Mr. Speaker, reserving the

right to object, I would like to inquire

of the chairman what his reasoning is

in moving this bill when he was so supportive

of selling fissile materials to

India, which, like North Korea, is not a

signatory to the Comprehensive Nuclear

Test Ban Treaty and, unlike

North Korea, has a demonstrated nuclear capability.

Now, I was only a kid then, but I remember

when we sold F–15s to Iran so

that Iran could offset Soviet power in

South Asia. And because we sold F–15s

and other things to Iran, we wound up

selling chemical weapon precursor materials

to Iraq to offset Iran in the Middle

East. Now we are told that we

should sell fissile materials to India,

which would free up Indian nuclear reactors

to produce many more nuclear

weapons for the Indian nuclear weapons

program as an offset to Chinese power in Asia.

Mr. Chairman, if we do this with

India, what it would do is encourage

the Chinese to increase their nuclear

arsenal, and I submit to you that we

are one of the potential targets of that

enhanced Chinese nuclear arsenal.

Even more worrisome is that this Indian

nuclear build-up would accelerate

further the Pakistani nuclear build-up,

which my friend from Ohio referred to a moment ago.

And while I have strong confidence in

the stability of the Indian government,

and in the stability of Indian democracy,

I have much less faith in the stability

of the Pakistani government,

and of Pakistani democracy, and of the

Pakistani government’s ability to keep

under control those nuclear weapons

which it already has, and more of

which it would be encouraged to build

because of the sale of fissile material to India.

And in a military coup, if there is a

military coup in Pakistan, which there

has been multiple times in the last 20

years, we should be very, very concerned

about the stability of not only

south Asia, but of the world.

I think the chairman, as one of the

subcommittee chairs of the International

Relations Committee would

surely agree with me that rather than

sanctioning nonsignatory States, approving

of nonsignatory States to

those nonproliferation treaties, the

better course of action is to respect

these international agreements and to

immediately bring to the Senate a

total ban on nuclear testing, and comprehensive

treaties concerning nuclear

proliferation.

I would be happy to yield to the

chairman for his response.

Reclaiming my time. Is not

ultimately the big picture effect of permitting

India to go forward with this

basically blowing out of the water the

entire treaty system with which we

have tried to restrain nuclear nonproliferation

in this world? I yield to

the gentleman.

Reclaiming my time. Is the

gentleman citing something from the

United Nations? I yield to the the gentleman.

Reclaiming my time. Is this

the Congress of the United States or

are we abdicating responsibility to the

United Nations?

Reclaiming my time. It is a

very short question, amenable to a

‘‘yes’’ or ‘‘no’’ answer. Is this not the

United States Congress? Are we not abdicating

responsibility under your

comment to the United Nations rather

than taking responsibility ourselves?

. I mean taking responsibility

for Indian nuclear weapons, which will

be produced as a result of our sale of

fissile materials to India.

I thank the gentleman and

yield to the question from Ohio.

Reclaiming my time. I

thank the gentleman. I want to make

clear that I am certainly not defending

the North Korea regime. But, I am calling

into question the actions of this

Congress and the strong advocacy of

the chairman in favor of a proposed

treaty with India which would have the

result of starting a nuclear arms race

or accelerating a nuclear arms race in

south Asia and, just as importantly,

which in the big picture blows out the

whole treaty system for restraining the

proliferation of nuclear weapons.

I would be happy to yield to the gentleman.

I share with the gentleman

the concerns about the export of nuclear

weapons from North Korea. The

point of my earlier comments is not

about export from India, but because of

our actions with respect to India, that

we would be encouraging and accelerating

the Pakistani nuclear program

from which there is a real risk of exportation.

I yield to the gentleman from Ohio.

Reclaiming my time. I

would be happy to yield to the chairman.

Reclaiming my time. Unlike

the gentleman from Ohio, the dialectic

of proliferation is way beyond me.

I do recognize a bad idea when I see

one, and encouraging India by selling it

nuclear fissile materials, which would

ultimately result in the increase of

Chinese nuclear weapons and Pakistani

nuclear weapons, is surely that bad idea.

There are times when we are all in

the minority at one time or another.

There was 68 of us who voted against

approving the treaty to sell nuclear

fissile materials to India. On that vote,

I would have been happy to have been

a minority of one because I do believe

that it would add fuel to the fire of nuclear

proliferation in south Asia in

that it basically does blow out of the

water any hope we have of treaty constraints

on the proliferation of nuclear weapons.

I want to make it clear in this

RECORD and for history that the actions

of this administration in nuclear

proliferation or trying to contain nuclear

proliferation have been patently

irresponsible. This administration has

underfunded the Nunn-Lugar legislation

which seeks to purchase fissile

materials, which would be otherwise

available to terrorists on the open market.

This administration has proposed a

treaty with India that would sell India

nuclear fissile materials that would result

in a nuclear arms race between

India and China and India and Pakistan,

and Pakistan is not a stable

country. There is great danger of the

leakage of nuclear weapons from Pakistan.

You heard earlier from another

speaker about Pakistani aid to nuclear

proliferation elsewhere in the world.

Let the record show that if or when a

mushroom cloud ever erupts over an

American city, it will be traced back to

this unwise vote in the United States

Congress and to a bone-headed policy

of this administration with respect to

treaty rights, to Nunn-Lugar and this

sale of nuclear materials to India.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Ohio.

Mr. Speaker, I simply wanted

to yield to the chairman for any further

comments he might have.

Mr. Speaker, I appreciate

the chairman’s forbearance and the

Speaker’s forbearance.

Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my

reservation of objection.