Thank you, Mr. Obey.

Mr. Murtha is right; it wasn't Bill Clinton that sent our troops into

Iraq without appropriate equipment and without a plan to win the peace,

it was the Bush administration. The war against Saddam Hussein was over

in a few weeks, yet for over 3 years they have been trapped in a deadly

crossfire of an Iraqi war. This bill is not micromanaging the war, it

is the next logical step as Congress rediscovers its voice and its

constitutional responsibility as a coequal branch of government.

This weekend 15,000 Oregonians made clear that this day cannot happen

too soon. This is hard for me. I have never voted for a supplemental

appropriation on this war, but I will vote tomorrow for the first

enforceable deadline. It is what Americans want, and it is what our

troops and their families deserve.