Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman from New York for

yielding time.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to support the rule and also the underlying bill,

the Responsible Redeployment from Iraq Act. We can't afford to spend

$10 billion a month on this failed war and continue to see the loss of

lives, 3,600 now. From my district alone, 14 individuals have not come

home to see their families. 27,000 have come home injured from the war.

I want to tell you that in March I had the opportunity to visit some

of our troops in Iraq, many from California representing southern

California's San Gabriel Valley. Many of them told me they did not have

appropriate equipment, that they were there for an insurmountable time,

many on their second, third and fourth tour. One family member from the

City of Azusa told me that he had not even seen his child. It had been

already 14 months.

I would ask Members of Congress to remember who our constituents are.

I have the adjoining district next to Congressman Dreier. In my

district alone, 4-1 in a survey said, Republican and Democrat, we want

the Congress to get us out of the war.

I ask for support of our bill and the rule.