Thank you, Mr. Skelton, Mr. Abercrombie and Mr.

Tanner, for bringing this forward. It's important not just for what

you're doing, but for what this represents, to be able to get the

debate going here on the floor and to expand it.

This resolution represents the lowest common denominator, I think,

but it's important for us to expand it, to deal with budget

accountability. I personally don't want to have one more dime for

waging war but, rather, move it forward in terms of securing the peace.

I want to stop the open-ended commitment, hopefully revisiting the

terms of the authority, move legislation to deal with the poor souls

who are trapped in Iraq, refugees who relied on the United States and

we've turned our back on them. Let's have some added accountability for

the outsourcing of the war through private contractors, and certainly

stop the drumbeat of war for Iran. I hope this will be the first of

many debates on specifics every week, hopefully every day.

I appreciate, Mr. Skelton, what you have done. There is no one who

cares more deeply about our troops. There is nobody who has tried to

sound the alarm about these disastrous policies. I hope we can work

with you to expand this debate, to increase the accountability so that

ultimately we achieve peace in Iraq.