Mr. Speaker, it is

true, Qadhafi is a bad guy. He needs to

go. But the problem is for those who

say will this mean the end of the Bush

doctrine, well, I don’t know that this

President has really been enforcing the

Bush doctrine. But the problem is, as

my friend Mr. BURTON pointed out, we

don’t know who is going to replace Qadhafi.

It is not in our national interest to

help what may be another Iran, with

Khomeini and Ahmadinejad coming to

power, and especially when we are releasing

oil at a time when that oil

should be saved in case it all goes to

blazes in the Middle East and we don’t

have any coming from there.

Now, I am not crazy about the exceptions

either—the search and rescue, intelligence

surveillance and reconnaissance,

aerial refueling and operational

planning—because this administration

is probably going to describe everything

they do as falling into those exceptions.

But it is a step in the right

direction. And some have said, and I

know their hearts and I know they

mean well, we want to support our

troops, and I don’t like it when people

say let’s back out and let’s cut funding

when troops are in harm’s way.

I have talked to enough troops who

want somebody in Washington to say,

this is insane, don’t get us involved, because

they are good soldiers; and when

they get their orders, they are going to

salute and they are going to go follow

through on the orders.

We are the body that must step forward

and say, Enough. Mr. President,

we are not responsible to the Arab

League, to NATO or to the U.N. We are

responsible to the American people.

So though I don’t like the exceptions,

I will vote for this. It is taking a step

in the right direction.