I thank the gentleman for yielding.

I just want to say to my colleague who just spoke that I saw also two

young men in Walter Reed a couple of days ago, and I would recommend

that he talk with them also if he thinks that everybody that is over

there supports this resolution.

I would also say to my friend that if you think that the message that

is going to go across thousands of Web sites and communications the day

after this vote is taken on terrorist Web sites is, our message is that

democracy is alive and well in the United States, I am willing to take

a bet on that. I do not think you will see that. I think you will see

something else.

You will see the message that they think that this resolution, if it

is passed, is the first note of retreat in the war against terror by

the United States. That is what you will see and I will be happy to

take a bet on that one.

Now, Mr. Speaker, I heard just a couple of hours ago, as many of us

have, that the Democratic leadership of the House intends to use

management policies in the Department of Defense over the next year or

so to keep either troops or supplies from moving to the battlefield.

Now, using management policies that will prohibit people from moving

in the Marines or the United States Army if they haven't spent enough

time back in CONUS before they go, I can say this to you, that is a

very, very dangerous policy.

Our ability to project power around the world and to deter people who

wish us ill is the ability to move men and equipment very quickly

around the world. And any type of an inhibition of that capability is

going to be extremely dangerous to the United States. And I will fight

with every fiber of my being any attempt by this Congress through

management policies by the Democratic leadership, through management

policies of DOD to keep either reinforcement or supplies from reaching

our troops around the world.

I will simply say once more, I said when we started this debate

yesterday, that this resolution will be looked at by America's friends,

by America's enemies, and I think also by America's troops; and I think

they will interpret it, no matter the good faith of people in this

Chamber, they will interpret it as the first notes of retreat in the

war against terror, just as they interpreted actions by the Spanish

Government after the domestic strike in Spain and the terrorist hit in

Spain and in other countries.

They will look at what we have done, and I will be happy to stand

with any of my colleagues and analyze those messages as they come off

the terrorist boards after this vote is taken. This resolution, if it

passes tomorrow, and it probably will, will be taken as the first note

of retreat in the war against terror.

Any attempt by the Democrat leadership to cut off supplies or

reinforcement by management policies in DOD, personnel policies, will

be interpreted as the second note of retreat in the war against terror,

and I for one will oppose them very strongly

Madam Speaker, I yield myself 2 minutes just to give some

information that my great friend, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. Reyes),

commented on.

I made a comment a few minutes ago that I had understood that the

Democrat leadership or a member of that leadership had stated that they

would use DOD management policies to cut off the sending of either

reinforcements or supplies to the warfighting theater and that I would

oppose that very strongly.

My friend Mr. Reyes expressed doubt that that had happened. He said

he had not heard about it.

I just wanted to inform him I have the Reuters report here, and it

quotes our colleague Mr. Murtha: ``A leading congressional opponent of

the war in Iraq on Thursday said his plans for placing conditions on

how President George W. Bush can spend $93.4 billion in new combat

funds would effectively stop an American troop buildup.'' This is

quoting Mr. Murtha.

Mr. Murtha says: ``They won't be able to continue. They won't be able

to do the deployment. They won't have the equipment, they don't have

the training, and they won't be able to do the work. There's no

question in my mind.''

That is the statement upon which I based my remarks a few minutes

ago. It appears that statement has been made.

I yield to the gentleman from Texas.

What is my friend's statement?

Let me just say to my friend that I hope that this is a

misquote; but, certainly, there was a press conference, and these are

the quotes that are reported in the transcript by the press. So let us

hope that that is not accurate. If it is not accurate, I will be very

happy. If it is accurate, that will receive enormous opposition from

this Member of Congress.

Madam Speaker, I yield 5 minutes to the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr.

Whitfield).