Madam Speaker, I rise in strong support of

this bill and especially in strong support of our distinguished

chairman, who has done so much to continue the steady progress, the

steady march towards the safe, secure redeployment of our troops.

This body is well served by the legislation introduced by Mr.

Abercrombie and Mr. Tanner, inasmuch as it provides intelligent and

meaningful legislation that will lead to the safe, speedy and

responsible redeployment of our troops and once again returns

accountability, as this committee has insisted on, to its proper venue

within the Armed Services Committee to do the kind of oversight that

will be necessitated by this bill.

I commend the chairman and all of the staff for their hard work on

this.