Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding

me the time. I didn't intend to speak on this until I read the bill,

and I didn't have much chance to read the bill because it didn't go

through any committee, and it was only introduced last night.

But this bill is an illusion. It is not what it is proposed to be. It

is one of those situations where you giveth on one hand, and you take

away with the other hand.

I am looking specifically at subsection (e). After saying that we

have to remove our troops out of Iraq within so many days, subsection

(e) says, ``the Secretary of Defense may retain''--in other words, keep

troops in Iraq--``for the purpose of providing security for the

embassy, the U.S. embassy''; we do that now. And ``other United States

diplomatic missions in Iraq''; other diplomatic missions in Iraq; we do

that now. ``Protecting American citizens''; we do that now. ``Including

members of the Armed Services serving in roles consistent with

customary diplomatic positions''; we do that now.

Listen to this one: ``engaging in targeted special actions limited in

duration and scope to killing or capturing members of al Qaeda and

other terrorist organizations''. My goodness, that is what we are doing

now.

``Training and equipping members of the Iraqi Security Forces.'' That

is what we are doing now. ``And may retain in Iraq members of the Army

Corps of Engineers and Defense contractors engaged in reconstruction

projects in Iraq.'' We are doing that now.

Subsection (h) on page 4. ``Prohibition on the use of funds to

further deploy United States Armed Forces to Iraq.'' The funds may not

be obligated or expended to further deploy units or members of the

Armed Forces to Iraq, including through participation in any

multinational force, except as provided under subsection (e), which is

the subsection that I just referred to.

And then it goes to subsection (i), assistance to Iraqi security

forces. ``Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit or

otherwise restrict the use of funds available to the Department of

Defense for the purpose of

providing financial assistance or equipment to the Iraqi Security

Forces or multinational forces providing security or training in

Iraq.'' We do that now.

You have to get out of Iraq, but you are allowed to stay to do all of

these things that we are already doing.

Vote yes if you want to. Vote no if you want to. That is not up to

me. But I just wanted to point out the fact that, if you think this

bill gets you out of Iraq, think again. Read subsection (e), because it

doesn't accomplish what we are told that it does.

So I say again, this is an illusion. It gives with one hand, but it

takes away with the other.