Mr. Speaker, I want to address my good friend, Mr.

Murtha, who pointed out that there was a shortage of Humvees back here,

particularly up-armored Humvees. Well, let me show you how many Humvees

we had at the end of the Clinton administration: up-armored Humvees,

zero.

We didn't have any up-armored Humvees for the National Guard to train

on, for the Army to train on, for the National Guard to deploy or for

the Army to deploy. We had zero. Actually, we had 1,300 at the end of

2000, 1,300. We now have 18,400 up-armored Humvees. We have got roughly

15 times as many up-armored Humvees as we had at the end of the Clinton

administration.

Now, let me remind my colleagues how much body armor we had at the

end of the Clinton administration, body armor. If I hear another parent

call up because they are listening to this debate and they are

listening to information which is erroneous, I think it is important

for us to remind them, there was nobody armored at the end of the

Clinton administration, not one stitch of bulletproof armor at the end

of the Clinton administration. Today there are just under 1 million

sets of body armor for our troops.

Now, let's talk about what we didn't fund in this bill. We didn't

fund the ambush protection vehicles to the full extent that the Army

asked for. The Army asked for $4.75 billion worth of ambush protection

vehicles. Those are vehicles with the V-shaped hulls so that land mines

will be deflected and they have strong enough sides so that IEDs will

be deflected.

Now, my colleagues, I will tell you why everybody, Democrats and

Republicans, should vote against this particular supplemental, and it

is because of one of the restrictions that is placed

on this. There is a 15-day notice and wait period in this bill that

says that no unit can deploy until notice is given 15 days before that

deployment. We have not done that since our birth as a Nation, saying

you can't deploy reinforcements, you can't deploy an emergency unit. It

could be a bomb-clearing unit; it could be an IED unit. It could be a

medical unit. You can't deploy it for the men and women of the Armed

Forces who are engaged in combat until 15 days have expired. We have

gone over this with the lawyers and they say it is a 15-day notice and

waiver. You can't do it.

Vote ``no'' on this very bad, very defective bill.

I thank my friend for the courtesy of yielding.

Mr. Speaker, let me just say we took a 1999 101st Airborne battalion.

We compared them today with the 100,000 pieces of new equipment that

they have got. The 1999 Airborne Battalion today, if it was rated C-1

in 1999, would be rated unready today, not because they are not good

warfighters or capable, but because there is brand-new equipment. If

you don't have your flu shot, you are rated unready for combat.

I thank the gentleman.

I think the gentleman would agree that 28,000 up-armored Humvees

today is a lot better than the 1,300 that we had before. The body

armor, you have 1 million sets of body armor today, much better than we

had before.

The Armed Services Committee put in 10,000 jammers.