Mr. Speaker, I stand in strong support

of this legislation, H.R. 2956.

I have to remind my colleagues that I am from Florida and it does

matter who is the President, and we should never forget the 2000

election because it matters who is the President of the United States.

President Bush intentionally misled the American people by supplying

false grounds for going to war, and I personally never supported the

war in Iraq.

This war has cost over a half trillion dollars. This war is now

costing over $12 billion per month.

I stand with the American people and I wholeheartedly support our

troops; yet I cannot support a truly senseless war that has killed

3,600 Americans and left over 26,000 severely wounded.

The soldiers did not vote for this war, but when given a mission,

they do the best they can to complete it. The military is doing the job

they were sent to do. There was a flaw in the mission from the

beginning, and the flaw lies with us.

I want to be clear. The President's checking account has been

overdrawn. The Bush administration's manipulation of taxpayer dollars

to fund this war is over, and 70 percent of the American people oppose

this war. This war needs to come to an immediate end.

I urge my colleagues to vote ``yes'' on the bill. Let's redeploy our

men and women.