Mr. Speaker, this resolution has rightly earned a place

on this uncontested Suspension Calendar. So long as it is not

misinterpreted as suggesting that Congress supports a long-term troop

presence in Iraq, it merely generates another report that does no harm

and not any significant good.

We know that, in addition to the blood of the brave, President Bush

is hemorrhaging money as fast as he can get it, $3 billion every single

month, building toward a price tag of $1 to $2 trillion on this

tragedy.

The Senate version of Senators Kerry and Clinton has a better

approach in demanding cost estimates on each alternative redeployment

and in asking that one of these redeployments occur by the end of next

year.

Our problem in Iraq is not a lack of reports, but a lack of the

collective will in this Congress to initiate the change in course that

President Bush will never undertake on his own. And I hope we have the

courage of our troops, the courage to take that action as soon as

possible.