

EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT FOR DEFENSE AND FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN, 2004

SPEECH OF

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under

consideration the bill (H.R. 3289) making emergency supplemental appropriations for defense and for the reconstruction of Iraq and Afghanistan for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes:

Mr. FRANKS of Arizona. Mr. Chairman, on October 16, 2003, the Chair sustained Mr. KOLBE's point of order against H. Amdt. 408, an amendment offered by Mr. PENCE, to H.R. 3289. Had there been opportunity to vote, I would have voted "yes" on H. Amdt. 408 to H.R. 3289, which sought to make the first 50 percent of Iraq reconstruction funding available immediately as a grant giving priority con-

sideration to the emergency purposes of security, electric sector infrastructure, oil infrastructure, public works, water resources, transportation, telecommunication infrastructures and other emergency needs, and also provide that once the Administration informs Congress that a democratically elected government in Iraq has been established, the balance of funding would be made available in the form of loans from the U.S. Government, under terms determined by the President.