Madam Speaker, over the past year, the Iraqi Government

has made countless promises to the Bush administration, but they have

yet to live up to them. Military generals and experts have already

concluded that there is no military solution to the civil war, and that

the only way to cut down on violence there is through political and

diplomatic channels.

While President Bush addressed the Nation to announce his troop

escalation plan, he promised America, and I quote

A newly

released Pentagon report concludes that the Iraqi Government is still

not living up to the promises it made last year. The Iraqi Prime

Minister vowed to reform his government, beginning with his cabinet and

his ministers, but the Pentagon report says that not one of these steps

has been taken.

It is time for Congress finally to hold the Iraqi Government

accountable. If the Prime Minister is not committed to following

through on his promises he made to our President, then it is only fair

for us to reevaluate our commitment to them. The day of an open-ended

war is over.