Mr. Speaker, I strongly support the war powers

resolution. It provides for congressional action in committing and

maintaining our men and women in harm's way. I oppose this rule because

it compromises the ability of Congress to exercise its responsibility

under the war powers resolution.

I believe it is appropriate for this body to consider Senate

Concurrent Resolution 21. It supports the President's decision to join

NATO in air strikes. I will support that resolution, considering the

atrocities being committed by Mr. Milosevic.

For many reasons, I have serious concerns about ground troops. If the

President believes it is necessary to use ground troops, I believe he

must come to Congress in compliance with the war powers resolution.

H.R. 1569 by the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. Goodling) goes well

beyond the war powers resolution. It compromises the safety of our

military operation. I will oppose H.R. 1569.