This House cannot

avoid its constitutionally authorized

responsibility to restrain the abuse of

executive power. The administration

has been preparing for an aggressive

war against Iran. There is no solid, direct

evidence that Iran has the intention

of attacking the United States or

its allies. The U.S. is a signatory to the

U.N. Charter, a constituent treaty

among the nations of the world. Article

II, section 4, of the U.N. charter states,

‘‘All members shall refrain in their

international relations from the threat

or use of force against the territorial

integrity or political independence of

any state.’’ Even the threat of a war of

aggression is illegal. Article VI of the

U.S. Constitution makes such treaties

the supreme law of the land. This administration

has openly threatened aggression

against Iran in violation of

the U.S. Constitution and the U.N.

Charter.

This week, the House Appropriations

Committee removed language from the

Iraq war funding bill requiring the administration

under Article I, section 8,

clause 11 of the Constitution to seek

permission before it launched an attack

against Iran. Since war with Iran

is an option of this administration and

such war is patently illegal, then

impeachment may well be the only

remedy which remains to stop a war of

aggression against Iran.