Madam Speaker, the world is watching democracy in

action today. I applaud our Iraqi allies and thank our men and women in

uniform for making this historic election possible. We are reshaping a

region responsible for creating terrorism that murdered nearly 3,000

Americans on September 11. Today's election is a step in the right

direction.

Madam Speaker, I also want to commend Chairman Sensenbrenner for

leading the House in the effort to get a hold on our illegal

immigration problem. In both the 108th and 109th Congresses, I

introduced the Federal Contractors Security Act to tackle the problem

we have seen, a documented and publicized problem, of illegal entrants

working for Federal contractors at critical infrastructure sites.

I am pleased the Judiciary Committee inserted many of the provisions

of my bill into H.R. 4437 to implement the worker verification system.

Chairman Sensenbrenner listened to our concerns and his bill will do so

much to address the problem of illegal entry into this great Nation.