Mr. Speaker, I support Senate Concurrent Resolution 21.

The reason I could not support the other alternatives is because I

think it would be wrong to withdraw. I also believe it would be wrong

to hamstring our Commander in Chief's authority to conduct operations.

And finally, I believe it would be wrong to declare war.

My major concern is that all of these options send the wrong signal.

Neither with respect to NATO nor President Milosevic should we even

hint that we might withdraw block funds for further development.

Nothing would make Milosevic happier than knowing the power and the

might of the United States would no longer be fully engaged. By the

same token, we should never suggest to our own forces that our full

support for their effort may be less than forthcoming. What we need to

do is to authorize the continuation of the current effort and give the

current effort more time to work.

Mr. Speaker, I have said it before. You cannot run the Department of

Defense like a business, with 535 Members of a board of directors. The

same thing goes for foreign policy and military operations. You cannot

substitute the opinions of these board members for the sound judgment

of Chairman Shelton and General Clark and Secretary Cohen and, yes, the

Commander in Chief. We should not get into the details of whether ``you

can do this mission, but you can't do that mission.'' That is like the

Vietnam War with the President choosing Vietnam targets on sand tables

in the White House basement. It was wrong then, it is wrong now, and

Congress should not be part of it.

What Congress should do is to affirm or deny the general policy and

turn over the details to the war fighters. I believe that the Gejdenson

amendment, which has already gotten bipartisan support in the other

body, makes the best sense in the current situation. I urge my

colleagues to support it.