Will there be an opportunity for the committee

to be briefed in an executive session with regard to the two

detainees?

I haven’t. I thought I might try to squeeze a

question or two in, if you’ll walk slowly, Mr. Chairman.

Well, I understand the clock is——

Sure. I will risk it, if you don’t mind, Mr.

Chairman.

Thank you. Please.

I’m going to vote ‘‘yes,’’ as a matter of fact.

Thank you, Mr. Ambassador, for being here. You certainly have

your work cut out for you.

In your testimony, you mentioned your findings on your recent

trip, include that China shares a deep concern about North Korea’s

recent actions and a strong commitment to achieve denuclearization.

There’s a widely held view, Mr. Ambassador, that if China really

had the resolve to squeeze their North Korean neighbor on the

issue of denuclearization, they could accomplish this in a way that

really no other country on the globe can do.

Did you find their concern to be deeper and their commitment to

be stronger than before the missile test and the nuclear test, and

would you speak to this widely held view that I mentioned, that

China really could accomplish this if they were of a mind to?

Apart from multilateral approaches to China,

can you tell us specifically—are you able to tell us specifically at

this open hearing what bilateral actions China has already taken

before these tests to resolve this situation with regard to the

nuclear weapons, nuclearization?

OK. Do you reject the assertion by some that

in some respects, North Korea serves as a counterbalance for China

and that it’s not all negative with regard to China?

It’s clear to me that you’re quite satisfied at

this point with the response of the Chinese Government in response

to these two tests.

We’re—the third option we have as a United

States is enhancing our military capacity.

What are our options for doing that? Can you discuss those publicly?

How will we enhance that?

Mr. Ambassador, are we taking any small steps

or have we taken any small steps over time that have improved the

United States-North Korean relationship in any respect?

And I ask you about employment across the border. In my home

State of Mississippi, we’ve entertained medical doctors from North

Korea and I don’t know if that accomplishes much, except for an

exchange of ideas.

It seems that those are two small steps that we’re taking, and

is there any reason for us to be encouraged at all by some other

things that are going on?

If I might, Mr. Chairman, we would no doubt

engage in humanitarian efforts for the sheer good that it does.

Do you have any information that you could share with the committee

about who gets the credit among the North Korean people?