Mr. Speaker, this past week, we saw the

numbers mounting of deceased soldiers who have died on the battlefield

in the war in Iraq. That number now reaches 2,000. We saw the memorial

services, the funeral services for the soldier that represented that

number.

As we watch a number of activities occurring with respect to Federal

criminal proceedings, we know that the justice system will proceed on

its own.

But I call now for the United States Congress and the leadership of

this Congress to begin investigatory hearings as to the origins of the

Iraq war. Where did the intelligence come from? Who made the decisions?

Was the intelligence forced? Was it represented to be the truth?

We have a constitutional responsibility to determine what

representations were made to the United States Congress and whether or

not those representations were true and whether or not we made the

decision based upon truth. I call for the investigations now.