I rise to speak against the rule. I take a back seat to

no one in supporting our American military and their families. No one.

But before us is a resolution that is not the fulfillment of a promise

that we were given. We were told we would be able to have a debate on

Iraq. That is not the case. This resolution covers the waterfront. Iraq

is a singular war that we should discuss at length by itself.

You see, there are two ongoing wars: The war against terror, which

has genesis in Afghanistan, and we did the right thing going in there.

We are still chasing bin Laden, and some day we will get him. We

toppled the Taliban. And then, of course, we went into Iraq based upon

the threat of weapons of mass destruction, and we are there.

I sent two letters to the President of the United States warning

about the aftermath, warning about what might very, very well happen

after our national victory, and it came to pass. We have an insurgency

there which is different and distinct from terrorists.

The insurgency is composed of Baathists, Fedayeen, and Sunni, who

were basically in charge under Saddam Hussein. This is their attempt to

knock down the government that is there and to establish their own, far

from being the terrorists that we went after in Afghanistan.

Two wars. That is why this is a disingenuous resolution before us.