Mr. Speaker, the Associated Press reports that the

latest Iraq supplemental funding plan incredibly will tie an increase

in the minimum wage to funding the war through October. If this is

true, and I hope it is not, it tells American workers that the only way

they will get an increase in wages is to continue funding a war which

is taking the lives of their sons and daughters. First, blood for oil;

now a minimum wage for maximum blood? Aren't the American people giving

enough blood for this war without having to give more to have a wage

increase? What's happened to our country? We are losing our moral

compass. We are losing our sense of justice. We are losing touch with

the difference between right and wrong.

We do not have to fund this war. We must leave Iraq now. Support our

troops. Bring them home. H.R. 1234 is a plan to end the war and

stabilize Iraq and give Iraqis control of their oil. We must take a new

path. We must take a path of truth and justice.