Madam

Speaker, it’s the end of the week. Another

week has gone by, and the Middle

East continues to be a tinderbox waiting

to explode. Abraham Lincoln said,

‘‘Let the people know the facts and the

country will be saved.’’ And one of the

things that bothers me is it’s hard for

us to get the facts sometimes.

The President of the United States,

Mr. Obama, this week had a summit

that was supposed to deal with nuclear

proliferation. And they had leaders

from all over the world there, and they

were talking about how to stop the

proliferation of nuclear weapons from

getting into countries that may cause

a problem and weapons that might get

into terrorists’ hands that could destroy

an awful lot of the human race.

But he didn’t talk about Iran. It almost

never happens anymore. He

doesn’t talk about Iran. They say that

there are going to be sanctions put on

Iran that’s going to stop them from developing

their nuclear weapons program,

but the sanctions never take

place. We have been talking about

sanctions, I know, now for at least 5 or

6 years, and Iran just keeps thumbing

their nose at the rest of the world, the

United Nations, the United States, and

everybody, and they continue to build

a nuclear weapons program. They say

they’re not, but they are, and I think

everybody in the world knows it.

Now, this week, the head of the Iranian

Nuclear Commission—I think

that’s the title he has—said that the

Bushehr nuclear power plant will be

operational in just a couple of months,

the production of nuclear fissionable

material within a couple of months.

And our military leaders say that Iran

could have a nuclear weapon in as little

as 1 year, and some people say a lot

quicker than that. Yet instead of doing

something about it, we continue to fool

around talking about putting sanctions

on them week after week, month after

month, year after year, and they continue

to build a nuclear weapons program.

And when the head of Israel comes

here, Mr. Netanyahu, the Prime Minister.

The President gives him the cold

shoulder and starts telling him if he

doesn’t do certain things that we’re not

going to be supporting them, as we

should be. And I think that’s terrible.

Our only real strong ally in the Middle

East that has been with us through

thick and thin is Israel, and we should

be supporting them right now and

doing everything we can to keep the

Middle East from going up in smoke.

Because if Iran gets a nuclear weapon,

there’s no question in my mind that

they’ll use it if they get an opportunity.

Because Mr. Ahmadinejad, the

President of Iran, continues to say he

wants, as his number one objective, to

wipe Israel off the face of the Earth.

And I can tell you right now if I know

Bibi Netanyahu, and I think I do, he’s

not going to let that happen. So because

we are fooling around, we are

still dealing with the possibility of a

major conflagration over there.

Now, how does that affect the Middle

East? Well, Israel is in jeopardy, but if

Iran gets nuclear weapons and we don’t

do something about it and Israel

doesn’t, then all those countries

around there are going to be intimidated,

and they are all going to start

moving toward radical Islam. That’s

my view, anyhow. And that is something

we can’t allow to happen. We

can’t allow that whole area to go down

that road.

But in addition to that, we get about

30 percent or 40 percent of our energy

from the Middle East, and if that happens,

we are going to have trouble getting

the oil that we need to keep our

lights on, to keep the gasoline in our

cars, and all the other things that we

do with energy.

So I would just like to say that, instead

of holding these conferences, if I

were talking to him, Mr. President,

and I know I can’t, but if I were, I

would say quit fooling around. Get

with the program. Let Ahmadinejad

and the Iranians know that we are not

going to stand by and let them become

a nuclear power with nuclear weapons.

Because if they do, if they continue

down that path, we along with Israel

will do whatever is necessary to stop

them.

They need to know that. As long as

they know we’re just talking and pushing

papers around and talking about

sanctions, they are not going to stop.

They are only going to stop when they

know we mean business. And, Mr.

President, you are sure not giving

them the right signal, in my opinion.