Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 4156, the

Orderly and Responsible Iraq Redeployment Appropriations Act.

The Iraq war is a failure and it's time for our troops to come home.

This bill calls for a responsible redeployment and provides for the

checks and balances Congress is authorized to impose.

The administration does not have blanket authority and America does

not have a bottomless checking account.

The President's policy in Iraq has been a complete failure, and

Americans are calling for this war to end.

Our troops are now trapped in the middle of someone else's civil war.

Our military presence in Iraq is not making our country any safer.

Instead, this war has taken the lives of over 3,850 soldiers,

including 13 brave young men from my District alone.

From Rialto, 37-year-old Staff Sergeant Jorge A. Molina was deployed

in Iraq and died in hostile fire in the Anbar province.

From Rialto, 20-year-old, Specialist Luis D. Santos was deployed in

Iraq and died of injuries sustained when a makeshift bomb exploded near

his Humvee during combat operations in Buritz.

From Rialto, 22-year-old, Corporal Victor A. Garcia was deployed in

Iraq and died by small arms fire in Baghdad.

From Bloomington, 25-year-old, Corporal Joseph A. Blanco was deployed

in Iraq and died by small arms fire in Taji after sustaining injuries

from a makeshift bomb.

From Fontana, 19-year-old Lance Corporal Fernando S. Tamayo was

deployed in Iraq and died while conducting combat operations in Anbar

Province.

From Fontana, 24-year-old Sergeant Bryan A. Brewster was deployed in

Afghanistan and died after his helicopter crashed during combat

operations in Afghanistan.

From San Bernardino, 22-year-old Corporal Nicanor Alvarez was

deployed in Iraq and died in the line of fire in the Anbar province.

From San Bernardino, 19-year-old Petty Officer Alex Oceguera was

deployed in Afghanistan, and died when a makeshift bomb detonated near

his vehicle in Wygal Valley, Afghanistan.

From San Bernardino, 24-year-old Corporal Sean Grilley was deployed

in Iraq, and died after being fired on by Iraqis during operations in

Karbala.

From San Bernardino, 24-year-old Specialist Timothy D. Watkins was

deployed in Iraq, and died when a makeshift bomb exploded near his

vehicle during operations in Ar Ramadi.

From Ontario, 21-year-old Specialist Jose R. Perez was deployed in

Iraq, and died by enemy small arms fire in Ramadi.

From Ontario, 31-year-old Sergeant First Class Rudy A. Salcido was

deployed in Iraq, and died when an improvised explosive device

detonated near his convey vehicle in Baghdad.

These are the true faces of the war. My deepest prayers go out to

their families.

These soldiers are the reason why I am so adamant about bringing our

troops back home, and why we must support this bill.

The President's failed policies on the Iraqi war effort must end. We

are listening to America's concerns and will not stand by and watch

this continue.

We need to bring back our loved ones and put our families here at

home first.

It's time for America to put her priorities in order.

This Nation is in debt, but not because of domestic spending.

President Bush refuses to sign bills to pay for schools, children's

health care, and to protect our workers.

However, he comes to us asking for another $200 billion to continue

funding the Iraq war.

With just one week's worth of funding for the war, my District would

never again face a shortage of teachers, of nurses, or of police

officers.

As a veteran, I voted against this war in 2002 because no one could

convince me why we had to be there in the first place.

The President believes Iraq is making our country safer.

The truth is, it is has put us at greater risk.

Our military is stretched so thin that we are at risk of not being

prepared for any future emergencies.