Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Steinberg, thank you. I’m sorry that I was tied up in another

meeting before I could get here.

Can you clarify? I know it’s been raised by the chairman and others.

I want to understand exactly what the administration’s position

is under the War Powers Act at this moment?

Under what aspect of the War Powers Act do

you believe it was a military action that was permissible?

In the circumstances, of course, to protect the

United States or the people of the United States. Is there another

aspect of this that you would add to the list?

And at this point do you believe that the burden

has shifted to Congress to move forward if they wish to either

consider a resolution of approval or disapproval?

Well, many of us have been engaged in this

debate many times.

And I can’t think of a more awesome responsibility

that a Member of Congress faces than to consider the authorization

of this type of military action, knowing that, even under the

best of circumstances, that Americans are risking their lives, if not

losing them in the process. So we take it very seriously.

But statements have been made by the administration that suggest

that this may be of short duration and that even before Congress

could consider, debate, and vote on a matter, that this might

be over. What is your estimate?

And who’s going to pay for it?

That seems to bear some parallel with the situation

in Kuwait under President George Herbert Walker Bush.

Can you comment on some of the reports in the

press, specifically the Los Angeles Times, about the tactics of the

rebels, particularly in rounding up and imprisoning certain individuals?

Have we stopped the export of oil from Libya

to other nations?

But you don’t know if the oil is still moving?

Of the funds that we have secured in the

United States, over $30 billion, from the Qadhafi government and

regime—is that correct?

So is it fair to say we have control of those

funds——

continuing]. Or we’ve blocked their transfer?

So if you look back at previous conflicts in similar

circumstances, what ends up happening to funds like that?

Have any statements been made by our government

as to where those funds might go in the future?

I see.

I think that’s all I have. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.