Mr. Speaker, leadership is about getting results. I want to

thank our leadership for bringing a bill to the floor for the first

time that gets results.

I've never voted for funds for this war, and I've been waiting a long

time to vote for a bill that would bring our troops home.

On March 20, 2003, the United States invaded Iraq. It was a mistake

then, and every day we've failed to correct this mistake costs us in

cash, in credibility, and in lives. Every day we are not working to get

out of Iraq, we make our Nation weaker and less safe. Every day that we

do not get our troops out of Iraq is another day of mistakes.

The road out of Iraq starts with the first step. This bill is the

first beginning. To start a withdrawal, this bill jump-starts that

withdrawal. It starts in 30 days.

Passing this bill tonight makes clear that the U.S. House of

Representatives has acted to bring our troops home, to end this war,

and to put our country back on the right track. This leadership

deserves your support.