Mr. Speaker, a few moments ago, I heard my colleagues

from both sides of the aisle express their grief over how the war has

come home and visited families and loved ones within their district. In

truth, this war is destroying the aspirations of people of both

countries.

Today, the United States Congress is being visited by workers from

Iraq: members of the Iraqi Federation of Labor and members of the

Federation of Workers Councils and Unions of Iraq, all of whom were

involved in challenging the regime of Saddam Hussein; all of whom stand

very strongly in defense of workers' rights, human rights; all of whom

are seeking peace; all of whom are seeking an end to the war in Iraq.

It is time for this Congress to put aside the partisan differences

which have occurred over the war and to come together in a plan where

we can unify to take steps to withdraw our troops from Iraq and to take

steps to heal the breach which the war has created between America and

the world community.