Mr. President, I had

discussed briefly with the Senator from

Connecticut a couple of questions, and

I would like to engage him in a colloquy.

The first relates to the difference

in language between the 1991

resolution authorizing then-President

Bush to use force, which says in pertinent

part:

Now, that is different from the authorization

in the current resolution,

which says:

The current resolution might be

called a subjective standard, which

gives substantially greater latitude to

President Bush to use force ‘‘as he determines

to be necessary and appropriate.’’

This language is very much

subjective as contrasted with the 1991

language, which is more objective, authorizing

the President to use force to

achieve implementation of certain Security

Council resolutions.

I ask the Senator from Connecticut if

the intent here, in trying to develop

some legislative history, notwithstanding

the language in the present

resolution, is really about the same—or

is the same—as the 1991 resolution.

The question I have

for the Senator from Connecticut is on

the expansive whereas clauses. One of

these clauses refers to repression of the

civilian population of Iraq. I ask

whether the resolution intends to give

the President the power to use force to

cure those kinds of matters, which are

separate from the issues of weapons of

mass destruction, and whether the

issue on weapons of mass destruction is

satisfied, so that the UN resolutions

are satisfied, and whether the clause on

authorization relating to defending the

national security interests of the

United States will be satisfied with the

resolution of the weapons of mass destruction

without picking up the

whereas clause on regime change.

I think that is less than a minute,

Mr. President.