Mr. Speaker, later this

morning we will be debating and voting

on two resolutions dealing with Libya.

The first one, H.J. Res. 68, has been

said to be one that literally endorses

exactly what the President has been

doing, and I agree with that: Even

though it excludes ground troops, it

doesn’t talk about Special Forces, CIA,

contractors, and unlimited bombing,

which is really what we have to restrict.

But the second one, H.R. 2278, has

been said to be more strongly worded

in restraint on the President, and this

is where I disagree. I believe the wording

is different. It says no funds for

ground troops. But then it has exceptions,

and the exceptions are for all the

things that we’re already doing. So I

believe if we vote and pass the second

one, it will be the first time this Congress

has given authority to the President

for what he is doing right now.

So I urge my colleagues to look at

both of these carefully. I have concluded

that not only should the first

one be voted down, but it’s very important

that the second one be voted down

as well.