I thank the gentleman for

yielding.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in reluctant opposition

to this resolution. It’s well-intentioned,

without question. It’s meant

to limit our involvement in Libya, it’s

meant to support our allies, and it’s

meant to rein in a President who in my

opinion is conducting an illegal and

certainly unauthorized war.

It does both too little and too much.

It does too little, frankly, because even

after it’s passed, the President will

continue essentially to be able to operate

as he’s been operating for several

weeks. And it does too much because it

gets us into a situation where we effectively

micromanage the military by

literally listing what missions they

should take.

The resolution neither holds the

President accountable nor ends our involvement

in Libya, and it essentially

leaves things exactly where they are.

Congress should reassert its constitutional

authority, Mr. Speaker, by either

authorizing the use of military

force or ending it. This resolution

avoids either course. It postpones a decision.

In doing so, in my view, it

erodes the constitutional war-making

authority of Congress and enhances an

executive branch that is already overreaching.

We will appear to do something

and we will actually do nothing.

For that reason, I reluctantly urge

the rejection of the resolution.