I thank the gentleman for yielding.

We all know that in a few minutes the President's veto will be

sustained. We didn't all figure that out this morning. We didn't all

figure that out last week. We didn't even all figure that out last

month. We've known that since the very start of this debate, 90 days of

debate at a time when there are real consequences for our troops.

There are consequences, we are told this week, in the preparation for

troops going to Iraq and action. There are consequences of maintenance

on bases in this country. There are consequences in the way we are

dealing with our equipment and our repairs, and we have taken 90 days

to get to this point so we can start all over again.

I hope when we start all over again this afternoon that we will start

all over again with a commitment to get this job done as soon as

possible, rather than to take as long as possible. It does matter. The

message we send to the world matters. The message we send to our troops

matters. This bill needs to be as clean as possible. It needs to be

straightforward.

There are things in this bill that in another bill I could support.

There are things in this bill I couldn't support in any bill, but there

are things here that should be done that have nothing to do with this

bill. I don't know why they were put on. Maybe they were put on to try

to see if the majority could get the last votes necessary to pass a

bill that has restrictions on the military that this Congress should

never have advanced to the President's desk.

The President has vetoed. We will uphold that veto. Let's work

together now to get the job done to support the

troops in Afghanistan, in Iraq and everywhere else around the world who

are feeling the consequences of this 90 days we have already taken.

I will work with you. I hope you will work with us. We need to get

this job started.