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our troops. The tragedy in Iraq has gone on far too long. For 4 years,

this administration and its supporters have put forth arguments based

on misinformation and fear. I would urge my colleagues to remember this

during today's debate.

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blunder in our Nation's history. They have ignored, shouted down and

attempted to intimidate anyone who has dared to disagree.

And now, after 4 years, we see the thousands of brave Americans

killed or seriously injured, untold numbers of Iraqis dead and the

country in chaos.

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asked of them. But they have been let down by the administration that

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This legislation would bring our involvement there to an end.

I have listened now for more than 4 years as the administration and

its supporters up here have come forward with one reason after another

for: why we have to invade, why we have to stay, and what will happen

if we ``fail.''

They've never made sense to me. Their arguments have been based

either on misinformation or fear.

The Bush administration has stumbled and bumbled, dissembled and

distorted on Iraq so much that no one--no one--believes a word it says.

Last night, NBC News quoted a Republican Congressman telling the

President that ``word about the war and its progress cannot come from

the White House or even you, Mr. President. There is no longer any

credibility.''

That is the reality.

So I would urge my colleagues, as they listen to this debate and hear

from the Republican leadership and White House why the McGovern bill or

the Supplemental Appropriations bill are so wrong, to remember this

history.

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seriously injured, an untold number of Iraqis dead, and the country in

chaos. Most tragically, the cost for all these mistakes has been borne

by the men and women who wear the uniform, and their families.

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