Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this bill.

This week, the White House announced that it foresees American troops

in Iraq into at least 2009, and the President has even gone so far as

to suggest that our presence in Iraq may evolve to look like our

presence in South Korea. We've had troops stationed in South Korea--on

permanent bases--for over 50 years. This resolution says clearly to the

President and the people of Iraq that we will not turn our temporary

presence in Iraq into a permanent one. The Congress should take

whatever additional measures are necessary to ensure that no funds are

expended for the construction of permanent bases in that country, and

to that end I urge my colleagues to vote for this measure.