Mr. Speaker, I understand my Democrat

colleagues have the votes. I guess there was a lot of arm twisting last

night. So congratulations on getting the votes necessary to pass this.

But I am sad because this bill spends $31 billion more than the

President requested. It is a budget buster. And also I am kind of sad

because I think a little bit about history.

You know, if George Washington had a Congress with the attitude of

this Congress, we might very well have lost the Revolutionary War. If

Abraham Lincoln had a Congress with the attitude of this Congress, we

might very well have lost the Civil War. And I am sad for our valiant

troops who you are going to jerk out of Iraq. It is a withdrawal bill.

That is what you want to do, withdraw. And I am sad for our troops, our

valiant troops, who want to win. Who want to win. And you are not going

to let them if you have your way.

So I would just like to say, if I were talking to the President of

the United States today, Mr. President, hang tough. Hang tough.