Mr. Speaker, today we are sending a clear message that

our commitment to the Iraqi people will be ongoing, but that our

military presence will not be permanent. Over and over this Congress

and the American people have clearly called for an end to the

occupation in Iraq. We are calling for bold action, action to bring our

troops home and return Iraq to the Iraqi people.

The actions of this administration have clearly put our troops in

danger.

Troops were sent in without adequate training, and even yet without

appropriate equipment, and now our heroic soldiers are being returned

to extended and repeated tours of duty. All of this is unacceptable,

and now the administration says they want to leave the troops there for

future Presidents to sort out the mess.

We say ``no way.'' No more putting our troops in danger, and no

permanent bases. Show the American people, show the Iraqis, show the

international community we have no plans to occupy Iraq. Vote ``yes''

on the Lee amendment.