Madam Speaker, it seems that President

Bush and many of his allies still don't understand how things have

changed on the ground in Iraq.

A few days ago the Republican leader, when asked about the

President's new escalation plan, said that if it doesn't work, the

President pretty soon is going to have to present to Congress and the

American people what plan B is.

Well, there are very few people that don't realize by now that we are

not on plan B anymore; we are on plan Z. And we have got to start

asking ourselves why plan A and plan B all the way through plan Z still

haven't worked. It is because a military plan, without diplomatic and

political reinforcements behind it, cannot work on the ground in Iraq.

That is what the Democrats in Congress have realized. That is what the

Iraq Study Group realized. That is what legions of retired generals

have realized.

Madam Speaker, it is time the President and his allies join that

hegemony of opinion and join us in setting a new course in Iraq.