I thank the gentleman for yielding.

And I hope the chairman of the Armed Services Committee knows how much

I respect him and truly love this man.

Mr. Speaker, I know of no other place than Washington, DC, where it's

okay to look a man in the face, tell him we're going to give him the

time, the resources and everything he needs to accomplish a mission,

and then halfway through the process, say, oops, I'm sorry, time's up.

We made a mistake. Mission over.

No one person I know or have known executing this war on radical

Islam has more credibility than David Petraeus, a gentleman who was

confirmed unanimously in the United States Senate, but instead of

giving GEN David Petraeus, a man whose boots are on the ground, a fair

opportunity and allowing him the time he needs to better implement the

plan and report back, we once again see legislators trying to

micromanage this war. The problem is, we've turned this into a

political war, a war where politicians are pulling the strings, not the

man we said could do it.

If anyone can pull this off, David Petraeus can. If any armed

services in the world can be successful, the men and women of the

United States Armed Forces can. But let them accomplish the mission.

Let them continue to win. Let them bring us victory.

In recent weeks, we've witnessed in Great Britain how real the threat

remains. Whether we're talking about Iraq, Pakistan, Afghanistan, the

enemy is there, the enemy is real; and to ignore the threat that they

pose to this Nation is unconscionable.

We owe it to our troops on the ground, to those who have served, to

those who have died, and the American people to allow the plan General

Petraeus developed to take effect.

Mr. Speaker, the stakes are too high. Keep this country safe. Keep

this country strong. Do the courageous thing. Vote against this

legislation.