Mr. Speaker, in 1991

when we went into Iraq, we thought,

our best projection was that he was 3

to 5 years away from having a nuclear

device. We found out when we got there

that he was actually only 6 months to

a year away from having a nuclear device.

To have waited at that time, as

many folks proposed, would have been

disastrous.

Now, the Committee on Armed Services,

Democrats and Republicans, have

held now three classified briefings inviting

every Member of the House to

participate to see and to understand

the weapons of mass destruction program

that is ongoing and robust and

working toward completion right now

in Iraq with respect to nuclear, chemical,

and biological systems. My own

opinion is that there are going to be

nuclear devices manufactured in Iraq

within 24 months.

To have waited in 1991 would have

been disastrous. To wait today would

be disastrous. We have got one leader,

one person elected by all the people,

our President, who is now our Commander

in Chief. It is time for us, having

been informed, having understood

the problem, to rally behind him and

take up this burden. Let us support

this resolution.