Mr. Speaker, I rise to support our policy on Kosovo. Some

in this debate have said our goal is not clear, but our goal is to stop

Milosevic's slaughter of Albanian Kosovars, to prevent the spread of

conflict, and to permit the Kosovars to return safely home. Our allies

share that objective.

This century is the bloodiest in human history and the world's

democracies must stand against Slobodan Milosevic's bloody repression

if we hope to deter other tyrants from engaging in ethnic slaughter.

In Kosovo there are no clear answers, no good options, but to do

nothing in the face of Milosevic's barbarity would be barbarous itself.

Some see Kosovo as another Vietnam. I disagree. Kosovo is another

Cambodia, another Rwanda. Let us learn the lesson of those in other

killing fields and not allow our belated or inadequate response then to

compound this tragedy today. The lack of a perfect choice is not an

excuse to take no action.

Some here today have declared after 30 days that this policy is a

failure. Well, we should be made of sterner stuff than that. The young

men and women in our military are made of sterner stuff than that. We

need to be patient with this policy in Kosovo. The bombing campaign,

even with its limitations, should be given time to work. Ground forces

may yet be required, and we will have that debate. But for now, we

should maintain our unity, stay the course. America is strong enough to

see this through.