Mr. Speaker, last

week we heard Iraq agree to allowing

U.N. weapons inspectors back into

their country without conditions. All I

can say is we have been down this road

before.

Mr. Speaker, the United Nations

must show real backbone if they want

to be a meaningful organization in the

21st century. Unfortunately, we have

had a decade of defiance and deception

from Iraq. Let us not forget that between

1991 and 1998, in spite of 13, yes,

13 different U.N. resolutions mandating

unconditional access, Iraq never allowed

that to happen.

Saddam always had conditions. Inspectors

were kept from presidential

palaces, mosques and military installations,

just to name a few locations.

The U.N. must pass a resolution that

not only mandates unconditional weapons

inspections, but also outlines the

serious consequences for Saddam if

Iraq fails to act and fails to allow U.N.

inspectors to do their complete and unfettered

job. The U.N. must take control

and mandate unfettered inspections,

and Saddam Hussein must comply.

It is time for the U.N. and not Saddam

Hussein to be in the driver’s seat.