Madam Speaker, several

months ago now the President signed

the Syria Accountability Act, which

was passed overwhelmingly by this

House and the other body. Since that

time, however, the act has not been implemented;

and I believe, as do the vast

majority of Members in this House and

the other body believe, that the time is

now to slap sanctions on Syria.

Just the other day, the word came

out from Iraq that Syria was allowing

weaponry to come from Syrian territory

into Iraq and guerrillas to come

from Syrian territory into Iraq to do

harm to American troops. Syria has

not patrolled its border and has allowed

these anti-U.S. guerrillas to

come in and kill our troops.

Also, the other day in Jordan a plot

was discovered where poison gas was to

have been released and there was to be

an attack on the U.S. Embassy in

Amman, Jordan. It was documented

that this gas and these attacks came

from Syria across the border into Jordan.

Syria is a major sponsor of terrorism.

Syria illegally continues to occupy

Lebanon, has a weapons of mass destruction

program, and, as I mentioned

before, is allowing its border to be used

by terrorists to come into Iraq to do

harm to U.S. troops. Those are the four

things that this bill, the Syria Accountability

Act, called on Syria to

end. Syria has not ended, and the

President should implement the sanctions

immediately.