No. Go ahead and finish.

Mr. President, first I

wish to congratulate and compliment

my colleague from Virginia for a very

thoughtful speech, and also for his

homework in this area, and the fact

that he spent some time traveling to

this troubled region of the world.

I had the pleasure of traveling with

Senator WARNER and Senator Dole, I

believe in 1991. We met with Mr.

Milosevic and we traveled into Kosovo.

I became convinced that Mr. Milosevic

was a tyrant. I still believe he is. He

needs to be stopped. We need to have

affirmative action to stop him. We

have had strong words from this administration.

We have had very little

action. I am not convinced they have a

plan that will fully complement their

desires, so I am concerned about that.

But I am also working with other

colleagues in this body to try to see

that the United States and NATO stand

up to Milosevic and try to develop a

plan that is workable. I appreciate the

fact that my colleague from Virginia is

willing to speak out and lend his experience

and education in this area.

Maybe together we can come up with

something that will work and stop the

atrocities, but also avoid some of the

pitfalls that could easily have happened

in Bosnia, where some of us were

concerned about the cost and the expense.

Some of us felt misled by this administration

when they said we would only

be in Bosnia for a short period of time.

We stated that wasn’t the case. We

knew that wasn’t the case. We knew we

wouldn’t be limited to 1 year. Frankly,

they misled Congress and they misled

the American people as far as the commitment

in Bosnia. I want to avoid

that repetition of that as it pertains to

Kosovo.

I appreciate my colleagues’ comments.

Mr. President, to conclude

the dialog on Kosovo, the administration

gave most Members of the

Senate a briefing yesterday, but they

have a lot of work to do. They have a

lot of work to do if they are going to

convince the Congress, if they are

going to convince the American people.

They have a lot of leveling with the

American people as far as the expense,

as far as the obligation, as far as what

the next step is after the first phase.

They haven’t answered those questions.

That is not exactly what I call ‘‘consulting

with Congress.’’ Maybe we had

a little dialog with the administration,

but we have a lot of work to do yet.

Mr. President, I ask

unanimous consent to speak for an additional

10 minutes.