Mr. Speaker, on Monday night, our President

had an opportunity, after 5 years of 9/11, to again unify this Nation

as he did in 2001. Instead, he chose to give a political speech that

focused more on the war in Iraq than what he is doing now to secure

this Nation against those really responsible for the attacks of 9/11.

Last month, the Republican cochair of the 9/11 Commission Tom Kean

said,

That is from a Republican.

When Commissioner Kean was asked whether Iraq is preventing us from

protecting our Nation, Kean admitted Iraq has been a distraction.

Five years ago and 2 days after 9/11, Osama bin Laden remains at

large and the Taliban is resurging in Afghanistan. Since the Bush

administration turned its attention away from Afghanistan to go into

Iraq, roadside bombs have increased by 30 percent and suicide bombings

have doubled.

Mr. Speaker, President Bush had a chance on Monday to level with the

American people. It is time we turn our attention back to Osama bin

Laden, who really was the one who was responsible for the 9/11 attacks.

Let's get Osama bin Laden.