Mr. Speaker, last week President Bush vetoed a

bipartisan bill enacted pursuant to the authority vested in Congress by

article I of the Constitution that would provide private health

insurance to 10 million low-income children here in America. His

reason, the bill was too big.

While the President refuses to fund health care for our Nation's low-

income children, he has no problem sending billions of dollars to Iraq

with absolutely no questions asked. Today alone, the President will

spend $300 million funding the occupation of Iraq. With that money, we

could insure 246,000 low-income kids. Over the next month, the

President will spend a whopping $9 billion in Iraq, which would allow

us to insure 7.4 million kids.

Mr. Speaker, time and time again, congressional Republicans have

approved blank checks for the President to send billions to Iraq, and

now they are concerned about $35 billion for improving the lives of 10

million low-income children? It is time they reevaluate their

priorities and join us next week in overriding President Bush's veto.