Mr. Speaker, I

thank the gentleman very much for

yielding me time.

Mr. Speaker, I served in the Congress

during the heated debates about Presidential

powers during the war in Vietnam.

As a consequence of the differing

opinions that were so heatedly fought

on this floor, the War Powers Act was

enacted. It clarified specifically what

the Presidential powers were, and to

what extent the responsibility of the

Congress was to review those actions

taken by the President.

We are here today to authorize President

Bush to take such powers and

such actions as may be necessary in

order to find a way to punish, to retaliate

against those who caused all this

damage on the soil of America, and we

join the President in our eagerness to

give him that authority.

But I want to make sure that I understand

this resolution. I have read it

a dozen times over, because I want to

make sure that the War Powers Act

that we enacted right after the conflagration

in Vietnam is not in any

way jeopardized.

I think we have to call attention to

those sections which say ‘‘Nothing in

this resolution supersedes the war powers

resolution.’’ On that basis, I support

the passage of this resolution tonight.