Madam Speaker, I rise in support of this

resolution, and I am in complete opposition to President's plan to send

an additional 21,000 Americans into Iraq.

This ill conceived plan will only make a war that never should have

started much, much worse. The generals don't want this surge. Our

allies oppose it. 60 percent of the American people think it is a

terrible idea and, the enemy is using it to boost recruitment. There is

no conceivable reason for this surge. Yet, President Bush is pushing

ahead with it.

I opposed the original Iraq war resolution because I didn't see the

connection between Al Qaeda and Saddam Hussein, the evidence of an

immediate threat from Iraqi weapons of mass destruction, or even

compelling evidence of the existence of WMD. But, we went in anyway. We

rushed off, unprepared, into a needless war that has killed thousands

and scarred 10's of thousands of Americans and hundreds of thousands of

innocent Iraqis.

Now, here we go again. It is time for this administration to end its

policy of ready, fire, aim. It is time to begin a policy of ready, aim,

fire. I urge all of my colleagues to listen to the American public, to

our troops and to our friends around the world. Vote yes on this

resolution.