Mr. Speaker, headline today, Bush initiates Iraq policy

review separate from Baker's group. Now, this might be good; it might

be bad. Remember, the Bush administration ignored the advice of the

State Department Middle East experts about postwar Iraq. He actually

ignored the intelligence agencies, the real experts, as opposed to the

phony group Dick Cheney put together. Is he now again going to end-run

real experts who are going to give us real choices on how to extricate

the United States from Iraq, get our troops out of the middle of a

civil war and begin to have those people take care of their own

problems?

Only time will tell, but this does cause tremendous concern that

suddenly he is going to appoint yet another group in his own

administration. It seems like he may want to counterbalance or pick and

choose among the real recommendations. Hopefully, they are not going to

give us another vacuous document like they did a year ago, the so-

called national strategy for victory in Iraq, which has been an abysmal

failure.