Mr. Speaker, as I watched the people of Iraq cast their

first ballots in 50 years, I was deeply moved by their courage, their

rejection of violence, and their desire to define their own future. I

salute the men and women of the U.S. Armed Forces who helped facilitate

these elections. Their service will long be remembered by those who

voted this weekend.

But what happens next? Iraq is no more secure today than it was last

week. Iraqi insurgents and terrorist groups are no less determined to

wreak havoc across Iraq. Our troops are no more protected today than

they were last week. And the American people still have no clue about

when the President plans to bring our troops home.

It is time, Mr. Speaker, for the President to change course, to level

with the American people, and tell us how he is going to end this war

and when he is going to bring our brave men and women home. No more

extended deployments of our Guard and Reserves. No more multiple

deployments of our active duty forces.

Mr. Speaker, it is time for George Bush to end this war. It is time

to start the process to bring our troops home.