Madam Speaker, the House is scheduled to take up an

emergency supplemental spending bill to fund our troops in Iraq. But

the other side has worked themselves into a dilemma over this bill to

pander to their left-wing base. The Democrats have included language in

the bill that sets an arbitrary date for withdrawing our troops,

whether we have achieved victory or not. While that pleases the far

left, the more moderate Democrats are rightfully concerned about

congressional micromanagement of the war. So what is the solution? Load

the bill up with pork to pressure Members to vote for it.

At last count, the supposed emergency supplemental now contains more

than $20 billion in unrelated spending. I think most Americans agree

that the money they want to spend on spinach subsidies and peanut

storage would be better spent on body armor and Humvees for our troops.

Madam Speaker, this bill fails both our troops in combat and the

taxpayer here at home. Let's stop playing politics with emergency war

funding, Madam Speaker. Let's have a clean supplemental.