Mr. Speaker, I just had the opportunity to travel in a

bipartisan codel to the Middle East, particularly to Baghdad.

Robin Williams had an album at one time, I thought about it while I was there. I saw a lot of reality. I saw our

soldiers in life-and-death situations and doing it in a heroic fashion.

They told me about their need to be redeployed over there not every 15

months, but every 12 months because the pressure is wearing on them and

on their personal lives. The divorce rate is high, and it really takes

a toll on their lives. They see the people working for the private

companies over there making so much more money than them, the

contractors, and they say, why should we re-enlist. But they do it

because they're proud Americans.

But then we met with Prime Minister Maliki, and he said the sectarian

war was over. Well, Prime Minister Maliki, it's not, and until the

Iraqis deal with reality and deal with the Sunni and Shia differences,

there won't be peace in Iraq and our soldiers will be working for a

group that doesn't understand the problem, which is their own internal

politics. The Iraqis must resolve their differences.