

IRAQIS BEING KILLED, TOO

(Mr. PITTS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, there are thousands of Iraqi citizens who have volunteered to rebuild their country, to establish democracy and the rule of law, to turn on the power and water, set up schools and courthouses, build roads and homes. As the cohorts of Saddam Hussein attack our troops, they are killing Iraqis as well.

This confirms that Saddam Hussein is not just an enemy of the coalition troops; he is an enemy of freedom and prosperity, an enemy of peace and democracy, an enemy of all who seek to bring these back to Iraq. So I join many who come to this floor lamenting the loss of American life in Iraq, and I join them in their desire for our troops to be home soon; but we need to also remember that Saddam Hussein's rage does not end with the American soldier. He is perfectly willing to kill Iraqis to keep his nation from moving forward. We are grateful for the efforts of peace-loving Iraqis in helping to rebuild their nation and establish democracy.

 CONGRESSIONAL BASEBALL GAME
BIG VICTORY FOR CHARITY

(Mr. OXLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. OXLEY. Mr. Speaker, it is a great honor to be in the well of the House and to announce that the baseball game which was played last Thursday night between the Republicans and Democrats ended in a Republican victory, 5-3. I want to congratulate all of my Republican colleagues who played so well on the diamond, but particularly our most valuable player, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. SHIMKUS). The coveted Roll Call trophy stands behind me.

This is the first game in a new series, a 5-game series. I also want to congratulate the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. SABO), the manager of the Democrats, a real sportsman and a great individual, and all of the Democrats who participated.

Ultimately, this is a big victory for charity. We raised close to \$100,000 for various charities, and ultimately that is what this game is all about. For folks back home who think this was a softball game, I assure you, we play hard ball here in Washington. Indeed, it was a great night and a great victory in Prince George's Stadium where the Bowie Bay Sox play. We want to thank the Bay Sox for their hospitality. A good time was had by all, and also to the sponsors who put up the funds to make this available and particularly to the charities. Again, a great victory and bragging rights for 364 days, which is not all bad.

MYTHS WHICH SENT US TO WAR

(Mr. KUCINICH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, today CIA Director George Tenet will testify behind closed doors. Yesterday I held a public briefing with two veteran intelligence officers about the misuse of intelligence which took us into war. Ray McGovern, briefed Vice Presidents during his 27 years with the CIA. He said, "In my day, we did our analyses among ourselves. We knew what the requirements were. We knew what the interests were on the part of the policymakers. But thank you very much, we did not need policymakers at the table to tell us how to shape the intelligence." So much for the current Vice President's multiple CIA visits.

Andrew Wilke, a key intelligence analyst in Australia was on the Iraq case and received intelligence received by the U.S. in the run-up to the war. He said, "In that time, I saw not a single piece of critical hard evidence to substantiate the claim of any cooperation between Iraq and al Qaeda."

Was the intelligence-gathering apparatus of our Nation corrupted for base political concerns? Did the U.S. go to war based on lies? Congress must find out in open public hearings to get the answers about phantom nuclear weapons and other myths which sent us to war.

 MISUSE OF FEDERAL RESOURCES
FOR POLITICAL PURPOSES

(Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my concern over the partisan political use of Federal resources by the majority party. Roughly 2 months ago, the Justice Department, the Department of Transportation, and the Department of Homeland Security were all called upon to track down Democratic members of the Texas legislature, even though they had broken no law, nor endangered public safety nor homeland security.

I applaud the gentleman from Texas (Mr. GREEN) for introducing three resolutions of inquiry in an effort to get to the bottom of all of this. This afternoon, the Select Committee on Homeland Security will mark up its resolution, which asks the Secretary of Homeland Security to transmit all relevant information about the Texas mess to the House.

We must not allow the misuse of Federal resources for political purposes. These resources exist to protect the public from harm, not to protect the Republicans in Congress from political challenge.

IRAQ'S NUCLEAR WEAPONS PROGRAM

(Mr. PENCE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, as Director George Tenet of the CIA comes to the Hill today, the debate will go on between whether U.S. intelligence agreed with the intelligence of our honored and treasured ally, Great Britain, over a particular transaction for enriched uranium in Africa. But there is no debate that Iraq had a nuclear weapons program that spanned nearly 3 decades.

Iraqi scientist Khidhir Hamza told U.S. officials after he fled Iraq in 1994 that he helped train a cadre of young scientists who would be capable of resuming Iraq's atomic weapons program as soon as the U.N. cut back inspections. He said the program was personally directed by Saddam since its inception 3 decades earlier and was aided and abetted by technology transferred from many Western nations.

And just 2 weeks ago, Mahdi Obeidi led U.S. authorities in Baghdad to dig up shrubbery in his backyard to find sophisticated parts and documents to support Saddam's nuclear weapons program.

While we debate agreements between intelligence agencies, let us remember that about which there is no debate: Saddam Hussein had a 30-year nuclear weapons program, and if he went forward unchecked, would have used it to blackmail and tyrannize the world.

 HEAD START

(Mr. RODRIGUEZ asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. RODRIGUEZ. Mr. Speaker, today I rise on behalf of Head Start, a program which has been shown to help youngsters increase their vocabulary before they start school, a program which allows them writing skills before they start school, and to learn social behavior, a program which has been there to allow parent participation, allow health screening and services, a program that has been shown throughout the last 35 years to work for these low-income youngsters whose parents work out in the field harvesting food for this country.

What has the administration and the Republican Party decided to do? Shame on you, you have decided to go after this program designed to help the most vulnerable youngsters of this country.

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As he just indicated, the intent to cut the program, that program that has been there for our kids. Shame on you. This program has been there, has worked and now you have chosen to go back and basically cut this program and put it in the form of a block grant. In Texas, we should not allow it. I

would ask for your serious consideration to look at the fact that this program has been there for us.

THANKING DENMARK FOR SUPPORT IN THE WAR ON TERRORISM

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I want to praise the strong support from the people of Denmark in the war on terrorism. Denmark has been our ally longer than any other country, with unbroken diplomatic relations going back to 1791. The Danish military was one of our strongest partners in Afghanistan, providing special forces and F-16 fighter jets and has stood side by side with America in disarming Iraq. Also, the people I represent appreciate the strong maritime trade relationship between South Carolina and Denmark.

I am honored to be a member of the Congressional Friends of Denmark Caucus, which was founded by the gentleman from California (Mr. LANTOS). Recently, I welcomed to Capitol Hill Denmark's Ambassador to the United States, Ulrik Federspiel, and First Secretary Karen Eva Abrahamsen. I had the opportunity to thank them personally for the courage their country has shown.

I ask all of my colleagues to join me in thanking Denmark for its strong stand with the United States on the war on terrorism.

In conclusion, God bless our troops.

LEGISLATIVE AND EXECUTIVE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

(Mr. KINGSTON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, when the Republicans took over the House and the Senate and the White House, a lot of critics in this town said, well, now they have an opportunity and they won't be able to capitalize on it because no one gets along in Washington, DC, and it doesn't really matter who is in charge.

But that has not been the case. The President passed his No Child Left Behind with a statement in there that I think is very important, and there is no bigotry as bad as the label of low expectations, challenging the status quo in education. He has fought and led the fight in the war against terrorism, taking our troops to places like Afghanistan and Iraq, making very difficult decisions and yet making the world safe once more and telling terrorists, we're not going to let you get away it.

We have just recently passed Medicare reform which gives our seniors a much-needed prescription drug bill so that they will not have to choose between prescription medicine and food.

And, of course, we have passed a substantial tax reform and reduction package, one that will get Americans working again, one that will create jobs, one that will allow middle-class families to keep more of their hard-earned income.

PHARMACEUTICAL MARKET ACCESS ACT

(Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to set the record straight regarding H.R. 2427, the Pharmaceutical Market Access Act. Some groups have made claims that this bill would change the laws currently in effect regarding RU-486 or other abortion drugs. Nothing could be further from the truth.

This bill will not, Mr. Speaker, change, supersede or overrule any law regarding abortion drugs. All the current laws and regulations for abortion drugs as well as all other drugs will remain in force and the punishments for breaking those laws and regulations will still apply. The truth is that all this bill does is to free Americans to participate in the world market for the purchase of FDA-approved pharmaceuticals. In doing so, it will not change what is otherwise legal or illegal in this country.

Some of the staunchest pro-life Members of this body support H.R. 2427 because they understand that it does not threaten or undermine the abortion drug laws currently in force. I hope that Americans will ignore the unfounded criticisms of this bill. This bill will provide Americans, particularly seniors, large savings when purchasing prescription drugs.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 1472

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to have my name removed as a cosponsor of H.R. 1472.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PETRI). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

ISSUES REGARDING OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM

(Mr. McDERMOTT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, tomorrow the issue that faces this Congress will be brought to a point when Mr. Blair comes and explains to us what it was that he told our President that led the President to think that he should come in here in the State of the Union message and say things which are of questionable value.

We are continuing to have people die in Iraq. Last night another soldier died, and many were injured. These people signed up to protect the United States, not to make things better for Iraq or anything else. They signed up to protect their country, and they are dying.

There should be an investigation of what the reasons are that we were there. Did the threat rise to the level of a national security threat? Or was there a gathering of evidence? Certainly the uranium issue is bogus on the face of it, and it never should have been used by anyone in a defense of why we went to Iraq.

We have lost 200 people, and 1,000 have been injured. It seems like small numbers when you know about Vietnam, but that is where we are today, and we need an answer from the President.

PHARMACEUTICAL MARKET ACCESS ACT

(Mr. BURTON of Indiana asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I have been in Congress now for 21 years and I have seen some pretty cruddy things, but I have never seen anything as cruddy as this. This was put out by the Traditional Values Coalition. They asked me to be on their board of directors last year because they said I was such a nice guy. They are now sending out this circular to my district and many other congressional districts saying that I may be against protecting the sanctity of human life, inferring that I might be a pro-abortionist, when that has not been the way I feel for 40 years.

Members who are very pro-life, like the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. SMITH), are also on the reimportation bill to allow seniors to get pharmaceuticals at the lowest price possible in the world. The reason this is being done is because the pharmaceutical industry is afraid that they will have to lower their prices here in the United States as opposed to what they are charging people in other parts of the world.

In Germany, if you want to buy Tamoxifen, which helps women fight breast cancer, it costs \$60 for a 30-day supply. Here it is \$360 for a 30-day supply.

The pharmaceutical industry is underwriting these lies to try to scare American congressmen from supporting legislation that would put Americans in a competitive position. Americans should not pay any more for their pharmaceuticals than their counterparts in other parts of the world, and to use babies like this is a crime. I really criticize the Traditional Values Coalition and other religious groups for using this kind of trash to scare American Congressmen.