We should learn from the

past. There are indeed times when

American national interests should

overtake political or partisan political

interests.

I remember the debate on Kosova 12

years ago. Congress refused to authorize

American action by a split vote.

That was a tragic mistake. House Republican

leadership opposed that resolution:

187 noes against 31 yeses. I believe

it was clear then that Republicans

would not have opposed the

Kosova resolution, at least in those

numbers, if George Bush had been

President.

Today, there are echoes from Kosova

on this Libyan resolution. The Republicans

should not make the same mistake

again. We should join together to

support the Hastings’ resolution that’s

consistent with the War Powers Act.