Mr. Speaker, I want to inquire if the gentleman has

notified the Blue Dog Caucus that it is time for them to rush out front

of their offices and put an extra $25 billion on the national debt.

Have we given that notice yet for their offices to begin doing that?

We will find out whether they are going to vote for this 25 extra

billion dollars that I think is way too much in the emergency

supplemental.

Mr. Speaker, once again the Democrats are refusing to operate under

the rules they campaigned on to open up the political process and use

PAYGO rules to fully fund and offset any new mandatory spending.

Today is a particularly egregious example of their irresponsible

leadership as they threaten to leave our troops in the lurch by

micromanaging the war against the United States by terrorists, while

also leaving American taxpayers holding the bag by declaring hundreds

of millions of dollars in new mandatory spending as an ``emergency.''

SCHIP is an important program where States are given a fixed annual

allotment to assist them in providing health care coverage to near-

poverty children and pregnant women. However, a few States want to use

their SCHIP program to provide health care services to expanded

populations that go well beyond the scope of the original program, even

though they signed an agreement stating that they promised to pay for

any additional costs with their own State funds or to offset those

within the Medicaid program.

Despite this agreement, Mr. Speaker, a number of States have told

Congress that overspending their Federal allotment was their intention

all along. Once again they come to Uncle Sam to get a bailout.

Mr. Speaker, this is not an emergency. This is a loophole being

exploited by the Democratic leadership. So today the Democrat

leadership is telling these States, You don't have to keep your

promises to the Federal Government, and you don't have to worry. We

don't mind exploiting a loophole in the rules and calling this an

``emergency'' even though we have known for years that this would

happen.

Mr. Speaker, I am voting against this.