I want the Members to know I carry in my pocket the names

of 18 people who have been killed from my district. Two years ago, I

said this is a failed policy wrapped in illusion. I am absolutely

convinced that there's more instability in the Middle East today than

there was then.

This recommittal motion works against everything we are trying to do.

We want a plan. We want a plan in Iraq. We want stability in the Middle

East. We don't have stability. Pakistan, Afghanistan, and of course

Turkey might even go into the Middle East. So when you talk about

victory, you're talking about stability, which we don't have. It's

absolutely essential to put a plan in place that holds the President

accountable.

All this time the President has asked for things and we have given

them to him. For 5 years we have said to the President of the United

States, You need money, we are going to give to it you. Now we are

saying we are going to have a new plan, and that plan is going to

change the direction of this war, and we are going to bring those

troops who fought so honorably home to their families.