Mr.

Speaker, I rise in support of the Lee

amendment and encourage my colleagues

to support the amendment.

I have been very disappointed with a

number of my colleagues who have suggested

to me that the Lee amendment

is not viable. I submit to them that

they must not have read what the Lee

amendment says.

It simply says that we resolve that

the United States should work through

the United Nations to seek to resolve

the matter of ensuring that Iraq is not

developing weapons of mass destruction

through mechanisms such as the

resumption of weapons inspections, negotiation,

inquiry, mediation, regional

arrangements and other peaceful

means.

This is a peace resolution, a desire to

do everything that is reasonably possible

through peaceful means before we

resort to what is really an unviable option,

and that unviable option is war.

I encourage my colleagues to support

the amendment to this resolution.