Mr. Speaker, the attacks

of last week were the most evil,

tragic actions ever carried out in this

country.

I have said many times that we need

to take the strongest possible action

However, we must be very careful not

to overreact. If we go overboard and

have an almost panic-type reaction, we

will be doing just what the terrorist

want us to do.

The Wall Street Journal reports

today that bin Laden’s fortune is nowhere

close to the $300 million stated

in some stories, that his fortune has

been wildly exaggerated, and bin

Laden’s network is a ‘‘primitive and

cheap force.’’ Besides that, we have

just appropriated $40 billion in emergency

funding, and today we start on a

bill to give the military the biggest increase

in history following 6 straight

years of multi-billion dollar increases.

I believe bin Laden has probably been

shocked by the worldwide condemnation

he received even from people and

countries he probably thought would

support him. We need to take the terrorists’

threats very seriously, but it

would be a very bad mistake to greatly

overreact. We need to carry on the

other functions of government too, and

as President Bush has urged, try to get

back to normal as soon as we possibly

can.