Mr. Speaker, my colleague just before me

indicated the crisis that we have in America where a young man is sent

off four times to Iraq and not able to see his family.

Well, maybe the young soldier that I buried the other day, Nathaniel

Parker, who got liver disease in Iraq and died languishing in one of

our military hospitals, or maybe the tragedy of 70 who died after a

suicide explosion there are crises that we should be focusing on. Then,

of course, our friends on the other side of the aisle want to insist

that Americans change their basic infrastructure pension, that is,

Social Security. We know that whatever plan they have is going to cut

America's benefits. In fact, middle-class Americans will have their

benefits cut 40 percent.

Social Security should not be privatized. It can be fixed. It can be

extended. Ronald Reagan and Tip O'Neill did it in 1983.

Women most of all will be hurt. More than 24 million women receive

Social

Security. So I say to my colleagues here in the House, the Democrats

realize that a faulty plan is no plan on Social Security. A faulty plan

on the war is no plan. Let us get together and solve America's

problems.