moving the war in the right direction, my

colleagues on the other side the aisle do what they always do; they

line up and vote with their leadership and with President Bush.

Mr. Speaker, despite their claims, Republicans still want to write

blank checks and rubber-stamp the President's policy. While they wait,

Democrats are moving forward with our commitment to making serious

changes in Iraq.