Mr. Speaker, I am voting against this bill today. Number

one, I think it is poorly written. We have already had discussions

about the phrase ``ground elements,'' but hey, I think we can get some

lawyers to help us command.

I think it is also rushed. We have had ever-changing language. First

there was no language to deal with our own downed pilots. Then we had

no language to deal with U.S. citizens and pilots. Now we have language

to deal with allied crew members. Be wary of an ever-changing bill.

Third, this is the wrong message to our allies. What if we have

British or French troops kidnapped like our ground troops were

kidnapped in Macedonia, and they come to us and ask us to help, and we

say, are they a member of air crew, and they say, no, they are relief

workers. We will say, we will file a bill next week and take care of

that.

Very poor language. That is what happens when we rush things on

through. This is a poorly-worded bill at the wrong time. Please vote

no.