Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous

consent to take from the Speaker’s

table the Senate bill (S. 3728) to

promote nuclear nonproliferation in

North Korea, and ask for its immediate

consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the Senate bill.

Yes. Let me explain to

the gentleman that, first, our efforts

with respect to India is to bring India

into the nonproliferation regime.

Mr. Aliberti supports,

and the United Nations Security Council

resolution supports actions by

member States in response to North

Korea pulling out of the nonproliferation

agreement, to go forward and put

these types of prohibitions on the

transfer of technologies to North Korea

that would allow it to develop these

types of weapon systems.

North Korea is a proliferator, India is not.

I am citing the United

Nations Security Council resolution

adopted on July 15, 2006.

I am pointing out that all member States, in response to the

actions by North Korea to develop and

to proliferate weapons of mass destruction

such as long-range ballistic missiles

and atomic weapons, have attempted

to curtail the transfer of technologies

to this State, since it has

adopted a very aggressive posture and

thus has become a direct threat to the

United States and to our allies in

northeast Asia.

We are taking responsibility

because North Korea is a direct

threat to the United States.

Our attempt with respect

to India is to bring India into the

MPT regime and lead it to peaceful

purposes of nuclear energy and away

from producing weapons outside of an

MPT regime.

With respect to the

strategy to bring India into the MPT,

in our considered judgment, and the

judgment of the majority of the Members

of this House, it is a wiser policy

to bring them into the tent, to get

their cooperation and to focus on using

nuclear energy to produce energy for

peaceful purposes in India.

Now, with respect to North Korea, it

remains a very real threat with over a

million troops, possibly several nuclear

weapons, and most importantly, the

propensity to export these types of

weapons. This is not something we

have seen from India in the past.

But North Korea is an exporter of its

missiles and of its technology. And for

that very reason, the goal of this legislation

is to put a prohibition on the

transfer to North Korea of the types of

technologies that could be used by

North Korea in order to further develop

its weapons systems. It is that simple.

It is the same with respect to Iran. It

is the same with respect to Syria. Now,

we are putting in place a provision

stating that North Korea shall not

have the ability to receive from the

United States or any companies in the

United States this type of technology.

U.S. companies will not be able to be

licensed to export this kind of technology.

They will be sanctioned if they attempt it.

Yes. In response, I do

not think the opposition is to this bill.

But I understand the concept, and the

argument relating to the nonproliferation

regime as you have laid it out.

But I think we have an honest disagreement

about the approach to India

and whether or not that will strengthen

the regime. And that is what is

playing itself out in debate here.

From my standpoint, the proliferation

issues have been between Pakistan

and North Korea, whereas India has

shown itself resistant to proliferation,

and has shown a willingness to look at

a way to be brought into the fold of the

MPT. So I saw that earlier initiative to

bring India within the framework

agreement and with the MPT as a positive

step forward.

And with respect to this legislation,

basically what it does is to apply exactly

the same system of forced compliance

on companies that now exist

with respect to Iran and Syria.

That is to say, that in terms of getting

a licensing agreement or having

the ability to ship technologies into

North Korea that could be used for the

purpose of eventually developing those

weapon systems, that will be prohibited.

That is the intent of the legislation.

And I thank the gentleman for yielding.

I am going to yield

back, and I appreciate the gentleman

yielding.