and I applaud the significant contributions they have made and others and the individual public broadcasting sta-
tions.

The legislation brought before the House today would have effectively gutted the institution of future funding necessary to accomplish the vi-
sion laid out by President Johnson. The base bill would have cut a stag-
ergating $100 million, stripping the Cor-
poration for Public Broadcasting of one-quarter of its funding.

Critics maintain that the CPB has strayed from its mandate of independ-
ence and impartiality. In fact, polls show a large majority of Americans
think that the news and information programming is more trustworthy,
more independent than that of network and cable programming. A majority of
viewers also think PBS is a valuable educational and cultural resource. A
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to winning this conflict than we were when President Bush declared an end to major combat operations under an arrogant banner declaring “Mission Accomplished.”

Despite this lack of progress, the war has exacted a steeply troubling human and financial toll. In just over 2 years of war, almost 1,800 American soldiers and an estimated 25,000 innocent Iraqi bystanders have been killed. The Pentagon lists the number of Americans wounded as over 12,000; but that does not take into account the invisible wounds many of our soldiers have brought home, the painful mental trauma they have contracted from months and years of fighting, watching their friends being killed or wounded by the insurgents, and killing and wounded others themselves, a lot to live with when they finally come home.

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When accounting for these psychological injuries, the number of wounded jumps to more than 40,000 soldiers. Given what is at stake here, do the American people not deserve a plan? Do our brave men and women who are selflessly fighting their time away from home, not to mention their arms, legs, and lives for this war, not deserve a plan? And it would be helpful for their families to know what the plan is in Iraq.

We have asked the President to address Iraq’s lack of security. We have asked him to come up with a plan for ending the war. He has not; so we will.

After we bring the troops home, we do have a plan. There is a plan. It is a plan that would secure America for the future, the SMART Security resolution, which I recently reintroduced with the support of 50 of my House colleagues. SMART is Sensible Multilateral American Response to Terrorism for the 21st Century, and it will help address the facts we face as a Nation. SMART Security will ensure America’s security by reaching out and engaging the Iraqi people.

Instead of rushing off to war for the wrong reasons, SMART Security encourages the United States to work with other nations to address the most pressing global problems. Because not every international problem has a military answer, SMART Security will prevent terrorism by addressing the very conditions that give rise to terrorism in the very first place: poverty, despair, resource scarcity and lack of proper education, as an example.

SMART Security also encourages democracy building, human rights education, conflict resolution through nonmilitary means, educational opportunities, and strengthening civil programs in the developing world. These are the best ways to encourage democracy in countries like Iraq, not through wars that cost thousands of unnecessary and financial billions of dollars. The SMART approach is the best way to reach out to Iraq. It is time we stopped putting all of our eggs in the military basket and started getting smart about our national security.

STOP COUNTERFEIT POLLS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. McCaul of Texas). Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. Terry) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. TERRY. Mr. Speaker, today I want to call attention to the June 25 Bulgarian and July 3 Albanian parliamentary elections. Voters in these developing economies deserve the opportunity to exercise the freedoms that were unavailable to them for so long.

As the world’s greatest democracy, we should strive to foster the ideals of democracy and freedom in these developing democracies. Free and fair elections are the first essential step in this long and arduous process.

As a member of the International Anti- Piracy Caucus, I am a proud supporter of international intellectual property protection.

As Albania and Bulgaria move through the election process, they should understand that part of the path toward peace and prosperity is making sure that applicable laws are in force both locally and internationally. Failure to punish those that disregard laws will mean that these countries will not become accepted players on the world stage for decades.

Part of the process for providing free and fair elections is respecting and enforcing the intellectual property rights of American businesses assisting in these elections.

Therefore, I call upon the sitting governments of these two nations, including their justice ministries and central election commissions, to condemn the distribution of counterfeit Gallup polls that are being used to distort the democratic process during their parliamentary elections.

Promotion of democracy is one of the core pillars of our national security policy. Bulgaria and Albania are both important allies in the war on terror. It is essential that the elected leadership of these two great nations remain committed to defeating, preserving, and extending freedom and the rule of law. The citizens of these great countries have already made substantial progress in the fight for democracy. It is unfortunate, however, that a small segment of society has chosen to act nefariously in an attempt to distort the election process by misuse of the Gallup name.

George H. Gallup, the founder of the Gallup Poll, felt that providing a voice to all people around the world would strengthen societies to help ensure accountability of elected representatives. Unfortunately, Mr. Gallup’s mission is being tainted by a group of counterfeilers in both Bulgaria and Albania.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. MCDERMOTT). Mr. Speaker, I rise today to amplify the Iraq proposal that I made last night in the House. I believe the solution in Iraq lies with the United Nations and that it is time for direct U.N. involvement to replace U.S. forces and to allow our troops to return home safely and in an orderly way.

The evidence is mounting that America’s current approach in Iraq will not work. When was the last time anybody heard the word “coalition” to describe the military activity in Iraq? The world largely perceives the United States as going it alone in Iraq. Furthermore, large portions of the Arab world believe in the insurgency rhetoric that America is an occupier in Iraq fighting fish oil refinery. That is what Americans see every night on the news. What Americans want is a sober assessment of Iraq that reflects reality and