Mr. Speaker, I am sick and tired of waking up every

morning to the news that more men and women are being killed in Iraq. I

am as patriotic as anybody, but why are we in Iraq? We have discovered

that we were misled. There are no weapons of mass destruction. But our

young men and women are dying every day.

At the same time, we are spending $1 billion per week on this war. We

are spending $1 billion a week, but we have 44 million Americans

without health insurance. We have rising poverty. We have men and women

who work every day but cannot afford to pay rent. Yet this

administration is cutting the section 8 program that would support

families in their ability to have a house.

What are we doing in education? Far too many dropouts, not only in

our inner cities but in our rural areas. This President says, leave no

child behind, but it is empty rhetoric. He is not putting his dollars

where his mouth is.