Mr. Speaker I thank

the gentleman for yielding me this

time.

Mr. Speaker, in certain foreign cities

there were those who danced in the

streets believing that the terrorists’

ability to kill thousands of American

civilians showed the terrorists’

strength. America’s strength is not our

ability to kill civilians, but our great

strength is that we do everything possible

to avoid killing civilians.

We must remember that our conflict

is not with Islam and not with Muslims.

The last three military campaigns

of the United States were to

protect Muslim people in Bosnia, in

Kosovo and in Kuwait.

For years we have urged our allies to

join us in curtailing investments and

aid to countries that support terrorism.

Now we must insist that they

join us in this effort. Those who claim

to be America’s friends can no longer

do business as usual with countries

that support terrorism, nor can we

allow European bank secrecy laws to

stand in our way of tracing the money

that was spent on this horrendous action.

We must wage a war against all of

the well-organized, well-financed terrorist

groups who have dedicated themselves

to killing Americans. Chief

among this group is the one headed by

Osama bin Laden. He is probably responsible

for the atrocities of September

11, and certainly responsible for

the attack on the USS Cole in Yemen

and the attack on our embassies in

East Africa. As long as the Taliban

government in Afghanistan harbors

Osama bin Laden, he will be working

every day to top the evil of September

11.

Mr. Speaker, it is easy to blame our

intelligence agencies for what happened,

but as long as we have allowed

Osama bin Laden and others to sit

there in safety, launching attack after

attack against America, some of those

attacks will be successful. We must demand

that the Taliban government

hand Osama bin Laden and his henchmen

over to us now and stop harboring

terrorists. If they refuse, then we must

initiate hostilities. We will prevail by

aligning ourselves with the Northern

Alliance. Hostilities with the Taliban

may involve American casualties, but

failure to act will involve thousands

and tens of thousands of American casualties.