I rise in opposition to the bill.

We've lost over 3,600 of our brave service men and women; 1 million

innocent Iraqis have perished in the war. We're now telling Iraqis,

whose country the U.S. destroyed, whose reconstruction funds the U.S.

mishandled, whose social networks have been shredded, stand on your own

feet, while we try to steal their oil under the cover of occupation.

This bill will not end the war. This bill will not end the

occupation. It doesn't take a vote to end this war. We must inform the

administration that the $97 billion appropriated last month is the end

of the financing for the war. Use the money that is in the pipeline

through October 1st to bring the troops home. Compel the President to

put together an international peacekeeping security force which would

move in as our troops leave.

We could have our troops home by October 1. The question is whether

we're ready to take a stand to do that, or whether or not we're going

to vote on resolutions that give the American people the appearance

that we want to end the war, without actually addressing the central

issue that will end the war: Stop the funding.