Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman. I rise in

opposition to the bill.

Four years ago, Congress was told we had no alternative but to go to

war. That was wrong. Now Congress is telling the American people, we

have no alternative but to continue the war for just another year or

two, and then we will be able to end the war. So war equals peace. I

don't think so.

This war now has a momentum of its own, which has captured even

people of good will who say they want peace but are going to vote to

keep us at war. The same false logic that trapped Members into voting

for the war is trapping Members into voting to continue the war.

I believe you cannot say you are for peace and vote to keep this war

going. You cannot say you are for peace and facilitate the theft of

Iraqi oil. You cannot say you are for peace and give the President

money not just to keep this war going but to attack Iran if he so

chooses.

If you want peace, vote for peace now. If you want peace, stop

funding the war. If you want peace, stand for the truth.