Mr. Speaker, I

thank the gentleman from Nebraska

for yielding time.

Mr. Speaker, I support this resolution.

I support this legislation. However,

we ought to be here this evening

debating a declaration of war. Somebody

once said that if it walks like a

duck, if it quacks like a duck, if it

looks like a duck, then it is a duck.

This is war. The President has said it

is war. The Secretary of State has said

it is war. The Secretary of Defense has

said it is war. Former government officials

have said it is war. The American

people know it is war. There is one way

and one way only, Mr. Speaker, to respond

to acts of war, and that is to declare

war. Give the President the tools,

the absolute flexibility he needs under

international law and The Hague Convention

to ferret these people out

wherever they are, however he finds

them, and get it done as quickly as

possible. We need a declaration of war.

I urge my colleagues to keep that in

mind and to support a declaration of

war above and beyond this power that

we will give the President this evening.