Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the timing and

consideration of this bill because ultimately I think that this is a

constitutional question. It is one that the gentleman from California

(Mr. Campbell) has raised because he knows what our Founding Fathers

knew, and that is that when body bags come back from some foreign

deployment, they do not stop within the Beltway. They go across

America. They go to Charleston, South Carolina; they go to Knoxville,

Tennessee; they go to Los Angeles, California.

It is for this reason, and it came up yesterday in debate, that in

contrast to the English system, the Framers did not want the wealth and

blood of the Nation committed by the decision of a single individual,

which was just pointed out by my colleague from California.

So, one, I rise in support of the timing of this because of the

constitutional element. I will ultimately vote ``no'' because of the

foreign policy element of this decision.

Now, all of us would like to solve every ill in this world, but both

individually and collectively it is something we do not have the

resources to do, so for foreign policy to be effective, it has got to

be limited and it has got to be focused. Part of focus means

consistency. If we stay in Kosovo, we are going to create a very

inconsistent foreign policy.

In fact, I do not even want to be part of a government that would

ever signal to people around the world that if you are of European

ancestry, we care about your human rights, but if you happen to be

unlucky enough to be born in Africa, well, then, good luck. Because in

January 3,000 people were killed in Sierra Leone, and if we are going

to stay in Kosovo, we owe it to them to go to Sierra Leone. 300,000

people were killed in Angola since 1992. 500,000 people were killed in

Rwanda in the genocide there. 1.9 million people have been killed in

the south of Sudan basically over the last 15 years. It is important

for our foreign policy to be effective that we be consistent and that,

I think, is what this bill is all about.