Therefore I want to say simply that the hon. member and I have exchanged views on many occasions in the last week. He expressed sentiments, eloquently, I may say, in terms of the need to impose sanctions, to reinforce them, and attacked the government for not giving us any evidence whatsoever other than the somewhat hyped-up evidence the minister tried to give us today.

In the short time remaining I simply want to say that the charter does give the United Nations the right to make a decision about sanctions and then to decide whether a UN military force would be required. We would like to adhere to the charter and that is why, with regret, we will vote against this subamendment.

Mr. Brewin: Madam Speaker, the Liberal critic for external affairs has attempted to justify the Liberal failure to support the subamendment which we put forward.

Our subamendment has the effect of deleting what I can frankly only describe as weasel words "at this time" and the insertion of the term "offensive military action". The Liberal amendment is so vague when one examines the word it uses that it in fact permits even those in the Liberal Party who would have CF-18s support B-52 bombers over Kuwait and Iraq to be able to justify their support for that military action. It also permits the day after hostilities break out Liberals, who would want to participate in supporting at least in a defensive capacity the so-called land based assets to which the Minister of National Defence referred, to support that.

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We simply say that is not good enough. It is important for each member of this House to stand up and be counted on the fundamental issue: Shall Canada send in its troops to support the U.S. led military attack which we can expect momentarily against Kuwait and Iraq?

Madam Deputy Speaker: Is the House ready for the question?

Some hon. members: Question.

Madam Deputy Speaker: The question is on the amendment to the amendment. Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the amendment to the amendment?

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Some hon. members: Agreed.

Some hon. members: No.

Madam Deputy Speaker: All those in favour of the amendment to the amendment will please say yea.

Some hon. members: Yea.

Madam Deputy Speaker: All those opposed will please say nay.

Some hon. members: Nay.

Madam Deputy Speaker: In my opinion the nays have it.

And more than five members having risen:

Madam Deputy Speaker: Call in the members.

Before the taking of the vote:

Madam Deputy Speaker: On a point of order, the hon. member for Kamloops.

Mr. Riis: Madam Speaker, I wonder if you would seek unanimous consent to see whether there is not a disposition, as we did with the capital punishment vote, to vote row by row as we would do in a free vote.

Madam Deputy Speaker: The House has heard the suggestion of the hon. member for Kamloops. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. members: No.

Madam Deputy Speaker: There is no unanimous consent.

The House divided on the amendment to the amendment to the amendment which was negatived on the following division:

(Division No. 387)

YEAS