Mr. Speaker, recent news reports that the

administration plans to seize Iraqi oil and use the money to set up a

military government in Iraq raise serious questions of the

administration's intentions in the region. Congress did not authorize

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released the day after the congressional vote raise serious questions

about the administration's intentions for the region, the completeness

of their disclosures to Congress, and the role of certain oil companies

in U.S. foreign policy.

I believe that had the administration fully disclosed their plans

before the congressional vote that they intended not only military

occupation but colonization and seizure of oil belonging to the people

of Iraq, there may have been a much different outcome in the vote.

The resolution passed by Congress authorizing enforcement of U.N.

Security Council resolutions authorized not colonization and not taking

things which do not belong to the United States.