It's a privilege and an honor to come back down to the

floor tonight. I want to talk on two fronts, really. The one is about

Iraq and the other is the threat of radical Islam, Islamofascism, as

some people call it; but I think it's important here right on the cusp

of the sixth anniversary, tomorrow of 9/11, to remind our colleagues

and our fellow countrymen that we are not only not out of the woods,

but that these threats are grave. They are grave this week.

It's easy for everyone in this country to get lulled back into

complacency or look for the comforts of our living room and shopping

malls, but we face a huge growing and imminent threat from the terror

itself here on our homeland.

We come, as members of the Republican Policy Committee tonight, we

just left a briefing downstairs from a Lebanese Christian named

Brigette Gabriel, who wrote a book called ``Why They Hate Us.'' Some

would ignore her, but, frankly, coming from that world and able to go

on Internet chat rooms and read Arabic and know what's going on out

there, we should listen. We should listen very carefully to what's

happening in the world of radical Islam.

I think it is very ironic that some of the very people who may have

said a few months ago, ooh, let's embrace the Iraq Study Group's

recommendations today would say, no, too late. We even heard that today

from distinguished Democrats, some of them, too late. Too late. Too

late for what?

Let me tell you, this is not good news. We're at war. There is no

good news. But this is positive news from the battlefield. And I think

it's very ironic that in Anbar, and now spreading from Anbar originally

out through the tribal groups and the provinces, where we're making

real progress is among the moderates, which is kind of

the Iraq Study Group's recommendation, is convert the moderates to

allies. Work to get them to stand against the radicals; work to get the

tribal leaders to say, al Qaeda is the enemy and we're now with the

Americans and our allied forces. That's happening. But I'll bet you

some people don't want to hear that positive news. That's the reality

on the ground. That's important.

I would also say, though, in a macroscale, where some of the Iraq

Study Group's recommendations can be very instructive today for all of

us is we need to engage moderate Islam, not just in country, in Iraq,

but throughout the world, because just the sheer numbers of growth

within Islam, if you read the demographics, for instance, in Mark

Steyn's book, ``America Alone'' it's overwhelming; 5 years out, 10

years out, they swamp us in population. If you think Americans or

Europeans are growing as a population, we're shrinking. We are

shrinking. There's fewer and fewer of us every decade and millions and

millions more Muslims.

And if the moderates within Islam won't stand against the radicals,

that's why I reach out to the gentleman from Minnesota here in the

House. Man, if there are freedom-loving people within Islam, where are

they? They need to speak out. They need to be aggressive, and more and

more of them in Iraq are because their relatives have been killed by al

Qaeda. And once they kill your relative, maybe you're going to speak

out. But they're intimidated; they're squashed.

Let me give you an example. Mark Steyn just tells us recently of a

book that was published called ``Alms for Jihad; Charity and Terrorism

in the Islamic World.'' A guy named Jay Millard Burr wrote it. Great

research in Saudi Arabia where all this oil money, and we heard this

downstairs from Brigette as well, using the Saudi Arabian oil money to

promote terrorists around the world, period. It's happening. This

documents, ``Alms for Jihad,'' how they're funneling through charities.

A man named Sheikh Khalid bin Mahfouz heads it up. The charity is

called the Khalid bin Mahfouz or Blessed Relief Foundation. Millions of

Saudi oil dollars into this charity that funds al Qaeda directly. This

book exposes the whole thing. So you need to go to Amazon.com or Barnes

and Noble to get the book. But guess what? You can't get it. It

vanished. It was bought up, taken out of circulation, financially, they

took the book off the market.

Let me tell you, folks, in this country, from Dearborn, Michigan to

right here in Virginia, Falls Church, Virginia, oil money from the

wahabis in Saudi Arabia training up young people in this country, under

a global Shari'ah, Islamic law, bringing them up against America in

this country today.

Listen, this, to me, at the sixth anniversary of 9/11, is a call to

action for Americans who've been lulled into complacency thinking that

somehow this conflict is about Iraq. If we would just leave Iraq, all

of our problems go away.

I'll say to you tonight, Mr. Speaker, this is not about Iraq. Iraq is

the venue, it's the theater, it's where al Sadr is, it's where the

Iranians and the Syrians have come, it's where they've recruited, it's

where the fight is, but it's not about Iraq. It's about us and radical

Islam at war. That's the theater. But let me tell you, it could just as

easily be here tomorrow. God forbid it, but it could be just as easily

here.

They have virtually taken some parts of Europe in terms of public

opinion. They've challenged laws of countries and states in their

courts, challenging Islamic law should take precedence, and that's what

they would like to see here.

You may say, oh, he's wild; he's off the reservation. Not true. This

is the way it is. They're using our very porous borders to come at us.

And we're not secure. We're ignoring the threat.

Let me tell you what the Wall Street Journal editorial said last

week. It said, the world's most political and religious pathologies,

combine with oil and gas, terrorism and nuclear ambitions. In short,

unlike yesterday's Vietnam, the greater Middle East, including Turkey,

is the central strategic arena of the 21st century as Europe was in the

20th century. This is where three continents, Europe, Asia and Africa,

are joined. He goes on to say, so let's take a moment to think about

what would happen if the last Black Hawk helicopter took off from

Baghdad International. And he goes on to talk about Iran's influence in

Iraq, emboldening Iran.

Clearly, Ahmadinejad said less than 2 weeks ago he can feel the

United States in retreat in Iraq, and we've lost our will. And that

when we leave because they force us out, Iran is prepared to fill the

vacuum. That's what he said 2 weeks ago. We can ignore it if we want

to. But let me tell you, a precipitous withdrawal that the left in this

country is asking for, a forced withdrawal from Iraq today, will lead

to the most destabilization in the world that we have seen.

And let me tell you, this threat we face, nobody wants to hear this,

is greater than the threat of Nazi Germany. And if people say we had no

business in Iraq, then we had no business storming the beaches of

Normandy because the Germans didn't attack us. But we knew it was our

obligation, as the leader of freedom in the world, to go and save

Europe from Nazi Germany. We did that. We're doing it again, and it's

uncomfortable.

As I said in the previous hour, my nephew's over there. Specialist

Jeffrey Watts is fighting in Iraq for us tonight. I'd love for my

nephew to come home, but not until we can leave in victory; not until

we leave an Iraq and a Middle East that's more secure than they were

yesterday; not until we can assure the American people that Iran is not

going to rise up and seize control with nuclear weapons in the Middle

East, unless you want to accept Armageddon.

I actually know how the story ends. I know the Bible from cover to

cover, and I'm prepared to go on across that river at any time. But

I've got to tell you, unless you're willing to just accept those

ramifications, that's how high the stakes are in Iraq.

This is not George Bush's war. This is America's fight. We committed

it together. Some people would like to blame it on others now and not

accept the responsibility. But this is America's fight against radical

Islam, and it will go on for years to come, even when Iraq is over. And

there'll be a time where Iraq is not the central theater. I'm concerned

we're going to be fighting radical Islam all the days of my life.

The question is, are we going to stand up, as generations before us

have, and defend freedom. Are people like my nephew going to be willing

to go and stand between a real threat in our civilian population,

because that's what this is. And don't think for a second that it's all

about Iraq. Some people dressed in pink would have you believe that.

It's not true. And I'll tell you, what some of them are doing is

downright un-American, and 50 years ago they'd have run them out of

here on a rail.

I'd be happy to yield back to the gentleman.