Mr. Speaker, if you do not know where you are

going, you are never going to get there. Another truism is that you do

not begin a war without a plan to win the peace.

Is it now well past time for the legislative branch to ask of the

executive branch the very things that our constituents are demanding of

us: What is the White House's strategy for success in Iraq? How many

Iraqi troops need to be adequately trained and sufficiently equipped,

to take over the military protection of that country? How many Iraqi

police forces are needed to restore law and order? How many more

American dollars are needed to rebuild the infrastructure so that

nation can be economically viable? And what does this administration

consider to be political stability?

These are reasonable questions. We should have had the answers before

we went to war, but we must demand them now. It is unfair, not only to

the mothers and fathers of our soldiers, but to our senior military

officers of our country not to know where they are headed in Iraq.