I thank the chairman and thank the chairman of

the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee who has put this together.

My colleagues, a short while ago when President Bush was asked how

long will this war last, he said: ``We will be in Iraq as long as the

Iraqi people want us there.''

Well, this bill says that we will be in Iraq as long as the American

people want us there. And the American people realize this is a war

that is not worthy of the sacrifice of those men and women in uniform

who are bearing the whole cost of this war.

This bill is about that young son who was told by his daddy one day

that he has to leave him to go off and fight for our country. And day

after day he asks his mommy: When is daddy coming back? And finally one

day his mommy, with tear-filled eyes, has to say: Daddy is not coming

back.

Well, we have to ask ourselves: Is this war worthy of that sacrifice?

This bill says it is not because there has never been a strategy for

success. This bill will bring our troops home as soon and as safely as

possible.