Mr. Speaker, as my colleagues may recall, I previously

asked to see a plan for the reconstruction and the future for Iraq, and

that has happened. And I would like to examine what I will refer to as

a prominent politician's plan for Iraq. It is a four-point plan.

The first part is that,

I would like to point out that this is one more insult to the 30

countries whose troops are fighting and risking their lives next to

ours, including Hungary, whose speaker was here today.

The prominent politician then went on to say that the United Nations

Resolution 1546, which urged other countries to come and wage the peace

in Iraq, he at least then pointed out

My concern is that the best way he can come up with to solve that

problem is to do what Washington always does. He wants to call a

meeting, and he wants to invite to that meeting the major powers of the

world and Iraq's neighbors to figure out how to work the security. Now,

I for one do not suggest that anyone here hold their breath while we

wait for France, let alone Syria and Iran, to RSVP to that meeting.

He then goes on to talk about what we have to do to get more allies

is to let them Now, it seems to me odd that someone who has accused the people who

are fighting with us, next to us, in Iraq are being bought, bribed,

coerced, extorted, et cetera, that he now believes that, like Saddam

proved in the Oil For Food scandal, that the way to the U.N.'s heart is

paved with black gold because to build a new alliance, you insult our

old allies, our current allies and then offer them the resources of the

Iraqi people through their oil. It speaks for itself.

We also hear that somehow this multilateralism is our fault, which I

find fascinating. But the reality remains that it is not our fault.

This four-point plan then goes on to talk about rebuilding Iraq's

security forces and talks about how the President

Well, I have news for the prominent politician. The President is

serious about rebuilding Iraq's internal security forces and its army.

Unfortunately, the terrorists are just as serious about killing them

before they get started. Unfortunately, nowhere does this plan

reference that reality on the ground in Iraq.

It is then pointed out, something which I agree with, that the Iraqi

people must feel a more palpable result of this reconstruction. I have

agreed with that since last fall when I started saying that, and I have

continued to say it. The problem is that the plan then goes into a top-

down change in the contracting process, to

My problem with this is this is not an Iraqi empowerment plan, it is

a PR campaign. For the Record, the militia is not fighting for a public

works project, and Zarqawi is not an Iraqi. He is a Jordanian. The true

empowerment in Iraq's reconstruction must come from the grassroots,

through allowing tribal leaders, through allowing town councils,

through allowing the national government and religious leaders to make

the decisions on what projects are important and giving them the

resources to implement them and build their own stake in their free

future.

Finally, there is the intriguing argument that somehow the goal in

Iraq is

a peaceful resolution. Now, I am a Republican; I admit that. I am happy

to. My father was a Truman Democrat, and if my father were alive today,

I think I would have to ask him: Dad, do you ever remember F.D.R. or

Truman asking for the Nazis to have unconditional resolution? Is that

what we fought for? Did Ulysses Simpson Grant? Did that stand for

unconditional resolution? Is this a new outcome?

The reality in Iraq is quite simple. There are two roads. There is

victory and democracy, or there is defeat and Zarqawi. To sit here and

claim that multilateralism from the United Nations is going to help us

is bereft of any knowledge of why the U.N. acts as it does. The former

colonial powers of the United Nations and the current tyrannical

regimes of the United Nations quite simply believe that an America with

the ability to preemptively protect its citizens from terrorists is a

graver threat to them than the terrorists themselves, including Saddam

Hussein who, I point out, in the Oil For Food scandal made many

multilateralists quite rich. If you do not understand what is

undergirding the opposition amongst these people in the United Nations,

then you do not realize that your plan to have them save us, to have

them come to our aid with troops and with money and with good

intentions, is quite simply confusing the United Nations Security

Council with Santa Claus. It will not happen.

The reality remains. The U.N. will not ride to the rescue, and there

is no peaceful resolution acceptable to the American people or the

Iraqi people short of victory, which is a word we do not hear much from

some quarters these days.

In the final analysis, I believe that the absence of the willingness

to admit that we have to win is becoming quite a problem.