Mr. Speaker, Americans have big hearts. It is one

of our best traits. Whenever we see killing anywhere, injustice

anywhere, we want to stop it, even if our national interests are not at

stake.

On Kosovo, having good intentions and a bad plan have proven to hurt

the very people we are trying to help. We have increased human

suffering. We have not stopped it. We have spread instability rather

than prevented it. With the lessons of the Vietnam War barely cold on

our plates, here we go again. Like Vietnam, we wage a war we are not

committed to win, by the seat of the pants, war by committee, war by

posters, war by the politically correct. It is having fatal results.

Worst of all, we forgot the most important lesson of Vietnam. It is

fatal to enter a war without the will to win it. Those who sought this

war lack the political courage to win it. To aggressively target

Slobodan Milosevic, his leaders in the Serbian Army he commands, they

have forgotten what General MacArthur has told us. War's very object is

victory, not prolonged indecision. In war there is no substitute for

victory.

If a lethal criminal entered our home, entered our school, entered an

airport, entered our neighborhood and began to gun down innocent

families, it would be the first responsibility of law enforcement to

stop them cold, now, to bring the shooter down without flinching.

History will record in Kosovo an America that flinched, and the lives

of Kosovars fell around us because we were unwilling and lacked the

courage to bring the shooter down, the leaders, the Army and to end the

atrocities.

There is nothing humanitarian about a policy that puts American

pilots' and fighters' lives on the line so that Milosevic can live.

There is nothing just about a policy that allows Kosovars to die cold

and hungry and lonely on the side of the road while we preserve Serbian

troops, our enemies, the killers on the very day American pilots flew

into Yugoslavia.