Madam Speaker, when we as a Nation talk about our

priorities, it is often useful to use numbers to put things in

perspective. So today let's think about the number 10. On Thursday,

this House will have the opportunity to override a Presidential veto

that would allow us to ensure 10 million children have access to

quality health care so that they can see the doctor of their choice

when they need to. We realize the importance of preventive care.

Children shouldn't be forced to let a cold or earache linger until it

reaches emergency proportions.

President Bush says our bipartisan compromise is too expensive. But

while we are working to ensure 10 million children have access to

health care, President Bush has no problem asking us to send $10

billion every month to Iraq.

Madam Speaker, this is a debate about priorities. House Republicans

should join us in overriding the President's veto to send a message

that children's health care is a priority of this House.