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Inglis: Patience running out on Iraq  
*'Stay the course' not good enough, congressman says*

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Citing what he called an emerging view on Capitol Hill, U.S. Rep. Bob Inglis said Tuesday that Iraqi leaders must be put on notice to demonstrate progress in security, resolve sectarian divisions and push full development of the nation's oil industry because American patience is wearing out.

The Republican from Travelers Rest said, "Stay the course is not a good enough answer for the American people."

While not disenchanted with the Bush administration on Iraq, Inglis said he is increasingly impatient for the Iraqi government to show progress. He suggested setting a series of "milestones" for it to meet, similar to the deadlines for creating a new government and parliament.

Inglis returned Friday from a 10-day Middle Eastern trip that included Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Israel and Sudan, with Rep. Chris Shays, R-Conn., chairman of the House subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations, and two Democrats, Reps. Brian Higgins of New York and Al Green of Texas.


**Advertisement**      "We listened and learned a lot while we were on this trip, but we also delivered a message. All of us -- Republicans and Democrats alike -- repeatedly communicated to our Iraqi hosts that they must make rapid progress in answering the questions that, left unanswered, threaten a civil war."

He said Iraqi leaders should heed the message.

That involves taking over security from American forces, ramping up the oil industry and deciding on the distribution of its revenues, and fixing the problems left by the power vacuum created with the fall of Saddam Hussein and his Baathist Party.

"They need to develop a working model of pluralism. 'Stay the course' cannot mean that we stand around while they take their sweet time to answer those questions."

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