Mr. Speaker, in January, President Bush described his plan

to win the war in Iraq, and last week Speaker Pelosi described her plan

to end the war in Iraq. The only problem with that, Mr. Speaker, is, as

George Orwell said, the quickest way to end a war is to lose it; and I

believe the Democrat plan to micromanage our war in Iraq with

benchmarks and deadlines for withdrawal is just that, a prescription

for retreat and defeat.

But common sense and the Constitution teach us that Congress can

declare war, we can fund or choose not to fund a war, but Congress

should never attempt to conduct war. In fact, this is a broadly held

view by some of the leading arteries of America's traditionally liberal

media. The L.A. Times yesterday said:

said:

I commend these American newspapers for their sensible reasoning.

Common sense and the Constitution demand Congress should reject the

Pelosi plan.