Madam Speaker, the Democrats' Iraq supplemental bill is the

wrong policy for America and the wrong signal to send our troops in

harm's way.

The Democrats' attempt to micromanage the war accomplishes nothing of

strategic value. Rather, by meddling in the decisions which are best

left to our commanders on the ground, they merely succeeded in

telegraphing our plans to the enemy.

Setting deadlines and tying the hands of our generals is not a plan

for success and not a safe way to conduct this war. Congress, an

inherent political body, should not be dictating military strategy.

Rather than support a bill that leaves our troops in harm's way for a

cause Democrats believe cannot be won, a bill the President has

promised to veto, the Democratic leaders should be willing to vote up

or down on a clean bill that supports funding the global war on

terrorism.