I thank my colleague for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to this bill, a bill that burdens

our troops with conditions and dangerous timetables while

simultaneously rewarding politicians with heaping helpings of pork.

Providing full funding to our troops standing in the breach in the

war against militant radical Islamists should be easy, and it should

come without strings attached.

The bill before us today sends a terrible message to our brave men

and women in the Armed Forces, those who are serving our Nation in

harm's way, and gives radical jihadists vital intelligence on potential

future troop plans and intentions of the U.S. rather than offering a

clean bill with emergency funding for our troops in combat, or allowing

an up-or-down vote on the Sam Johnson bill that pledges Congress will

not cut off funds for our troops on the front lines.

We are being forced to consider a muddled supplemental, replete with

pork-barrel spending, risky timetables and other items that do nothing

to ensure America's success in the long-term war against radical

militant Islam.

Rather than the House debating how to win the war against radical

militant Islam, with a focus on the current fronts in Iraq and

Afghanistan, we are engaged in political theater and not debating

national security.

The bill before us ties the hands of our military commanders with

timetables and measurements that supposedly force troop withdrawal, yet

the bill before us contains provisions for targeting al Qaeda and

training Iraqi security forces that could leave thousands of troops

behind without the authority or the funding to take the fight to enemy

insurgents. This is not a good plan. It is not a good place to be.

Let's be committed to defeating radical militant Islam, and let's do it

today. Vote ``no'' on this bill.