Mr. Speaker, I believe that this House needs to

search clearly for a rational, sustainable policy regarding Yugoslavia.

In this process, we need to hear all the voices instead of only those

with which we agree. I am inserting an article by Vesna Perio-Zimonjic

that provides a valuable insight on the long-term potential ecological

damage our bombs could cause:

Mr. Speaker, there is no doubt in my mind that

Congress has the duty and responsibility to decide the question whether

the United States of America uses its military power against another

country. No matter how this Congress feels about the evil actions of

the leaders of Yugoslavia against its own people, words of revulsion

and opposition do not justify bombing without a declaration of war.

If the majority of this Congress feels that the air bombardment is

justified, then it must vote to declare war. An explanation of why we

are bombing Yugoslavia is not enough. We need to explicitly state that

we do so in an act of war. Without that declaration of war, we make a

mockery of the Constitution and of the War Powers Act.

Just because we are not acting alone and because the countries of

NATO are in full support of the air attack does not absolve us of our

responsibility to abide by our Constitution. If we believe that the

President is correct in sending

our military forces to bomb Yugoslavia, then it follows that we must

vote to declare war.

I voted to allow troops into Yugoslavia to enforce the peace

agreement. I did not vote to allow military intervention to force an

agreement. I do not support the use of military power to beat the

Yugoslavian government into submission to our will.

I fervently believe we should be debating a resolution to urge the

President to declare a moratorium on the bombing while an all-out

effort is made to reach a settlement. There are various proposals on

the table. We could discuss the Russian proposal, the UN proposal, the

German proposal. The Kosovar people have fled from their homes. Dangers

to them now of a moratorium are very small compared to what has already

been heaped upon them, so why not declare a halt on the bombing and let

Russia, Germany and the UN broker a settlement? I want an end to the

bombing. I want the Constitution of the United States to prevail.