Mr. Speaker, the Iraq War supplemental on the floor

tomorrow will in no way pressure the President to end the war in Iraq,

despite the fact that voters gave our majority last November the

responsibility to do that, end the war.

The benchmarks in the war supplemental force the Iraqis to privatize,

or turn over to multinational oil interests, their oil industry by

demanding passage of the Iraqi Hydrocarbon Act. I spoke on the House

floor today for an hour documenting the evidence.

But if the Iraqis refuse to turn over the oil resources, the terms of

the bill are blackmail. The war supplemental demands passage of the

Iraqi bill by blocking over $1 billion in reconstruction funds if the

Iraqis refuse to comply.

We need to send a message to the voters that we do not support

privatizing Iraqi oil by force, nor do we support the continued funding

of this war.

It is not credible to maintain that one opposes the war and yet

continues to fund it. Continuing to fund the war is not a plan. It

would represent the continuation of a disaster. A better approach is

the 12-point plan established in H.R. 1234.