Mr. Speaker, on the one hand, Mr. Kerry calls Iraq a

mistake. On the other hand, he says our soldiers are not dying for a

mistake. He has failed time and again to make sense of his flip-flops.

And while he looked good in the debate last week, he sounded like the

same old candidate with 57 varieties of stances on Iraq. His call for a

timetable to get troops out of Iraq sends a message that terrorists can

outlast us. It is a fancy way to spin the fact that he wants to

retreat.

His repeated statements that Iraq is a ``quagmire,'' ``the wrong war

in the wrong place at the wrong time,'' repels allies; it does not

rally them to our cause. And, talking about real coalitions is a fancy

way to spin the fact that, under his watch, other nations would dictate

the deployment of our military, and it insults our coalition partners

and the Iraqi forces who are risking their lives every day for freedom.

John Kerry just does not get it.