Mr. Speaker, on Monday night, President Bush continued

this difficult job he has of trying to connect the war in Iraq with al

Qaeda. He said it is the most difficult part of his job. Because there

is no connection.

Even the Senate report this past week said, and it is a bipartisan

report from the Senate Intelligence Committee, said there is no link

between Saddam Hussein and al Qaeda. The Senators wrote:

Yet the President had the audacity on Sunday night to say that our

Nation's safety depends on what happens in the streets of Baghdad. Now,

Mr. Speaker, we have to ask the President, where were you when you set

this war up and you told General Shinseki, head of the Army, we didn't

need 350,000 people; we could go over there with a minimal force?

You led us into this quagmire, and you have got to give us a way out.

We need the strategic redeployment that Mr. Murtha is talking about