Mr. Speaker, I want to let my colleagues

know that I will be asking for a recorded vote on the previous question

on this rule.

We have a problem, a very serious problem that we must address before

the House adjourns in August, and this resolution which we have done

before does not deal with the real issues that this House must address

because of the threat that we face.

If the previous question is defeated, I will offer an amendment to

the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act that clarifies one very

simple and critical thing, that the United States Government will no

longer be required to get a warrant to listen to terrorists who are not

in the United States.

The Director of National Intelligence has testified to us, as has the

director of the CIA, that their hands are currently tied. They are

being tied up, requiring warrants with probable cause, to listen to

people who are terrorists who are not even in the United States because

of the way the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act is written.

We cannot allow ourselves to be deaf and blind because of a law that

is woefully outdated. All of us have heard what the Department of

Homeland Security has said, the chatter is at levels we have not seen

since the summer of 2001. And the Director of National Intelligence has

testified we are missing significant portions of intelligence. We have

to open our ears and open our eyes to keep this Nation safe. That is

the critical issue we should be debating here today. And if we defeat

the previous question, I will immediately offer that for the

consideration of the House.