Mr. Speaker, I thank my friend for yielding this time to

me.

Mr. Speaker, having the power to do something does not mean it is the

right thing to do. I have very little doubt that we have the

constitutional power to tell the President he may not consider the

option of ground troops, but I have even less doubt that that is the

wrong thing to do for us in these circumstances.

Decisions that are about life and death are not decisions that lend

themselves to decision-making by a committee. As young Americans are

put in the line of fire as we speak, the idea that 435 people, each

with a separate point of view, each with a separate analysis, is

somehow going to weigh into a process that is ongoing, communicate a

message to a foreign enemy and make a right decision on behalf of those

people in uniform, is to me preposterous.

As someone who speaks with some grave doubt about the initiation of

this mission, I have no doubt about its morality, and I have no doubt

about the impropriety of the resolution that is before us. We should

each of us, Republican and Democrat, oppose it.