Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 4156.

For the last 4 years, President Bush has demanded more and more money

from this Congress for the war in Iraq, draining funding from domestic

priorities in the process. And this year's just no different.

True to form, in October the President casually requested an

additional $200 billion to continue his failed policy.

Mr. Speaker, every time I travel back to my district, constituents

plead with me to stand up to this President and end the war.

Fortunately for them, the days of the rubber-stamp Congress are over.

This bill before us holds the President accountable.

The bill provides only $50 billion of the President's $200 billion

request, which serves to meet the immediate needs of our troops

currently deployed, while the balance is dependent upon progress in

Iraq.

The funding is also conditioned on the redeployment of troops from

Iraq to begin within 30 days of enactment, with a target for completion

by December of 2008.

Passage of this bill is the first step towards forcing a change of

course in Iraq, shifting the mission from the combat forces to a

comprehensive strategy.

I urge all my colleagues to vote ``yes'' on H.R. 4156.