Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, I think perhaps this is the single worst bill to come to

the floor since I have been in Congress.

It is likely unconstitutional. It creates 435 Commanders in Chief. It

attempts to micromanage the war. It threatens our national security. It

contains billions in unrelated spending. It wraps old-fashioned pork in

the American flag. \* \* \*

Twenty-five million dollars handed out to spinach growers, $74

million for peanut storage, $35 million for NASA.

Mr. Speaker, in the interest of having the House have

its proceedings move forward, I ask unanimous consent to withdraw the

offending word or words.

Mr. Speaker, again, $74 million for peanut storage,

$35 million to NASA, $283 million for dairy products.

I question, is this the Democrats' version of fiscal responsibility?

Is this their version of reform? Our national security should not be

handled so frivolously. The cost of fighting this war obviously is

high. The cost of fighting this war is obviously high, but the cost of

losing this war is even higher.

I would say to my Democrat colleagues, if you don't believe in the

mission, if you don't believe that our troops can win, then you have

the power to bring them home, and bring them home today. But we

shouldn't employ this slow-bleed strategy that could deny our troops

vital reinforcements and vital equipment and open up pork-barrel

spending to finance it.

A great Nation deserves better. We should vote this bill down.