

since the 'end of major combat,' without a plan on accomplishing its initial goals in Iraq and keeping our soldiers from another quagmire."

Wesley of Bath, Ohio, writes, "I am very sad that George Bush and his staff, including Dick Cheney, Donald Rumsfeld and Condoleezza Rice, apparently misled us when taking us to war. We need to publicly investigate how the public was misled about the reasons for going into this war. If the President and his people are culpable, they should be let go."

Betty from Akron, Ohio, writes, "We need to end the U.S. occupation of Iraq and give authority for rebuilding to the United Nations. No more money from Congress until there is a change."

She and others have suggested that President Bush bring in more United Nations troops, more United Nations financial support, something the President has been unable to do, in large part because many around the world, as in this country, have not really believed that the President has told us the truth, and so many of our countrymen, so many of my constituents, have objected to this \$1 billion a week with no accountability, especially when \$13,000 every month is still going to the Vice President of the United States from a company that is getting millions of dollars in unbid contracts from the President of the United States.

Shirley from Akron, Ohio, writes, "We can no longer afford to go it alone in our nation-building in Iraq and still care for America's pressing social issues, most specifically, our children's education, health care and high unemployment from the loss of American jobs. The hubris of this administration's policies at home and abroad will cost America for decades to come. It must stop now."

She is talking about the President's tax cuts for the wealthiest citizens. The average millionaire gets a \$93,000 tax cut, while the President has cut veterans' benefits, and he is not taking care of our troops in Iraq and the supplies they need. The President has cut education and health care benefits also.

Claire from Strongsville, Ohio, writes, "The level of debt increases daily as we keep reducing services for needy children. It can only get worse as we throw more money into the unjust Iraq war."

You can see, letter writer after letter writer, citizen after citizen in this country, have major concerns about the corruption, the unaccountability, the money the Vice President is still receiving and our whole war policy.

#### RUBBER-STAMPING THE ADMINISTRATION'S POLICY IN IRAQ

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Washington (Mr. McDERMOTT) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, I come to the floor tonight because I

know that we are going to next week be in a session of the "Rubber Stamp Congress." Tomorrow the Committee on Appropriations will meet for several hours, and they will pass out \$87 billion worth of borrowed money.

I brought this because in my district one of my constituents started printing up what he calls "fraudulent event notes." This is a \$1 billion note in "deception dollars."

Now, 87 of those look something like this. That is what we are going to put out tomorrow, \$87 billion of hard-earned money, with very little discussion, and the President wants them to run it through this House next week. We will come in on Wednesday. We will fly in on Wednesday afternoon; on Thursday we will have a little debate; and Thursday it will be gone. Two, three hours of debate, \$87 billion.

Now, when you think about that, this Rubber Stamp Congress never says no to this President. It is a failed policy, with the same people in charge today that got us in the mess. Oh, they have rearranged the deck chairs on the Titanic. Ms. Rice is now in charge. She sort of elbowed Colin Powell off to one side, and Mr. Rumsfeld off to the other side, and she is running in and telling Mr. Bremer what to do, the Viceroy we appointed over there to run this place.

What is missing in all of this is a plan to give the control of Iraq to the Iraqis. They say someday. Five years, we are going to be doing this for 5 years. In one year, we have been in here for \$79 billion, and now we are back for \$87 billion more, all borrowed.

We cannot touch those tax cuts. Oh, no, we gave that money to the rich people, and, I do not know, they are doing something with it somewhere. They are not making jobs. We have got no jobs in this country. But we are printing money. The presses are running like mad printing this money to send over to Iraq.

Now, what are we going to send it there for? You heard from one of my colleagues a little bit of it. We are going to send over a guard system for public property, \$15 million. That is just for training and administration.

We are going to send them 80 pickup trucks at \$2.6 million. That is \$33,000 apiece. That is a pretty good pickup truck. You can get a pickup truck for under \$20,000 right now. But, no, we have to send them the \$33,000 brand.

We are going to send over a communications system of handheld radios, 400 of them, and 200 satellite telephones, for \$6 million. How many of your police departments have that kind of equipment? And yet we can send it over to Iraq.

Or we can go and give security for the judges at \$200 million. Four hundred judges. We are going to provide security details constantly for \$200 million.

These phony dollars that they got us into, they got us into a war on a fraudulent basis. The President stood right here and said things which he now

says, "My, it wasn't true." But we are going to pay for it.

We are going to pay for a witness protection program. If any Iraqis come forward, we promise them that we will take them to the United States and set them up someplace in Florida or wherever, I do not know, and spend \$100 million on them, like they were crime fighters in the Mafia in the United States.

That is what your money is going for. Mr. Speaker, there are a lot of things in this country that ought to happen before that happens.

We are going to buy them 200 tanker trucks. We are going to buy them 250 natural gas trucks. More of these dollars. They are going out. They are going out to the people, and they are going to be spent over there, and the Iraqis themselves say, "Give us 10 cents on the dollar, and we can do it ourselves." But this is an American occupation headed by Viceroy Bremer, and there is no intention in this list of turning over control to them.

We are going to set them up an army. We have decided they need a 40,000-man army. They had an army before. Where is it? Why do we have to buy new weapons for all of them?

Four hundred thirty-five Members are going to come in here with their rubber stamp, and they are going to say, "Mr. President, you want it. I close my eyes, it is yours." And we are going to send them \$87 billion, with no discussion. It is wrong. Keep your eye on them.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. MURPHY). Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. MEEK) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. MEEK of Florida addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extension of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. BEREUTER) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. BEREUTER addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extension of Remarks.)

#### THE NEED FOR RELIABLE, ACCESSIBLE, AND VERIFIABLE VOTING METHODS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. HOLT) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to follow my friend, the gentleman

from Washington (Mr. McDERMOTT). And to think that the gentleman got in some hot water not too many months ago for saying that, well, he might question the veracity of some in the administration who were talking about the facts leading us to war. I think the American people have come to see that the gentleman from Washington (Mr. McDERMOTT) knew what he was talking about.

But I would like to talk about another subject: voting, the single most important act of a democratic republic.

Now, citizens in my State of New Jersey tell me they want voting techniques, technologies that are reliable, accessible, and verifiable. And they are concerned that in the stampede to replace the unreliable butterfly and punch card ballots, that we may be replacing one unreliable voting technology with another.

Now, consider electronic machines like, for example, touch-screen machines. They are convenient, they are accessible, they are fast and efficient. In many ways, they make good voting machines. They report the election results promptly and can reduce clerical errors and errors in addition. And certainly Members of Congress, I for one, have encountered in an election where the county clerk makes errors of addition that, in some cases, take hours and, in other cases, days to uncover. But these electronic machines are good, except that they are inherently unverifiable. Voters ask me, now, after I vote on an electronic machine, how will I know that back there in the electronics, back in the ether, back in cyberspace, the vote was recorded as I intended. The answer is, they do not know. They cannot know. Because of software or hardware errors, the votes might have been misrecorded. Innocent, accidental errors, or malicious, intentional, hacking errors. The real problem is that there is no way for the voter to verify the reliability of the electronic count.

Voters are plenty skeptical these days, and we cannot afford to have voters more skeptical about the process that they are supposed to own.

Mr. Speaker, I have introduced legislation under which each voter gets to see a printed record of his or her vote to verify that the vote is recorded as the voter intended and that the printed record becomes the vote of record. Now, this gives all the convenience, accessibility, and reliability of the electronic voting machines. And, it gives the added element of verifiability, of verification that belongs to each voter, as it should.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. GUTKNECHT) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. GUTKNECHT addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extension of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gen-

tleman from New York (Mr. HINCHEY) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. HINCHEY addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extension of Remarks.)

COMMENDING THE INDIANAPOLIS COLTS ON THEIR STUNNING VICTORY AGAINST THE TAMPA BUCCANEERS ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 6

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Indiana (Ms. CARSON) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. CARSON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, those of my colleagues who probably were unable to stay up and watch the Monday night football game certainly by now know that within less than 4 minutes a miracle occurred at the Bay. I am not talking about the weather in Tampa Bay or perhaps the latest diet fad, but I am talking about a history-making, Indianapolis Colts-stomping that occurred at Tampa Bay on Monday night, October 6, on national television, a little show called "Monday Night Football."

The miracle at the Bay, a 38 to 35 overtime win, and no miracle to Indianapolis Colts fans, was lead by quarterback Peyton Manning and receiver Marvin Harrison.

I want to commend the Indianapolis Colts team, the Indianapolis Colts organization, and certainly the coach, the unflappable, the dignified gentleman, fired, dismissed, former Tampa Bay Coach Dungy, now with Indianapolis, and he makes us extremely proud.

Coached by Mr. Dungy, the Indianapolis Colts wiped out a 21-point deficit late in the fourth quarter and won 38 to 35 in overtime. The Colts trailed 21 to 0, 28 to 7, and 35 to 14. But in the fourth quarter, the Colts scored 28 points against the NFL's best defense and Super Bowl champion, the Buccaneers.

The "less than 4-minute-miracle" was led by Indianapolis quarterback Colt Peyton Manning and Colt receivers and running backs James Mungro, Marvin Harrison, and Ricky Williams over a span of less than 4 minutes; 3:37 minutes to be exact.

The Colts gained 455 total net yards against the Buccaneers' vaunted defense. Peyton Manning passed for 386 yards and two touchdowns. Marvin Harrison had 11 catches for 176 yards and two touchdowns.

It was a total team contribution, and the Colts are now 5 and 0 and, hopefully, Super Bowl-bound. An inspired Colts team gave Indianapolis fans a hard-fought victory. This win also gave Tony Dungy an unforgettable gift on his 48th birthday and his return to Tampa, a 38 to 55 victory in overtime against his old team, the Buccaneers.

Tony Dungy, when others may have given up because the ABCs of a comfortable victory did not seem to be in the cards, Coach Dungy does what he does best, the 3 Cs: calm, coaching, and confidence.

I want to say, Mr. Speaker, tonight that the Colts indeed make Indianapolis proud and Coach Dungy, who gives so much of his time with the NFL fatherhood project and a lot of other great things that he does in the Indianapolis community, as well as in Tampa, and the fact that he is such an example, a shining example of fatherhood, of what a husband is, what a family unit should be about, being a dad, he lives what he teaches.

Coach Dungy is the NFL face and coordinator of the All-Pro Dad, a non-profit program that offers practical fathering assistance updated daily, available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. At the heart of the program is the All-Pro Dad team. Its members include active NFL players and coaches and retired NFL standouts. Through TV, radio spots, and 2,000 nationwide billboards, these men speak to fathers about their most important job, and that is being a dad.

So again, Mr. Speaker, Coach Dungy is tops with Indianapolis and, in many ways, tops with the Nation, and with my favorites, and that is fatherhood, advocacy, and the Indianapolis Colts.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PALLONE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. PALLONE addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extension of Remarks.)

TROUBLING DEVELOPMENTS IN MIDDLE EAST PEACE PROCESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 7, 2003, the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. HILL) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on the subject of this Special Order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Indiana?

There was no objection.

Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker, in the August break, several Members had the opportunity to take a trip to Israel. As a matter of fact, there were 28 Members. It was lead by the minority whip, the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER). This evening we would like to offer Members who went on that trip the opportunity to share their experiences and to give their opinions and give their support for the State of Israel.

Mr. Speaker, as the only democracy in the Middle East, Israel has been a strong and important ally to the United States for over 50 years. Maintaining that relationship is imperative to the strength and security of the United States.