Mr. Chairman, I’d just ask unanimous consent

that my statement be included in the record. I was a teacher,

and I’m used to 70-minute classes. I don’t know how to do it in 1 minute.

I’d like to thank the panelists for being

here today, and I would like to ask unanimous consent that a

statement by Phyllis Bennis at the Institute for Policy Studies be

included in the record.

Mr. Chairman, I know everybody’s being

very brief, but just given the comments of a colleague that I work

with, could I just say something in 30 seconds? I used 30 seconds before——

Which is I do not believe, as

the Senator does, that the administration has yet—has yet made

the case for military action against Iraq, and I think that before

any decision is taken about whether or not we go to war, we need

to have a careful and deliberate and substantive discussion, not

only here, but with people in our country, and we’ll see whether

the case has been made.

I think these hearings are extremely important. This is why I

wanted to become a United States Senator, to be a part of a discussion

about a question that so crucially affects the world that we

live in. And I think that your putting these hearings together is

one of the best things you’ve probably ever done as a United States Senator.