world root out the people who profit off of this special evil.

Many of these people are involved in organized crime. There are even reports that suggest profits from trafficking in persons are used to support terrorist activities.

Make no mistake about it, any government that tolerates trafficking, tolerates a form of slavery.

THE COST OF REBUILDING IRAQ

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

Mr. DEFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, last fall the President's economic adviser, Larry Lindsey, said the war in Iraq could cause $100 billion to $200 billion. Well, Wolfowitz, Rumsfeld, said, ''That is absurd. Those are crazy numbers.'' In fact, Wolfowitz said, ''Don't worry, they can pay for their own reconstruction.''

Now, the President is asking Congress to borrow $87 billion in the name of the American people, $20 billion of that to rebuild the infrastructure of Iraq.

Now, it is nice that we want to build a $150 million children's hospital in Iraq, but American kids lack basic health care. Where is the money for that?

It is nice that they want to rebuild the Port of Umm Qasr, $80 million. The President has zeroed out dredging ports in my district.

Billions for the electric grid; not a penny for the faltering electric grid in the United States of America.

$20 billion invested here would create 1 million U.S. jobs. $20 billion in Iraq is a drop in the bucket of what it is really going to cost, but it will produce some nice profits for Halliburton.

TRIBUTE TO SGT. JASON ''TYE'' PRATT

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

Mr. TERRY. Mr. Speaker, I come to the floor today with great sadness. Two weeks ago in Omaha, a brave, dedicated police officer, Sgt. Jason Pratt, was gunned down by a violent criminal following a routine traffic stop. He died of severe head injuries last Friday. I attended his funeral 2 days ago.

I want to extend my sincere condolences not only to the family and friends of this heroic man, but to the entire community for the loss of such a brave officer. But while I rise today to mourn the death of Officer Jason ''Tye'' Pratt, I also want to celebrate his life, a life built upon optimism, bravery, compassion and dedication.

Those who were lucky enough to know him will tell you what an honorable husband, father, son, brother, friend, coworker and citizen he was. A 1992 honors student graduate of Burke High School, dubbed as having the ''prettiest smile,'' he married his wife, Stacy, in 1995 and began his work serving the Omaha community as a rookie police officer in 1996. Upon completing training in 1997, he joined the SWAT unit, the emergency response unit.

Jason and Stacy were the parents of two young daughters, Madison and Jordyn. Officer Pratt bragged about his wife and her work at the Immanuel Medical Center and his daughters constantly at work.

He was known for his tremendous discipline, work ethic and commitment. He balanced an irresistible sense of humor with full-throttled intensity in whatever role he undertook. This is a man who truly loved what he did, and never hesitated to help somebody in need.

Police officers are everyday heroes. They put their lives on the line day in and day out to ensure our safety and protect our community.

For a week, Officer Jason ''Tye'' Pratt hung on to his life in the hospital, receiving an outpouring of prayers. He is a true hero. Officer Pratt was a hero to his wife, daughters, family and fellow officers, and he will remain a hero to all of us.

THE AMERICAN DEBT

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

Mr. POMEROY. Mr. Speaker, it has been 868 days since President Bush and the Republican Party embarked upon their economic plan for our country. During this time, the national debt has increased by $1,163,468,782,425.75.

According to the Web site for the Bureau of Public Debt at the U.S. Department of Treasury, yesterday as of 4:30 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time, the Nation's outstanding debt was $6,803,794,168,784.52.

The interest we will have to pay on this debt, the debt tax, for fiscal year 2003 through the end of August, amounts to $304,978,878,641.11.

HONORING GOVERNOR HUGH GREGG

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

Mr. BRADLEY of New Hampshire. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a dedicated public servant who has devoted his life to the State he so loved dearly, former Governor Hugh Gregg.

Governor Gregg passed away yesterday at the age of 85. Governor Gregg wore many hats in his lifetime, war hero, businessman, lawyer, public servant, but he will most be remembered as a devoted husband to his wife, Catherine, a father to his two sons, Cyrus Gregg and U.S. Senator JUDD GREGG, and a grandfather and great-grandfather.

He served as a special agent in the U.S. Army Counterintelligence Corps from 1942 to 1946 in China. He also served as an alderman in his hometown of Nashua, and later became mayor of that city.

Governor Gregg was proud to be a politician and realized that politics was the vehicle to better the lives of New Hampshire's citizens. He perhaps will most be remembered for his passion for the New Hampshire first-in-the-Nation presidential primary. Governor Gregg authored two books on the New Hampshire primary, and his history of the primary is part of the official State record published by the Secretary of State's office.

Not one to sit by idly, Governor Gregg was still a dominant presence in the State, even at the age of 85, most recently serving on the State Ballot Law Commission.

Governor Gregg's legacy will continue to live on in the causes he held so dear to his heart, helping those with disabilities and preserving New Hampshire's unique role in the political process. The State mourns the loss of a great statesman, civic leader and friend, and his efforts to make New Hampshire a better place in which to live has made a lasting impact on all who call New Hampshire home.

Governor Gregg represented the New Hampshire ideals we all cherish: Integrity, strength and honesty. He has raised the bar high for those who want to be public servants. His civility, frankness and fairness will be sorely missed.

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A LOOK AT U.S. DAILY DEATHS IN IRAQ

(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, in the next few days, we will hear people say that if you do not support that $87 billion, you are against the troops and you do not care what is happening to our people in Iraq.

The fact is that since this war started, 304 people have died. Mr. Speaker, 167 have died since the President announced that the mission was accomplished. And now they want us to give them a blank check with $87 billion. They will not change one single thing. They will not acknowledge anything with the international community; they will not change anything.

Mr. Speaker, Sergeant Lunsford Brown died on September 20. Captain Brian Faunce died on September 18. Sergeant David Freidrich died on September 20. Sergeant Paul Sturino died on September 22. They continue to die, and the President will not tell us how he is going to get us out of this morass, except give me more money or you are unpatriotic.

Members in this House who want to ask questions are not unpatriotic. The