Madam Speaker, yesterday our constituents

filed their tax returns, but I wonder how many American taxpayers

realize that the average tax return will be consumed in less than half

a second in the Iraq war. When we grant the President the additional

$100 billion he is asking in emergency funding for Iraq, we will be

spending $5,000 a minute and $12 billion a month in a lost cause.

The American taxpayer is still paying for Iraq's garbage collection,

their schools, their health clinics and their roads. When the Iraqi

people themselves are running a surplus. They have almost $70 billion

in accumulated surplus now.

The last couple of years, they have had $100 billion come in from oil

revenue, and they budgeted it at about $55 a barrel. It is now about

$112 a barrel. They are generating an enormous surplus that they don't

know what to do with, and a whole lot of it is being stolen.

And yet we are paying still to collect their garbage. There is

something wrong with this picture and the American taxpayer needs to

stand up and speak out about it with a full measure of outrage.