Mr. Speaker, I

thank my friend from California for

yielding me the time.

For 40 years our policy was to contain

and deter Joseph Stalin and the

Soviets, to detain and deter Fidel Castro

and the Cubans, to detain and deter

and restrain Communist aggression by

the Chinese, always without invasion.

We were able to detain and deter the

Soviets and the Chinese and the Communists

in Cuba without invasion, but

if we go first strike into Iraq the message

to the world and to Putin is he

can go into Georgia and chase down the

Chechnyan rebels and the message to

China is they can go into Taiwan and

they can come down harder on Tibet

and the message to the Pakistanis and

the Indians is they can go into Kashmir,

maybe even with their nuclear

weapons.

Mr. President, go slow. Mr. President,

we need aggressive, unfettered inspections

in Iraq, complete, thorough,

aggressive, unfettered inspections.

Then go back to the United Nations.

War should be a last resort.

Mr. Speaker, I support the Lee

amendment.

Mr. Speaker, I

thank the gentleman for yielding me

this time.

In the Committee on International

Relations, I offered this language embodied

in the Kucinich recommittal

motion: if we give the President the

authority to radically change, to radically

change, our decades-old military

doctrine of containment and deterrence,

we need answers to questions

the American people are asking. If we

strike Iraq on our own, will our coalition

against terrorism fracture? Most

of our allies in the war on terror oppose

U.S. unilateral action against

Iraq. And what will a unilateral strike

tell the world? Does it embolden Russia

to attack Georgia to chase down

Chechneyan rebels? Does it set an

international precedent for China to go

into Taiwan or to deal even more

harshly with Tibet? Does it embolden

India, Pakistan, or both, each with nuclear

weapons from going to war to

protect their interests in Kashmir?

And if we win a unilateral war, will we

be responsible for unilaterally rebuilding

Iraq?

This Congress should not authorize

the use of force unless the administration

can detail what it plans to do and

how we deal with the consequences of

our actions. Vote ‘‘yes’’ on the recommittal

motion.