Mr. Speaker, the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr.

Frank) has pointed out that this resolution is being covered by C-SPAN.

I would suggest it ought to be covered by the Science Fiction Network.

Let us not be fooled by this bill, which endorses an illegal war which

this Nation entered into based on lies and misrepresentation. Lest we

forget, Iraq

had nothing to do with 9/11, with al Qaeda's role in 9/11. Iraq had no

weapons of mass destruction. It was wrong to go in, and it is wrong to

stay in. The June 30 sovereignty this resolution discusses is a hoax.

What kind of sovereignty will Iraq have with 130,000 U.S. troops

present? What kind of sovereignty does Iraq have when the U.S. is now

selling Iraqi oil and spending the money as it sees fit?

This bill states that we are handing Iraq a safe, secure and stable

state. In effect, it declares a desert an oasis, a swamp a garden, a

lie the truth.

The continued U.S. occupation of Iraq will not end on June 30, and it

is counterproductive. Make no mistake about it, when July 1 comes, the

violence will continue, the attacks will not stop, and our troops will

still be in harm's way. It is time for us to recognize the Nation went

down the wrong path in Iraq. The policy is unsustainable and it is a

failure. We cannot continue with it. It is time for a peace plan with

an exit strategy. It is time for us to get the U.N. community involved

and to bring our troops home. U.N. in, U.S. out.

We should not be fooled. We should vote against this resolution, and

we should be looking towards bringing this Congress together with a new

direction to truly have a peace plan with an exit strategy. This

resolution does not do this. This resolution is a farce and should be

defeated.