Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman.

I rise in opposition to the supplemental as it stands now. There are

multiple reasons for opposing this measure. The first reason is that in

my view we overly tie the hands of our Commander in Chief and those in

the field who are leading our troops.

We cannot have a situation where this body micromanages what our

Armed Forces are doing. It is a bad precedent, and I hope that we do

not set it with a vote on this tomorrow.

A second reason for opposing this measure is some of the additional

added spending. I fully support spending for our Armed Forces and for

our veterans, and I am pleased with the work of the committee in

plussing up funds for our troops and for our veterans for things that

they need. But in some other areas, such as $25 million for spinach,

which has been mentioned before, it may be needed but that should be

done through the regular appropriations process.

We have an appropriations subcommittee that deals with foreign aid.

That subcommittee can deal with the issue of whether Liberia should get

additional funding. We have added too much to this bill when you add

almost $25 million to an emergency military supplemental.