Mr. Speaker, after all the loss of life, personal

sacrifice and billions of taxpayer dollars, the President still does

not have a plan for securing the peace in Iraq and bringing our troops

home.

After the continued failure of the Iraqi Government to make progress

on political, social and economic benchmarks, the President chooses to

stay the course in Iraq. After nearly 4 1/2 years, Iraq remains

politically unstable and tragically violent.

Instead of changing course and offering a viable plan to conclude

America's military involvement, the President calls for an open-ended

commitment to keeping our troops in Iraq for years to come. It is time

to demand a new direction for Iraq, to focus our military on combating

and defeating terrorism, to insist on a comprehensive diplomatic

strategy to move the Iraqi Government toward national reconciliation,

and to bring our troops home.

This Congress stands by our troops. They've performed with great

honor and they've accomplished all that we have asked them to do. It is

time to bring them home.

Vote ``yes'' to demand a redeployment plan. Vote ``yes'' to demand

accountability from this President to bring our troops home from Iraq

safely and responsibly.