endangered bowhead whale by a native group. Meanwhile, that same delegation opposed Japan’s request for a small-scale whaling hunt for scientific research. Mr. Speaker, it is plainly clear the Clinton administration has no real whaling policy.

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As a member of the Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans Subcommittee and the Subcommittee on Native American and Insular Affairs, I intend to do everything in my power to stop this tragedy before it gets started.

I would like to close by quoting from an editorial which appeared in the June 23 Seattle Times:

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