The legislative clerk read as follows: The Committee of Conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1591), “making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes,” having met, have agreed that the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate, and that, with an amendment and the Senate agree to the same, signed by a majority of the conferees on the part of both Houses.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate will proceed to the consideration of the conference report.

(The conference report is printed in the proceedings of the House in the Record of Tuesday, April 24, 2007.)

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Louisiana is recognized.

Ms. LANDRIEU. Mr. President, I would like to speak just for a few moments, not about the pending business, which I know is extremely important and through the day and perhaps over the next several days as we try to make decisions about supplemental spending for the Gulf of Mexico and the importance of the emergency that is still underway there, and to try to focus on the border homeland, which is simply an ideological movement confronting America is merely something invented by a small band of neoconservatives, or; if Islamic fascism is simply an ideological movement that can be appeased and reasoned with; then why are you seeking to continue funding our fight in Iraq for even another day?

If you believe that Iraq is simply a mistake gone bad, then you should at least have the courage of your convictions and act accordingly. Vote to end the funding now.

Don’t string along those putting their lives on the line for you to make some sort of weak political statement. This may well be our “Profiles in Courage” moment. I implore you to do the right thing, not the currently popular thing. Support our men and women in uniform, and do it now.