Mr. Speaker, when just

a couple of days ago the Iranians tested

an intermediate range ballistic missile,

one that has the range to strike Israel,

our administration was once more embarrassed,

because they had predicted a

number of times that the Iranians

could not achieve this capability until

sometime late next year.

Well, the Iranians were a year ahead

of schedule. Only one person predicted

they would be able to do it much earlier

in this body, and that was the gentleman

from Pennsylvania (Mr.

WELDON). He is working on a piece of

missile defense legislation. The gentleman

from New Jersey (Mr. SAXTON)

is putting in legislation a number of us

are cosponsoring which directs the

President to conduct an emergency

program to build a defense against the

systems the Iranians are developing

right now.

Mr. Speaker, now is the time for the

President to act. With the same urgency

with which our enemies are

building the ballistic missiles, we must

act with the same urgency to build defenses

against those missiles.