Mr. Speaker, two

American journalists, Laura Ling and

Euna Lee, are reporters for Current

TV. They were in China near the North

Korean border making a film about the

horrible sex trafficking between North

Korea and China. The North Koreans

claim they crossed the border illegally,

so the Communist court sentenced

them to 12 years at hard labor. That’s

some border enforcement policy.

The conditions in these prison camps

are harsh. Some reports say a quarter

of the inmates die of starvation every

year. The prisoners do backbreaking

work in factories, coal mines and rice

paddies. They’re also used in experiments

involving biological weapons. I

guess the Communists didn’t get the

memo on human rights.

Now we hear that the journalists

may have actually been kidnapped and

forcibly taken to North Korea. Anyway,

they are being used as political

prisoners to try to force this administration

to give more concessions and

American money to North Korea.

North Korea is starving. The Communist

regime is bankrupt. But they

want to be able to sell nuclear technology

to terrorist nations, so they’re

holding these journalists ransom until

they get their way.

Mr. Speaker, the journalists should

go free, and the North Korean outlaws

should take their place in that prison.

And that’s just the way it is.