Mr. Speaker, I yield myself 2 minutes.

Mr. Speaker, the resolution that will

come before us for final passage has already been written at the White House.

I very much wish that it had a different phraseology, but that is not the

choice of individual Members. The only

question that will come before us that

we can influence as individual Members is by what margin does that resolution pass. Does it get 325 votes, or

375, or somewhere in between?

Saddam Hussein does not fully under-

stand our political process. He sees a

nation in the throws of an election

where we speak quite harshly to each

other on domestic issues, and we will

be doing more of that in the coming

weeks. There is no better way to assure

that Saddam capitulates on the issue

of inspectors, no better way to assure

that this war does not have to be

fought, no better way to assure a

peaceful resolution of this conflict

than for us to pass this resolution by

the largest possible margin and make

sure that Saddam understands that

America is united and capitulation on

the issue of inspectors is the only rational course and the only course that

will assure his own personal safety.

Mr. Speaker, I yield myself 30 seconds to respond to the

comments made by the gentleman

from Pennsylvania (Mr. WELDON), who

pointed out that our actions against

Saddam during the 1990s were not as

aggressive as they should have been.

I would point out that we were also

not aggressive until September 11 of

the prior year. Both administrations

failed to grasp the importance of Saddam Hussein’s weapons program until

September 11 of last year.

I would also point out that when the

prior administration did take military

action against Saddam Hussein, it did

not receive the level of support and

unified support that it should have.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 51⁄2 minutes to

the extremely distinguished and

thoughtful gentleman from Tennessee