Mr. Speaker, this morning, the House heard from the

prime minister of Iraq, Dr. Allawi, and I think it is important to come

and underscore some of the things that he told us this morning. The

overriding message that Dr. Allawi gave this House is we are succeeding

in the country of Iraq.

He said he had three messages for America. He first wanted to say

thank you. He secondly pointed out that the world at large was better

off because of the action taken by the United States of America. And

finally, he wanted the world to know that they would get it right on

the ground in Iraq.

He talked about the cost of freedom. In fact, he reminded us of what

Harry Truman said a couple of generations ago,

He told us that they have mourned, as we have mourned here at home.

Iraq is the battleground for those who oppose freedom. It is their

last chance, and they will not succeed.

He did warn us that defeatism contributes to more violence on the

ground in Iraq, and I think that is a message that we all can take home

with us and remember these 40 days remaining before the election.