But, Mr. President, the

reason I rise today is to speak because

there was not time for me to speak on

the supplemental we just voted for.

Earlier this month, Congress sent the

President an emergency spending bill

for Iraq. It provided the President with

every single dollar our troops needed

and the President requested, and then

some.

It also provided the American people

a plan to bring this war to a responsible

end, including the language Senator

LEVIN and I wrote, which required

to start to bring American troops home

within 120 days, have the bulk of our

combat troops out of Iraq by March—it

turned out to be April 1 of 2008, and to,

most importantly, limit the mission of

the smaller number that would remain

to fighting al-Qaida and training Iraqi

troops.