Mr. Speaker, I thank

the gentleman.

Mr. Speaker, it is important to go

back a little bit in history here. The

Iraq Accountability Act of 1998 was

about funding a media propaganda machine

which was, unfortunately, used

to lay the groundwork for a war

against Iraq. That act was about encouraging

and funding opposition inside

Iraq, unfortunately, to destabilize

Iraq prior to a war.

You could call this bill the ‘‘Iran Accountability

Act.’’ This act funds

media propaganda machines to lay the

groundwork for a war against Iran. It

encourages and funds opposition inside

Iran for that same purpose.

Notwithstanding what the words are

in this bill, we have been here before.

This administration is trying to create

an international crisis by inflating

Iran’s nuclear development into an

Iraq-type WMD hoax. ‘‘Iran is not an

imminent threat,’’ this from Dr. Hans

Blitz, former Chief U.N. Weapons Inspector,

speaking to our congressional

oversight subcommittee the other day.

The International Atomic Energy

Agency points out that Iran has an enrichment

level of about 3.6 percent.

You have to go to 90 percent to have

weapons quality enrichment. Iran is

not an imminent threat. Iran does not

have nuclear weapons.

This is a time for us to engage Iran

with direct talks, our President to

their President. This is the time to

give assurance to Iran that we are not

going to attack them.

Unfortunately, this administration

has chosen to conduct covert ops in

Iran. This administration has chosen

to select 1,500 bombing targets with the

Strategic Air Command. This administration

has chosen plans for a naval

blockade of the Strait of Hormuz. This

administration looked the other way

when a congressional staff report basically

claimed that Iran was trying to

engage in nuclear escalation.

We don’t need war, we need to talk,

and that is what we ought to stand for

here. No more Iraqs.