Mr. Speaker, I thank you very much and I thank

the whip for allowing me to go at this time.

Let me just say I remember my Democrat colleagues after 9/11. They,

along with us, were one voice saying we're going to go after these

terrorists, no matter where they are; no matter how long it takes,

we're going to get them.

The terrorists attacked the World Trade Center, the Cole, our

barracks. They've attacked us many times. They attacked us once before

at the World Trade Center. And al Qaeda has attacked in France,

England, Spain, Indonesia, and elsewhere.

Now, the leader of the military wing of the terrorists in Iraq is al

Qaeda. He's the guy that's going to lead the fight to make Iraq an

Islamic State, a jumping-off point for terrorism around the world, al

Qaeda, the same ones that attacked the World Trade Center and these

other things.

I can't understand how my colleagues on the other side of the aisle,

knowing al Qaeda is in charge over there, the military wing of the

terrorists, knowing that they want to destroy us, knowing that Osama

bin Laden said he wants to destroy America, that you want to pull out,

that you want to tell them exactly when you're going to leave.

We're going to start moving in 4 months. We're going to be out of

there in 12 months. You want to cut our troops off at the knees, and do

you think al Qaeda is not going to be happy about that? What do you

think Iran is thinking right now? What do you think Syria is thinking

right now? What do you think al Qaeda is thinking right now? They're

thinking we don't have the guts to go get 'em, and so they're

encouraged.

Al Jazeera was mentioned just a minute ago. That paper has got all

kinds of articles saying we're going to get out, and you guys are

giving them all the information they need to know that they can prevail

if they wait us out. If they do, we're going to have more terrorist

attacks here in America. They're waiting for us to get out so they can

focus all their attention on the United States and our allies.

We must not do this, and that's why we should sustain the President's

veto.