Mr. Speaker, I am glad to be down here, and I am

glad that the chairman brought this bill up.

I can tell you the only thing that I can see in this bill is ultimate

accountability and oversight by this Congress, which hasn't happened in

the last two emergency supplementals, those that I voted on and those

that I voted in the affirmative on.

But the good thing about this bill is that we have the troops back.

We are saying that they have to be prepared, just like the Department

of Defense says that they have to be when they go off to war. This is

actually in this bill.

We look at this bill dealing with health care for our veterans, we

look at planning, we look at the needs of our troops. Once they get

back here to the United States, this bill covers and starts that

investment that we have to make to make sure that we take care of our

troops in the field and when they get back here at home.

So this is very, very important, Members. I would hate for my Members

on either side of the aisle to be on the other side of this bill,

because you have a lot of explaining to do when you get back home, the

reason why you voted against this bill. You can call Members of

Congress, General X and General Y, but the bottom line is

accountability is in this bill and funding.