Mr. Speaker, violence is rampant both at

home and abroad. At least 80 civilians died in Iraqi violence. As the

Washington Post reports,

In Baghdad, the scene of some of the most intense fighting in months:

27 people died, and 107 were wounded. The green zone no longer exists.

There is no exit strategy with honor in Iraq.

Mr. Speaker, it is time for the American people to hear from this

administration and this Congress how we are going to address the

valiant work of our young men and women on the front lines every day

and their safety being jeopardized and threatened or killed because we

have no foreign policy plan. It is time for an after-plan for Iraq. The

reason we are in this catastrophe is because we went into an ill-

directed war with no plan.

Today, of course, we bring shame on the House of Representatives for

not extending the assault weapons ban. The ATF said assault weapons

were designed for rapid-fire and close-quarter shooting, not for

Olympics or the duck line.

Mr. Speaker, we need to reauthorize the assault weapons ban to stem

the violence at home and the violence abroad.