Mr. Speaker, I rise today in opposition

to H.R. 2278. This legislation will not

end our military involvement in Libya. Both

simply maintain the status quo and appease

Republican Members who want to score political

points against the President.

Under the guise of deficit reduction, Republicans

have voted for deep cuts to Medicare,

Medicaid, and other safety net programs. We

could better achieve deficit reduction by swiftly

ending the Libyan war and accelerating our

withdrawal from Afghanistan.

Congress has the power of the purse. Our

nation has been at war in Libya for 97 days

and Congress has never authorized the conflict.

We need to completely defund operations

in Libya and put an end to this conflict. It is

time for us to come together, use our constitutional

authority, and apply this critical check on

the executive branch. At a time when we continue

the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, we

cannot afford to pursue another military adventure

that is not in our national interest. We

must get out of this war now.

I urge my colleagues to vote against this

toothless bill, and instead defund operations in

Libya in the upcoming 2012 Defense Appropriations

bill.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in opposition

to H.J. Res. 68. This legislation will

not end our military involvement in Libya. Both

simply maintain the status quo and appease

Republican Members who want to score political

points against the President.

Under the guise of deficit reduction, Republicans

have voted for deep cuts to Medicare,

Medicaid, and other safety net programs. We

could better achieve deficit reduction by swiftly

ending the Libyan war and accelerating our

withdrawal from Afghanistan.

Congress has the power of the purse. Our

nation has been at war in Libya for 97 days

and Congress has never authorized the conflict.

We need to completely defund operations

in Libya and put an end to this conflict. It is

time for us to come together, use our constitutional

authority, and apply this critical check on

the executive branch. At a time when we continue

the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, we

cannot afford to pursue another military adventure

that is not in our national interest. We

must get out of this war now.

I urge my colleagues to vote against this

toothless bill, and instead defund operations in

Libya in the upcoming 2012 Defense Appropriations

bill.