I have an introduction of a bill I wish to talk about,

but first I want to express our sympathy to the families of those who

were lost in Iraq within the last 24 hours. There was a helicopter

crash that took place. As I understand from the early news, 31 marines

were killed in that helicopter crash. There were several other deaths

in the last 24 hours leading up to this election in Iraq that takes

place on Sunday. If we recall, there has been an increased level of

violence taking place. We don't know the cause of this helicopter crash

that took place, but we do know there was significant loss of life.

Our hearts and our prayers go out to the lost soldiers who stand in

harm's way as we seek democracy, liberty, and freedom for the people of

Iraq. Our heartfelt sympathies to the families, and our deepest

dedication and devotion to those who continue to serve who are in

harm's way.