Madam Speaker, the Iraq war has gone from shock and awe

to shocked at how awful it is.

On the heels of the public disclosure of the NIE estimates, today's

Washington Post reports that the Baghdad Police College was so poorly

constructed it might need to be demolished.

Special Inspector for Iraq Reconstruction said,

There are foundation problems, tile floors are warped beyond repair,

faucets leak, toilet waste flooding all over the second and third

floors.

The Parsons Corporation did such a bad job with the $75 million in

U.S. taxpayer money it was awarded to build the new facility, the whole

facility may need to be torn down. The Persons Corporation received a

$1 billion contract.

$12 billion gone, wasted, unaccounted for in Iraq. But what is $12.5

billion among friends? That wasted money follows a long line of other

costly mistakes, including this Congress's refusal to hold anybody

accountable.