

one of the deadliest months for American troops in Iraq. One hundred four soldiers were killed.

It's time for a new course. It's time for the President to sit down and work with this Congress so we can finally produce the change that will end this war.

#### PASS A CLEAN IRAQ EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL

(Mrs. BACHMANN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. BACHMANN. Mr. Speaker, last night the President did what he said he was going to do for weeks now. He vetoed the Democrat supplemental that was loaded with pork, tied the hands of our generals on the ground and provided the enemy with an ill-conceived exit strategy.

As the President said last night, Mr. Speaker, "Congress passed a bill that substitutes the judgment of politicians for the judgment of our military commanders." I couldn't agree with him more, and that's why I opposed this supplemental, and that's exactly why he vetoed it.

We must not, as a nation, be invested in defeat. Again, I repeat, we must not, as a nation, be invested in defeat. Unilateral surrender may be the Democrats' plan, but it will not lead to a safer America.

Now that the veto has taken place, it is simply unacceptable for the Democrat leaders to delay any further the funding that our American troops deserve. Let's pass a clean Iraq supplemental.

#### IRAQ TIMETABLE AND FUNDING

(Mr. BRALEY of Iowa asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BRALEY of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, even after losing 3,200 American lives and spending billions of taxpayer dollars since declaring "Mission Accomplished" 4 years ago, the Bush administration continues to demand an open-ended commitment of American troops in Iraq. Yesterday President Bush refused to change the course when he vetoed a bill that was supported by Congress, retired military generals and the American people.

This Democratic Congress put forth a plan for a responsible end to the war consistent with our national security needs.

Even Secretary of Defense Gates himself reiterated last month that congressional debate was helpful. He delivered the message to the Iraqi Government that the clock is ticking on U.S. operations there. President Bush's veto yesterday lets the Iraqi Government off the hook and shows the President plans to keep our troops there indefinitely.

Mr. Speaker, the days of rubber-stamping the President's war proposals

are long over. The President is going to have to learn to work with the Democratic leadership on this Congress so that we can find a way out of Iraq soon, and so we can provide our troops with the resources they need.

#### IRAQI SURRENDER GROUP

(Mr. POE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. POE. Mr. Speaker, now that the media sideshows and the press conferences are over for the Iraqi Surrender Group, and the President vetoed the day of surrender bill yesterday, and properly so, Congress needs to get on about the business of funding our troops. Failure to fund our troops not only will affect our troops there, but it will affect the Iraqi security forces, the National Guard, and, of course, our Reserves.

That first bill may have funded some of the troops, but it had the pork and beans provision, \$26 billion for the shrimp industry, the peanut farmers and the spinach farmers. Eliminate that and eliminate the day of surrender provision in that bill. Have a clean bill to support our troops. No more complaining. Send them the money they need.

This reminds me of the same problem that General Stonewall Jackson had with the Confederate Congress when they were complaining about the war. He said, "Send more troops, not more questions."

And that's just the way it is.

#### A REMEDY FOR CHAOS AND CONFUSION

(Ms. SHEA-PORTER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. SHEA-PORTER. Mr. Speaker, yesterday President Bush called the timetable a "prescription for chaos and confusion." That timetable was a responsible road map out of Iraq.

The President has caused chaos and confusion for 4 long years, replacing one general after another when the general disagrees with the policy.

What has the President given us? He's given us the largest deficit in history. He's cut back from domestic programs to pay for this war. He's weakened our military. Eighty-eight percent of the National Guard is not prepared to go to war. The Army is strained to a breaking point.

He's neglected our own people, and he has destroyed Iraq's economy, their social fabric. People are leaving Iraq, fleeing from the chaos the President has caused for 4 long years.

We had a responsible road map. The President should have signed it.

#### WE HAVE A CHOICE

(Mr. PRICE of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, yesterday the majority party sent a plan for failure in the war on terror to the President, and the President did the right thing. He sent it right back.

It's now time for Congress to pass a funding bill that supports our troops and doesn't undermine their mission. The political maneuvering done by the majority over the last 2½ months has done nothing, nothing, but delay the delivery of tools and resources to our troops in the field, while outlining a very specific and dangerous blueprint for defeat.

Let's stop wasting time. Let's stop trying to rewrite the Constitution and the role of the Commander in Chief.

We have a choice. The majority can continue to play these partisan games, or we can get down to work. We have that choice. The brave men and women in our Armed Forces do not. Let's honor their sacrifice with leadership rather than political partisanship. The American people are watching, and so are our allies and our enemies around the world. We have a choice.

#### PRESIDENT BUSH'S FAILURES IN IRAQ AND THE NEED TO CHANGE THE DIRECTION OF THE WAR

(Mr. SIREs asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. SIREs. Mr. Speaker, 4 years yesterday, President Bush sent a strong message to the American people, to our troops, and to the world, that our mission in Iraq was accomplished. Can you imagine that?

Four years later it is clear that this was just one of the many miscalculations on Bush's administration's part. Over the past 4 years, we have lost more than 3,000 additional troops, tens of thousands more have been severely injured, and hundreds of billions of U.S. taxpayers' dollars have been spent. Now a dangerous civil war is being waged with no end in sight.

The American military did its job. Military experts agree that there is no military solution to the war in Iraq. That is why this Congress approved an emergency supplemental bill last week that sent a strong message to the Iraqi Government that this is the time to get their political house in order. American troops are not going to be there indefinitely.

Mr. Speaker, President Bush was wrong 4 years ago. He's wrong now as he vetoes this bill. It is time for the President to work with this Congress to come up with a plan to end this war.

#### AMERICA'S DEPENDENCE ON FOREIGN OIL

(Mr. WALBERG asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. WALBERG. Mr. Speaker, one of the greatest national liabilities is our overwhelming dependence on Middle Eastern oil, and the men and women of