Mr. Speaker, I have no confidence in the ability of

liberals to wage war. That is the truth that most of us believe and

cannot deny. From the nonsensical way that Johnson and McNamara fought

the Vietnam War, to Carter's humiliation in Iran, to our latest

misadventure in Kosovo, the truth is there for all to see.

The liberal mentality simply is not equipped to deal with the harsh

realities of war. They do not understand the first thing about using

military force, about protecting America's national interest or about

what is required to defeat a determined enemy. Vietnam, Iran hostages

and now Bill Clinton's war in Kosovo. The liberals voted against using

military force in the Persian Gulf when U.S. interests were clearly at

stake, but where U.S. interests are not at stake, such as Haiti or

Kosovo, then they are for military force.

This is liberalism in the full glory of its contradictions and

wrongheadedness. I only can pray that the soldiers, sailors and

aviators who must put their lives on the line do not suffer for the

naivete and the incompetence of the armchair liberals in this

administration.