Mr. Speaker, I thank my good friend from New

Jersey.

I rise in support of this bill. I can't believe the argument in

opposition to this bill, that we should continue to stay the course,

because this is the policy that has led us in the wrong direction for

four straight years. This has been the worst foreign policy fiasco in

American history.

Now we're being told that we're there to fight al Qaeda. There were

no al Qaeda in Iraq when we went into Iraq. Saddam had nothing to do

with 9/11. Now there are about 5,000 there out of a population of 26

million.

We have trained hundreds of thousands of Iraqis. Many of them we've

given them more training than we've given our own troops.

This policy is not worthy of the sacrifice of our troops and their

military families. It's leading us down a dead-end street. It's time

that it was changed.

Mr. Speaker, we are told that we need to train the Iraqis more. All

we are doing is equipping and training them in order to kill each other

in a civil war that I'm afraid is going to be inevitable.