Mr. President, I

thank my colleague and friend from

Michigan for his thoughtful approach. I

believe what Senator LEVIN has put

forward is the right approach. It minimizes

the risk to our country, to our

troops, and maximizes the ability for

the world community, including the

United States, to come together, to

make sure that Saddam Hussein does

not have the opportunity to use weapons

of mass destruction against us or

against anyone else in the world.

I would, just to support Senator

LEVIN, quote again as I did last week

on the floor of the Senate in my own

statement, Brent Scowcroft, former

National Security Adviser to President

Bush, who wrote in the Wall Street

Journal: An attack on Iraq at this time

would seriously jeopardize, if not destroy,

the global counterterrorism

campaign we have undertaken. Ignoring

that clear world sentiment against

an attack would result in a serious degradation

in international cooperation

with us against terrorism. And make

no mistake, we simply cannot win that

war without enthusiastic international

cooperation, especially on intelligence.

I believe Senator LEVIN’s approach

guarantees we keep our focus on the

coalition that has come together to

fight terrorism in the world and at the

same time gives us the opportunity to

build that same coalition to turn attention

to the threats of Saddam Hussein.

We can do both. We can do it correctly.

And we can minimize the risk

that I believe will be there if we, in

fact, rush to act alone.

I thank Senator LEVIN, again, certainly

as Chair of the Armed Services

Committee, for his continual service to

our country and his understanding of

what it takes to make sure we are able

to keep our focus on terrorism and

take the time and the opportunity to

build that same coalition to address

the threats of Saddam Hussein’s weapons

of mass destruction.

I urge my colleagues to support the

Levin approach. I believe this is the approach

that will allow us to make sure

we do this right. I urge its adoption.

I yield the floor.