Madam Chair, no question about it: Maummar Ghadafi

is a world outlaw. So because he is a bad guy, it appears that the

President has used military force in Libya. I am concerned about

the legal authority for such military action in Libya. Has the Constitution

and the War Powers Act been followed? Maybe not.

Secretary of Defense Gates has stated that Libya is not in the

vital interests of the United States. Then why are we dropping

bombs in this country?

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The President has indicated that Ghadafi is treating the rebels

in an inhumane way, therefore this Obama Doctrine of war in the

name of humanity is troubling. Since our U.S. national security is

not at stake, what constitutional authority do we have to be at war

in Libya? The Constitution may be inconvenient, but it is meat to

be. War is a serious matter and Presidents and Congresses should

be inconvenienced on these roads to war.

I yield back.