Mr. Speaker, this is supposed to be a war supplemental bill,

but there is so much non-war spending in this bill. For example, one

portion of the bill dumps millions of dollars in Liberia. The last I

saw, Liberia is not even on the same continent as Iraq. And why does

this bill have anything to do with funding Liberia and their needs?

But more importantly, this bill puts our troops at risk, because it

sows the cloud of defeatism and cynicism that seems to be predominant

in Washington, D.C.

Congresses before us have tried to run the war, even as far back as

the Continental Congress. They were so upset with George Washington,

they wanted to get rid of the Commander in Chief and replace him with

somebody else. His comments to the Continental Congress then are worth

noting today. He said, ``We should never despair. Our situation before

has been unpromising and has changed for the better. So it will

again.''

And that is what we must do. Support our troops. Give them the troops

that they need to finish the mission that we have asked them to

accomplish on behalf of national security.