I thank the gentleman for yielding me this time. Mr.

Speaker, I oppose the unilateral withdrawal of American forces from

Yugoslavia. This is a wrong idea at a wrong time. This effort

represents a modern day isolationism that would be wrong for America,

just as wrong as isolationism was at the First World War and the time

of the Second World War.

A unilateral withdrawal of our troops would devastate NATO just at a

time when it is showing great resolve and great unity. The role for

NATO in the future is to keep the peace in Europe. No one else will be

able to do that. This is not the time to destroy NATO's resolve.

A unilateral withdrawal would also reward Milosevic for his barbaric

activity. It would allow him to win this conflict. He is engaging in

genocide. Genocide is systematic barbarity and murder of innocent,

defenseless civilians because of ethnic and religious differences. That

is what is happening in Yugoslavia and Kosovo today. That is what we

must stop. To withdraw our troops today would undercut everything this

country stands for and would remove America as one of the leaders,

perhaps the only great leader, in this world today. We should oppose

this resolution.