Mr. Speaker, before we vote on this bill, we

need to remind ourselves one more time, the jihadist terrorism is what

this debate is all about.

Brink Lindsey put it in such succinct terms when he said, ``Here is

the grim truth: We are only one act of madness away from a social

cataclysm unlike anything our country has ever known. After a handful

of such acts, who knows what kind of civilization breakdown might be in

store?''

Mr. Speaker, as we anticipate future actions of jihadists and our

place in Iraq, we would do well to consider their words very carefully.

Al Qaeda's al-Zawahiri said this: ``The jihad movement is growing and

rising. It reached its peak with the two blessed raids on New York and

Washington. And now it is waging a great heroic battle in Iraq,

Afghanistan, Palestine, and even within the crusaders' own homes.''

Osama bin Laden himself said: ``The most important and serious issue

today for the whole world is this third world war. It is raging in the

land of the two rivers,'' Iraq. ``The world's millstone and pillar is

in Baghdad, the capital of the caliphate.''

Mr. Speaker, if Democrats are correct that the struggle in Iraq is

not crucial to winning the war against jihadism, then for God's sake, I

wish they would explain that to the terrorists. Instead, we hear the

most senior Democrat in this House quoted as saying, ``I don't take

sides for or against Hezbollah, or for or against Israel.''

Mr. Speaker, a blind relativism that deliberatively ignores all truth

and equates merciless terrorism with free nations defending themselves

and their innocent citizens is more dangerous to humanity than

terrorism itself, and it is proof that liberals completely

misunderstand the enemy that we face.

Because of this kind of relativist neutrality, jihadists now believe

they have a crucial advantage over the free world and its people. They

believe their will is far stronger than ours, and that they need only

to persevere to prevail.

Mr. Speaker, the passage of this bill will only encourage them in

that belief. And if liberals in this body are willing to see freedom

defeated in Iraq, they must also be willing to take responsibility for

almost certainly what will follow.

Mr. Speaker, finally, we can have peace with jihadists tomorrow if we

are willing to surrender today. And that kind of surrender will be on

their terms, and it will ultimately bring a nuclear jihad to our

children. Future American generations will despise this one.

Mr. Speaker, there is still time to defeat this bill. Let us not take

this ominous step in this direction.