Mr. Speaker, I just want to associate myself with the

remarks that I have heard made by my colleagues, and I particularly

think that the point relating to the oil needs to be stressed more.

The American people are way out there ahead of us. We must run to

catch up with them and provide greater leadership. We must focus in

more on the problem of oil.

What is the problem with the negotiations on oil? Why can't we take a

position that the distribution of oil should be guaranteed on a per

capita basis of oil throughout Iraq, so the Iraqi citizens get the oil

on the basis of where they live?

Also, understand, I don't know why we are so surprised, but there are

two major religions in conflict there, Sunni and Shiite. They have

always been in conflict. We have handed over that region to the

Shiites, and it is inevitable that Iran will dominate that region. It

is inevitable now that Iran will become a dominant force in the whole

Middle East. We have done that. We blundered.

We should still take John Murtha's advice and get out, redeploy to

the friendly nations, whatever we have to do, but we should not be

stuck with more lives lost and more of our taxpayer money down the

drain.