Mr. Speaker, one week ago, the American people sent a

message to this Congress; that message had to do with Iraq. Were the

American people asking us to send more troops? No, they want the troops

to come home. Were they looking to expand the war? No, they want to end

the war.

There is only one way to end this war: cut off funds. The White House

doesn't believe Congress will exercise this power. That is why the

President is determined to stay in Iraq through the end of his term. He

may have let go of Rumsfeld, but he is not going to let go of the war.

The President is trapped, trapped by lies, fabricated intelligence,

pretensions to empire, desire for oil and prophetic illusions.

The truth shall set the President and the Congress free; the truth

that it was wrong to go into Iraq. It is wrong to stay there. It is

time to bring our troops home. It is time to get the world community

involved in a transition to help secure the Iraqi people. The truth is

we broke Iraq, but we can't fix it by staying. We can fix it only by

admitting we were wrong and paying for reconstruction financially but

not with the lives of our brave troops.

It is time to cut off the funds; time to end the war against Iraq;

time to bring our troops home; time for a new energy policy; time to

reconnect with the world; time for hope, not fear.