Mr. Speaker, despite countless assurances from the

President that we are safer now than we were before 9/11, this past

week we learned the truth: The world is more dangerous today than it

was pre-9/11, and the war in Iraq is the main reason why.

This weekend on ``60 Minutes,'' Bob Woodward will report that our

intelligence agencies predict that 2007 is going to be more deadly for

American troops than 2006. That is a dire prediction considering that

insurgent attacks against our troops are now occurring every 15

minutes.

These reports from our intelligence agencies should serve as a wake-

up call to House Republicans who for 3 years have sat on the sidelines

neglecting their oversight responsibility of the war in Iraq.

How bad do things have to get in Iraq before this Republican do-

nothing Congress actually takes action? When will they finally begin

asking questions? When will they finally begin to hold Secretary

Rumsfeld and others in the President's War Cabinet accountable for

their incompetence?

Mr. Speaker, the American people deserve a Congress that will take

its oversight responsibilities seriously. It is time for a change here

in Congress, and it is coming this November.