Mr. Speaker, this is an unusual spending

bill, because we are voting to spend money for the military while

putting conditions on the use of that money that will make it highly

likely that our military will fail. That doesn't make any sense.

This bill is also an example of the wisdom of the Constitution that

was written so many years ago, and we would be well advised to respect

the wisdom of that Constitution that separates the powers among the

branches.

We need to understand our role here as a Congress. It is not to

micromanage dwell times and to put limits on deployments so that the

sergeants and the captains who are jumping through enough hoops as it

is have one more set of hoops to jump through, courtesy of the United

States Congress.

History will not end on your schedule. We need real leadership from

this House to focus on what America's vital national interests are and

how we will pursue those interests for the long term.