Mr. Speaker and

Members, apparently the House has debated

for more than almost 40 years

ago the War Powers agreement or War

Powers law. What we have before us

today is a way in which we can effect

that law and put it into place, and

there is reason for us to support the

Hastings amendment or the Hastings

resolution, and there are four reasons.

First of all, there’s a humanitarian

issue here, and that’s why we went into

this in the first place, the United Nations

resolution on the obligation to

protect, and indeed there was a threat.

Secondly, this particular intervention

is supported by the United Nations,

by NATO, by the Arab League, in

a most unusual situation asking for

support of the Europeans and the

United States in an Arab country.

Finally, we must continue our support

of the effort, and we must do it in

a very limited way. The resolution does

that. It provides for a very limited

scope and a limited period of time and,

therefore, it is in order; and it appropriately

puts the Congress, both

Houses if this should pass the Senate,

in support of the operation, thereby

fulfilling the War Powers Act.

I ask for an ‘‘aye’’ vote on the resolution.