Mr. Speaker, the bill before us provides an honest and

sensible solution to one of the most complex and volatile problems ever

to confront our Nation.

More than 4 years ago, this administration engaged in an unnecessary

and illegal invasion of another sovereign country, and that has now

been followed by almost 4 years of an increasingly disastrous

occupation. All during that time, the Republican Party held the

majority in this House, and they conducted no oversight of this

activity whatsoever, and the consequences have been disastrous for our

Nation.

This bill now provides us with the means and the direction to change

these disastrous decisions made by this administration and the failure

of oversight of the Republican Party. It enables us to help our troops.

It provides them with the equipment that they need to carry out their

obligations and responsibilities now theirs. And it provides us with a

means to remove ourselves in the appropriate way.

Anyone with any sense is going to vote for this bill.