Mr. Speaker, I thank

the gentleman for yielding me this

time.

Those of us that support this amendment

do not believe that we are undercutting

the President or somehow placing

handcuffs on him. What, in fact, we

believe we are doing is responding to

the great common sense of the American

people, the kind of discussions we

all have at home and Americans are

having all over the country in which

they see a difference in the factual situations

between America going in as

an international body in cooperation

with the United Nations versus America

having to go it alone because the

international community does not

want to be with us. There are differences

in those two scenarios, and

the differences have different ramifications

for the future of America’s national

security.

In fact, what the Spratt amendment

does is give additional powers to the

President not in the Constitution. It

gives him the power to schedule this

vote through an expedited process.

I think the Spratt amendment in fact

is the kind of approach that the American

people want us to take, to act in

concert with the international community

and, if that is not successful, to

come back and expedite a way for a reevaluation

by their elected representatives

as expected by the Constitution.