Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank the

distinguished Congresswoman from California, Barbara Lee for her work

on H.R. 2929, which bans permanent military bases from being

established in Iraq. She has long been a voice on ending the war in

Iraq and I commend her and the work of Congresswoman Maxine Waters and

Congresswoman Lynn Woolsey for their fortitude on this issue. I would

also like to recognize Congressman Tom Allen and Congressman David

Price for their commitment and contributions to the bill.

In-line with the Iraq Study Group report, this bill would prohibit

the establishment of permanent U.S. military bases. It would also

prohibit the United States from exercising control over Iraqi oil

resources. This bill signals a larger issue and bigger picture--our

presence in Iraq is not permanent. Let it be clear to the Bush

Administration and the Iraqi people that this Congress will not support

an open-ended military occupation in Iraq.

The American people have spoken. The American Congress has acted. If

necessary, we will go on the record everyday until we bring the troops

home--we owe it to them and their families. I am proud to support this

bill and I urge my colleagues to join me.