Mr. Speaker, in 1968 to 1970 I was a physician in the

Vietnam War and dealt with the casualties from that war. That war was

started on this floor by a voice vote.

If we think about the fact that we committed 500,000 people, 50,000

of whom are dead and on a memorial not very far from this building, on

the basis of a voice vote, it seems to me that the United States

Congress can spend more than 1 hour deciding whether or not we are

going to go into this issue.

Mr. Speaker, yesterday we had a debate for a few minutes and got out

of here at 4 o'clock. Last week we came back here. One day we gave a

gold medal to Rosa Parks. That is all we did that day. What have we got

on our calendar that prevents us from spending the time to give the

Members of this House the opportunity to speak about something, where

we are potentially sending our young men and women to die?

I think this rule should be defeated.