Mr. Speaker,

there is an old Arab adage, ‘‘Vengeance

is best served cold.’’ The procedure we

are dealing with here is red hot.

Our history is replete with chaos created

by our government going off halfcocked.

I was involved in the Vietnam

War. I saw the casualties. I was on the

floor here when we went to war against

Saddam Hussein. And the feeling here

today, as I listen to it, is that most

people think that Osama bin Laden is

involved in this. Now, if we kill him,

will the threat from the other

operatives be over? Sadly, I am afraid

not.

We want to have an appropriate response,

a cold, carefully planned and

calculated response. In the art of warfare,

there is something you must learn

from your enemy. That particular

enemy in this case did not undertake

this mission on the spur of the moment.

Their plan evolved over months

and months and months.

Let me make an important point

here: I strongly believe that America

should respond and severely punish

those responsible for these heinous

acts. But we must move carefully. Bin

Laden, if he is the one, used his brains,

not his strength. We, too, should use

our brains, not just our strength and

power. Your brains must be your

strength.

Think about it for a minute. Watch

who kills the most prey, the bull or the

lion. Because the lion is quiet and

watching, does not mean he is asleep.

I will support this, but I will also reserve

the right as Gaylord Nelson and

Ernest Gruening and Wayne Morse did,

the right to vote against funding if the

President is not careful and does not

plan carefully.