I thank the gentleman.

I rise in opposition. What we see here

at work is the Bush administration’s

flawed national security doctrine. They

are staging an attack on Iran. Their

Navy is in the gulf. There have been

overflights. There are covert operations

and assassinations. The administration

recently sent weapons to

Israel which can be used for an attack

on Iran: 1,000 so-called smart bombs,

the GBU 39s, which could be used to attack

the nuclear power sites that

would produce a catastrophe, according

to the Physicians for Social Responsibility

report.

I believe it is adverse to the security

of Israel to continue to follow the

United States’ current national security

doctrine. And it’s also adverse to

continue to insist that nuclear power is

to be equated with nuclear weapons.

Now, if we want diplomacy, and we

should, we should be listening to five

former Secretaries of State who have

said that diplomacy is what we should

pursue.

I would like to enter their names

into the RECORD.

Sanctions are not to be confused with

diplomacy, any more than war is to be

confused with diplomacy. Nuclear

power, I want to repeat, does not

equate with a nuclear weapons program.

I want to cite our own CRS report

which was given to the Congress on August

11, 2008, just a little more than a

month ago, which cites the 2007 National

Intelligence Estimate, that says

according to the 2007 National Intelligence

Estimate, and that is from December

of 2007, ‘‘Iranian military entities

were working under government

direction to develop nuclear weapons’’

until fall 2003, but then halted its nuclear

weapons program ‘‘primarily in

response to international pressure.’’

I would like to enter the CRS report

into the RECORD.

Furthermore, the International

Atomic Energy Agency has recently released

a report which states very clearly,

and this report is 4 days ago, September

22, 2008, by the Director General,

Mohamed ElBaradei, with respect

to the implementation of safeguards in

the Islamic Republic of Iran, ‘‘The

Agency has been able to continue to

verify the non-diversion of nuclear material

in Iran.’’ It goes on to say, ‘‘I

note that the agency has not detected

the usual use of nuclear material in

connection with the alleged studies,

nor does it have information apart

from uranium metal document on the

actual design or manufacture by Iran

of nuclear material components of a

nuclear weapon.’’

I would like to include this in the

RECORD.

I would also like to include in the

RECORD a quote from a piece by historian

William Polk, who has said,

Now, one of my many concerns with

this legislation is it sanctions the Central

Bank of Iran. In doing that, I raise

a question with regard to our current

liquidity problems on Wall Street,

whether or not the sanctioning of

Iran’s Central Bank will be a problem

for our own economy, as well as the

sanctions here on oil transactions,

which could affect the price of energy.

I want to submit this for the RECORD

as well.