Mr. Speaker, I do not believe it is

important at this time to restate a position that many of us took in

this Nation in opposition to the attack against Iraq: preemptive,

unilateral, and without a constitutional vote of this Congress.

We have long since said that we stand united behind the United States

military, but it is clear that our policies now in the aftermath are

failing, with the insurgents going against our troops in high numbers,

with the loss of life increasing and now the political delay because

those in Iraq want direct and prompt election. In addition, it is

important not to cover up the wash out, the white out, the words of Mr.

Kay, finding no weapons of mass destruction.

Today, I ask for a serious and collaborative effort with the United

Nations who, of course, this government has approached, our NATO allies

and Mideast allies to deal with the aftermath of Iraq.

Secondarily, I ask for a full and open hearing by all committees of

jurisdiction on the issue of the lack of finding of weapons of mass

destruction. I do that because that is the basis upon which

representations were made to the United States and the people for which

we entered into Iraq. It is imperative that these hearings are open and

free for the public to hear, for the national security, to ensure the

security of our homeland and the security of our troops and the

security of all those around the world.