Thank you, Madam Chair.

I’m glad that Congressman Burton pointed out the significance

of the War Powers Act, because, Madam Chair, as we all know, on

March 21, 2011, without consulting Congress, President Obama

committed troops to combat operations in Libya as part of a coalition

of nations seeking to prevent a humanitarian crisis.

Today, sitting next to the Prime Minister of England, he continued

to say that we are going to be involved in this conflict. Madam

Chair, you know as well as I do, as well as this great nation, that

it has been 60 days since the President has committed military action

in Libya, and has yet to ask for our permission.

My concern is three-fold. First, the security and the safety of our

troops. Second, the security and safety of our nation. And, third,

the economic cost of this conflict.

As Congressman Poe so eloquently said, as Congressman Sherman

so eloquently said, as Congressman Burton and everyone else,

practically, so eloquently said, there are many other conflicts

around the world that we could be involved in, because they are

harming their own citizens. Why did we pick Libya?

We’ve never been asked for permission to do this. We are a nation

that has economic issues domestically. We have to tighten our

belt, and now are in Libya with no exit plan, no strategy for winning.

And I want to know what the cost is, both economically, the

cost to our military, and the security and safety of our men and

women on the battlefield, and the men and women here at home.

Thank you.