Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the resolution that is

before us today. It is not an easy vote for me, but it is one that I

must cast. I do so because failure to support this resolution, by

failing to vote for this resolution, we are in effect saying that what

has happened over the last 30 days in the Balkans is okay; that the

administration's failure to define what we are trying to accomplish or

to change that definition practically on a day-to-day basis, that that

activity is okay; that the administration's failure to define the

military means that we should use to achieve that as-of-yet undefined

objective is okay.

We started in the air. We then went to close-in air. Now we are

bombing civilian infrastructure, and unfortunately, I think that we are

going to be looking at the introduction of ground troops in the near

future.

Mr. Speaker, absent some control of Congress, I am certain that this

war will escalate to a point where we will no longer be dealing with $4

billion, $6 billion or $8 billion, but $10 billion, $20 billion, $30

billion, $40 billion or $50 billion.

Mr. Speaker, I urge adoption of the pending resolution.