Mr. Speaker, last night the President did what he said

he was going to do for weeks now. He vetoed the Democrat supplemental

that was loaded with pork, tied the hands of our generals on the ground

and provided the enemy with an ill-conceived exit strategy.

As the President said last night, Mr. Speaker,

couldn't agree with him more, and that's

why I opposed this supplemental, and that's exactly why he vetoed it.

We must not, as a nation, be invested in defeat. Again, I repeat, we

must not, as a nation, be invested in defeat. Unilateral surrender may

be the Democrats' plan, but it will not lead to a safer America.

Now that the veto has taken place, it is simply unacceptable for the

Democrat leaders to delay any further the funding that our American

troops deserve. Let's pass a clean Iraq supplemental.