Mr. Speaker, I

rise in opposition to this amendment.

Let us remember those words, and as

I hear this debate they come back to

me: ‘‘Gentlemen may cry ‘peace,’

‘peace,’ but there is no peace. The war

has actually begun.’’

Those are the words, of course, of

Patrick Henry, who spurred on our people

to fight for their liberty and fight

for our country’s security. And when

all is said and done, America’s security

and our freedom is in the hands of our

people. We do not choose to put the future

of this country and the security of

this country into the hands of the

United Nations. As we debate this

amendment, which again puts even

more responsibility in the hands of the

United Nations, let us take a brutal

look at that organization and what

this amendment accomplishes.

This amendment requires the United

States to have the permission of the

Communist Chinese and gangsters of

other regimes to do what is necessary

for our own security. That is ridiculous.

Quit idealizing the United Nations

for what it is not. It is not an

international body that is run by

saints. Instead, it is run by ordinary

democratic countries, but also by despicable

regimes which terrorize their

own population.

Requiring the President, our President

to get permission from the United

Nations means we are requiring our

President to make deals with governments

like the Communist Chinese before

doing what is necessary for our

own security. No wonder the repressed

people of China, like the Falun Gong,

who had their demonstration here yesterday,

like the people of Tibet, like

the people of East Turkistan are afraid

that our President may well make an

agreement with the bosses in Beijing

who terrorize them at the expense of

those people who long for freedom.

We should not be relying on the

United Nations. No, we should be relying

on our strength and our commitment

to those ideals that our Founding

Fathers set forth so many years ago

and have been fought for so many

times by Americans. Let us remember

what George Washington told us: ‘‘Put

only Americans on guard tonight.’’