Mr. Speaker, the Saudis

this past week expressed a sincere concern

about an anti-American backlash

if we start bombing Baghdad. We

should not ignore the feelings of the

Saudis. If a neighbor can oppose this

bombing, we should be very cautious.

In the next week or two, we may

have a resolution coming to this floor

endorsing the bombing and, in essence,

allowing for a declaration of war. Saddam

Hussein does not pose any threat

to our national security. We should be

going very cautiously. Bombing might

cause some accident regarding biological

warfare. It may cause an irrational

act by Saddam Hussein with one of his

neighbors. It is bound to kill innocent

lives, innocent civilians in Iraq. It

could kill many American flyers as

well. It costs a lot of money.

And even if we do kill Hussein, what

do we do? We create a vacuum, a vacuum

that may be filled by Iran. It may

be filled by some other groups of Islamic

fundamentalists.

There is no real benefit to pursuing

this. Our own military has said this is

like putting on a show. It is political,

not a military operation.