Mr. Speaker, today, the House of

Representatives will vote on a war spending bill that does not call for

accountability. Unlike the previous Iraq supplemental, the bill we are

voting on today does not provide the American people with a path to end

this war. For me, the issue of accountability is imperative. Without a

real accountability plan in Iraq, there is no telling how long this war

will continue.

We were elected to bring a new direction in Iraq, and I will continue

that fight, along with many of my colleagues. As I have made clear time

and time again with my votes, I fully support our troops and their

families. But I also believe that it is Congress' duty to support a

change in the Iraq policy that will meet our national security

objectives.

When the people of South Florida chose me to be their voice in

Congress, they put their trust and faith in me to represent their

values and priorities. Along with the people of South Florida, I will

continue to stand up and work toward a new policy in Iraq.

For these reasons, I will vote against the Iraq supplemental bill

today.