I will make my comments very brief, Mr. Chairman.

I am anxious to hear what Assistant Secretary Hill has to

say. I don’t believe that Korea, North Korea, conducting itself the

way it has over the last few weeks or months, deserves additional

recognition. And bilateral talks right now would seem to me to be

rewarding them for bad actions. But I am anxious to hear what

Secretary Hill has to say about this, and I am very supportive of

the Six-Party Talks.

I think China does have a tremendous amount of influence over

North Korea, and if the Chinese decide to put some pressure on the

North Koreans I believe that they will start reacting differently

than they have in the last few months. So I support the Six-Party

Talks, and I am anxious to hear what Secretary Hill has to say

about bilateral efforts.

Let me just say that I hope that you and the State

Department don’t get the impression that because of the number

of people that are expressing or advocating bilateral talks that the

majority of the Congress feels that way. I don’t believe that is the

case. Maybe on this Subcommittee it is the case. But I don’t believe

it is the case in the Congress of the United States.

I am old enough to remember when the Chinese came across the

Yalu River and saved North Korea’s bacon. China is a very strong

supporter and ally of North Korea, and North Korea does listen to

China. And China has a vested interest, in my opinion, in whether

or not they develop intermediate and long-range missiles with nuclear

weaponry, because who knows what the future holds in store

for China and North Korea, or Japan and North Korea, or Russia

and North Korea, or South Korea and North Korea, or the United

States and North Korea?

Every one of us has a vested interest in whether or not they develop

nuclear weapons with short-range and intermediate range capability.

Everyone ought to be interested in this. I believe that the

Six-Party Talks are the right venue. And if we start acquiescing to

what North Korea wants right now, it is appeasement, and appeasement

never works when you have got a bully.

In a school yard, a bully pushes you around, and if you start giving

way to him, he will push you further. In the world theater, if

the bully pushes you around, he is going to take advantage of it

and keep pushing you and pushing you. The Six-Party Talks are,

in my opinion, the way to go. I don’t always agree with the State

Department, but I do in this particular case.

And I think that if North Korea wants to have unilateral talks

with the United States, and if they want to have food for their

starving masses that are starving because of their Communist system,

and if they want to have support from the other countries involved

in the Six-Party Talks, then they need to start realizing that

they need to negotiate instead of fooling around like they have

been. If they start doing that, then I will be one the first persons

to say, okay, they now have started showing their mettle and showing

they want to negotiate. Now it is time for us to sit down and

start negotiating one-on-one on what we can do to help their country

to keep from starving to death because of their Communist system

and other things.

But for you to leave here, or for the State Department or anyone

watching this on television to leave here thinking that the vast majority

of the Congress of the United States is in favor of giving up

on Six-Party Talks and going to bilateral talks at this point because

of the things that North Korea is doing with counterfeiting

and threatening with an intercontinental ballistic missile test and

other things, they are dead wrong. I don’t believe that the Congress

feels that way.

You can make any comment you want. I have the vented my

spleen.

And I believe that.

Shakespeare said a rose by any other name would

smell as sweet.