Mr. Speaker, I was in Brussels about a month ago as part

of the North Atlantic Assembly, now NATO Parliamentary Group, and had a

briefing with General Clark who is Supreme Allied Commander in Europe

as well as the Commander of Operation Allied Force, and it was his

opinion then and it is his opinion now that we are going to have to

deal with Milosevic sooner or later; sooner being preferable, speaking

militarily, to later. For one to think for a moment that a war in

Europe will not engage directly the United States sooner or later is to

turn a blind eye to history this century, No. 1.

No. 2, Mr. Speaker, I would like to remind everyone that this is a

NATO operation. NATO has been the most successful military alliance

this country has ever engaged in. Since NATO was formed, no country in

Europe has fallen under the Iron Curtain, and this is a part of a much

bigger operation than just the United States.

One other thing:

To send a signal to one's enemy that we are not going to do something

or take something off the table is a mistake, whether it is this vote,

or whether it is a time line, or whether it is any other signal that

sends a conflicting message.