

McDERMOTT) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, the abuse of Iraqi prisoners began with an abuse of power by the Secretary of Defense, Mr. Rumsfeld. Justice will be served in Iraq only when America accepts responsibility for the prisoner abuse in Abu Ghraib and fires Secretary Donald Rumsfeld.

Secretary Rumsfeld and the administration can deny all they want, but the truth will not be denied. White House lawyers wrote memos about it. They tortured the English language until the President and the top civilians at the Pentagon were satisfied they could do whatever they wanted, manipulate the data, make it seem like truth. That has been the administration's approach in Iraq.

Secretary Rumsfeld pretended the Geneva Convention did not exist. Apparently it had too many constraints, like humane treatment of prisoners. Rumsfeld himself approved interrogation practices they are now trying to cover up by classifying them as secret.

Rumsfeld thought the world would never know. Mr. Nixon thought that too. Mr. Rumsfeld thought he could deny for so long the people would get tired and stop asking questions. Nixon's henchmen in the White House thought that too.

Rumsfeld thought a wave of the hand and attacking your critics could manipulate the news media into looking the other way. Nixon tried that too and it did not work.

The truth catches up with you, Mr. Rumsfeld. Like a Republican President who disgraced this country, Secretary Rumsfeld has abused the trust America has placed in its leaders. No one is above the law, not even those who show contempt for the law.

Torture is torture, Mr. Rumsfeld, no matter what you call it.

The abuse of power Secretary Rumsfeld triggered at the Pentagon has made Iraq even more dangerous for U.S. soldiers on the front lines. There is no excuse for that. There is no defense for that.

America cannot believe the pictures we have seen who came from people who call this country home. Secretary Rumsfeld tortured the U.S. values with its total disregard for a military code of conduct that applies in war.

The Geneva Convention was written to protect people in war from people like Secretary Rumsfeld, but he has dishonored this country and the tradition of the U.S. military. Instead of accepting the responsibility, the administration keeps throwing soldiers overboard in hopes that the question will stop before the truth emerges.

The latest casualty is General Janis Karpinski, who calls herself a "convenient scapegoat." With the blessing of Secretary Rumsfeld, she says, the Abu Ghraib prison was "Gitmoed."

General Karpinski points to the top U.S. Commander for Iraq, General Ricardo Sanchez. Rumsfeld just rotated

him out of the country. Out of sight, out of mind, that is the view of Mr. Rumsfeld. General Karpinski asks what was asked during the Nixon administration as they desperately tried to cover up Watergate. What did he know and when did he know it?

General Karpinski says that Sanchez needs to be questioned about the abuse. Rumsfeld says Sanchez needs a well-deserved rest after a trying time in Iraq. General Karpinski says the military commander in charge at Guantanamo Bay, Major General Geoffrey Miller, likened Iraqi prisoners to dogs. She quotes him, "They are like dogs and if you allow them to believe at any point that they are more than a dog, then you have lost control of them."

Secretary Rumsfeld is responsible for a military scandal that has commanders equating human beings with animals and treating them even worse.

The first step in restoring U.S. credibility is removing the weakest link in the U.S. military chain of command. That is the man at the top. Mr. Rumsfeld forgot that in war a nation must not only fight the enemy, it must also fight to retain its values. America should be a country that stands for bravery. Rumsfeld has made America a nation that is ashamed. Either resign or get fired. That is what the President ought to do, Mr. Speaker.

America deserves better than this. When they catch an American in Iraq and they say we will treat him like they treated the prisoners at Abu Ghraib, everybody gets up in arms and says what is going on here. Mr. Rumsfeld is to blame. Whatever happens to that American is because the Secretary of War in this country acted not in the America's best interest, but in the belief that he could do anything because he was the Secretary of War.

REVISIONS TO THE 302(a) ALLOCATIONS AND BUDGETARY AGGREGATES ESTABLISHED BY THE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS ON THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEARS 2004 AND 2005

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

Mr. NUSSLE. Mr. Speaker, I submit for printing in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD revisions to the 302(a) allocations to the Appropriations Committee and budgetary aggregates established by the budget resolution. These revisions increase the amount of new budget authority available to the House Appropriations Committee to reflect both technical changes and additional funds for wildland fire suppression provided by the Interior appropriations bill reported to the House today. My authority to make these adjustments is derived from sections 312 and 313 of S. Con. Res. 95, as made applicable to the House of Representatives by H. Res. 649 (108th Congress).

Section 313 of the conference report to accompany S. Con. Res. 95 provides for an increase in budget authority and outlays to the House Appropriations Committee upon report-

ing of the first bill by that committee. This increase, which totals \$7,158,000,000 in new budget authority and \$14,516,000,000 in outlays, is necessary both to increase the discretionary levels from the discretionary limits that are binding in the Senate (by virtue of Section 504 of the fiscal year budget resolution) to the levels envisioned by the conference agreement, and to achieve comparability in the budgetary treatment of Project Bioshield between the President's budget request and the conference agreement. I am hereby increasing the allocation and budgetary aggregates by these amounts.

Section 312 of S. Con. Res. 95 provides for a supplemental increase in budget authority and outlays to the House Appropriations Committee if additional funds are provided in 2004 or 2005 for wildland fire suppression. The adjustment is available for fiscal year 2005 if regular appropriations provided by the reported bill are at least 10-year average of obligations for such activities. Because this requirement has been met, I am increasing the 302(a) allocation of budget authority to the Appropriations Committee by \$500,000,000 in both 2004 and 2005 to reflect the additional amounts provided in the Interior appropriations bill. Outlays flowing from this budget authority total \$330,000,000 in 2004 and \$420,000,000 in 2005.

After the adjustments specified in these two sections, the 302(a) allocation to the House Committee on Appropriations becomes \$786,065,000,000 in budget authority and \$861,672,000,000 in outlays for fiscal year 2004 and \$821,919,000,000 in budget authority and \$905,748,000,000 in outlays for fiscal year 2005. The corresponding budgetary aggregates become \$1,881,055,000,000 in budget authority and \$1,903,832,000,000 in outlays for fiscal year 2004 and \$2,012,726,000,000 in budget authority and \$2,010,964,000,000 in outlays for fiscal year 2005.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 4568, DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2005.

Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 108-544) on the resolution (H. Res. 674) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4568) making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 4567, DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2005

Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 108-545) on the resolution (H. Res. 675) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4567) making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, and for other purposes,

which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

MANIPULATIONS OF ENRON

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

Mr. INSLEE. Mr. Speaker, I came tonight to the floor of the House to address an outrage, perhaps the largest fraudulent activity in American history which has resulted in literally billions of dollars being stolen from American ratepayers for electricity in the western United States. And this, of course, is the outright theft from West Coast ratepayers by the Enron Corporation. And I have come to the floor tonight because, unfortunately, the energy bill that passed this Chamber today did absolutely nothing whatsoever to restore one ounce of justice for the consumers on the West Coast who were so grievously ripped off by the Enron Corporation.

Mr. Speaker, the sad fact is that today the House of Representatives had an opportunity to do something about an outrage that has not been remedied now despite our efforts for the last 3 years. Because the sad fact is that the Enron Corporation and others manipulated with unfortunately great effect the energy market in the West Coast starting in 2000. This manipulation resulted in West Coast ratepayers paying conservatively in the billions of dollars of overcharges to Enron and other energy traders. And the law of the United States as written is designed to prevent that and does prevent that if we had a cop on the beat to enforce the laws. But, unfortunately, what happened in the years 2000 and 2001 is that Enron found a way to gain the system. They found a way to essentially shut off generating capacity for the western coast of the United States and, as a result, drive up the prices dramatically, and they were unfortunately successful in this outrageous conduct. In fact, rates being paid by utilities, and therefore ratepayers in the western United States went up by a factor of a thousand percent, sometimes on a daily basis. And Enron was successful in doing this because they decided not to follow the law. And, unfortunately, they had some allies in not following the law, and that was this Federal Government, which did not enforce the law of the United States and allowed Enron to foist billions of dollars of overcharges on the ratepayers on the West Coast.

Now, just to put a sense on how grievous this is, in Snohomish County, Washington, in the northern Puget Sound area, an area which I represent, ratepayers are still paying today half as much more than they should be paying, 52 percent more than they should be paying for electricity due to the depredation, the rapaciousness of the Enron Corporation.

This is now over a billion dollars in the State of Washington of overcharges that ratepayers are still paying today. And we believe, at least on my side of the aisle, that the Federal Government should take action to get refunds back from the Enron Corporation as a result of these wrongful activities.

Unfortunately, today, the Republicans refused to allow an amendment to be even voted on in this Chamber to get that money back for ratepayers on the West Coast. It would have been a simple amendment. I offered it in conjunction with the gentleman from California (Mr. FILNER) and the gentleman from Oregon (Mr. DEFAZIO), that would have required that refunds would have been given to these ratepayers going back to the year 2000. But unfortunately the majority party decided to side with Enron, the bankrupted corporation, bankrupt both fiscally and morally. They sided with Enron rather than with consumers and stood against giving consumers the refunds that they are owing.

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This is outrageous, and I know it is outrageous because the offenses of which I speak are not hypothetical. We have very clear evidence of what Enron did, and that evidence has been disclosed by very vigorous, assertive, and healthfully combative Public Utility District in Snohomish County PD, in Snohomish County, Washington, because what they did was they forced the disclosure of audio tapes that these Enron traders had kept of their conversations when they came up with their nefarious deals.

The Bush administration and their Federal Energy Regulatory Commission did not want the public to hear these tapes. They did not want the public to have access to the gamesmanship that went on that cost consumers so many millions of dollars, but Snohomish County PD was very energetic in getting these tapes released. Now they have come forward, and what is on these tapes would shock even the saltiest of sailors, not only because of the language that was used but because of the immoral, unethical conduct where these traders basically sacrificed willingly the ratepayers in order to juice out another million dollars or so a day for the Enron Corporation.

I would like to go over some of these, and we have deleted the expletives that were unfortunately frequently in their conversations, but we are trying to keep the gist of their conversation, and I am just going to refer to some of them here. These are audio tapes transcribed by Snohomish County Public Utility District of traders for Enron Corporation talking to one another.

First trader: So the rumor is true that they are taking all the blank money back from you guys, all that money you stole from those poor grandmothers in California?

Response: Yeah, Grandma Millie, and she is the one who could not figure out

how to blank vote on the butterfly vote.

Response: Now she wants her blank money back for all the power you jammed her for, for \$250 per megawatt hour.

That is a conversation between Enron traders.

Now, when they talk about jamming Grandma Millie, what they mean by this is they have constricted the supply down, going to the California ratepayers and Washington for that matter and, therefore, boosted the price up, in this case to \$250 a megawatt hour, in many cases up to \$1,000 a megawatt hour, 10 times what was the previously going rate.

Now this type of conservation was repeated over and over and over again by these traders.

Second example. The Enron traders discovered a handy little technique. They found a way to congest transmission lines so that when they were congested, energy could not get through. So they would willfully schedule transmissions in a way that would prevent transmission from occurring, and when that happened, the price skyrocketed because of the existing demand. So here is a conversation here. They are talking about the congestion.

Then the other trader states: If the line's not congested, I just look to congest it. If you can congest it, that is a money maker, no matter what.

And it was a money maker, because when they congested these lines, the price skyrocketed, sometimes tenfold, and when it skyrocketed, several things happened. First off, you actually had brownouts in California, but you also forced utilities like Snohomish County Public Utility District in Washington State to enter into long-term contracts to try to ameliorate, to try to reduce the outrageous hits they were taking in these skyrocketing prices. Enron tried to sort of lure them into these long-term contracts and were sometimes successful because they were punishing ratepayers with these outrageous prices.

Third example. The Enron traders talked about who they would like to be running the Federal Government, and they talked about it in terms about who would be on Enron's side. They talked about who would be favorable to Enron, who would sort of wink at the wrongful actions by Enron, who would be sort of the cop who was asleep at the switch; and they reached a conclusion pretty quickly.

First off, they noted that Enron was the biggest contributor to the election campaign of President George Bush. They then noted that would it not be great if the next Secretary of Energy was Ken Lay, the disgraced CEO of the Enron Corporation. What they said was, How great would that be for all the players in the market. He would open these markets up.

Now, they were right on that. If Ken Lay was Secretary of Energy, he would have opened up these markets and