

What's next? Is the Air Force going to outsource those airplane crews with the French as well?

And that's just the way it is.

AVOID MILITARY CONFRONTATION WITH IRAN

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

Mr. McDERMOTT. Madam Speaker, any voice of reason inside the current administration is a voice in the wilderness, a voice that will be silenced by the President, all of which should be a matter of grave urgency for the American people.

The administration has set its sights on military confrontation with Iran. Just like Iraq, any voice of reason will not be merely muffled; it will be silenced.

Remember Colin Powell? Where is he? Remember General Shinseki? He was drummed out for speaking truth to power about what it would really take to win in Iraq.

Now Admiral Fallon, the Secretary of Defense, wouldn't return phone calls until the Admiral got the message to turn in his resignation because he questioned the President's policy toward Iran.

The President's foreign policy is open hostility and a finger on the trigger looking for any provocation for a military strike against Iran. That's what the neocons want; that's what co-President DICK CHENEY wants.

Their thirst for oil is matched only by their thirst for war. They think the U.S. will dominate the world with military confrontation. They are the only ones who believe that. We must keep the pressure on to ensure the President does not launch another war. Four thousand have already died.

That's enough.

THE HIGH SPRINGS FARMERS MARKET

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

Mr. STEARNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the contributions of High Springs Farmers Market, which is in my congressional district.

It was established in 2001. The market provides local growers with an opportunity to sell their products directly to consumers and to provide area residents with high quality, fresh produce and other farm products at affordable prices.

This market then has encouraged and assisted local residents to grow fresh produce through a community garden program, and it provides training and entrepreneurial opportunities for the new growers. By promoting local Florida products, this market allows traditional farmers to sell in today's competitive market.

In addition, the High Spring Farmers Market is the first and only market in the State of Florida to accept food stamps, providing high-quality, fresh food to those who otherwise could not afford it.

I am grateful for the market's dedication to the entrepreneurial spirit and am proud to have it in my district. Congratulations to them and keep up the great work.

COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS

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

Mr. BOREN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of access to colorectal cancer screening for all Americans. The month of March is Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month.

Like far too many other Americans, my life has been touched by cancer. Nine years ago I lost my mother, Janna, to colon cancer. I understand too well the importance of catching this type of cancer early. Colorectal cancer is one of the leading killers in the United States that will this year unnecessarily take the lives of almost 50,000 of our constituents nationwide.

This is a tragedy because we have every tool necessary to prevent the suffering and death from this disease. Only 22 States and the District of Columbia have protections in place to provide access to screening and early detection procedures for colorectal cancer. This is unacceptable. Life-saving tests that are widely available and reliable should be accessible to each and every one of our constituents.

Please join me in recognizing Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month and the importance of making early detection of this disease a priority.

FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WAR IN IRAQ

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

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, on this fifth anniversary of the war in Iraq being commemorated in the Capitol today, the statistics tell the tale.

Because of the military surge and Sunni cooperation, we are making significant progress towards stability and freedom in Iraq. Violence is down nationwide by more than 60 percent in the last year.

But as the saying goes, seeing is believing, and thanks to the miracle of youtube.com, Americans can join me for a walk down the streets of Haditha, Iraq, in the heart of al Anbar province. On March 2, with a military security detail and our bipartisan delegation, we walked the streets of this war-torn city, and I posted 15 minutes of unedited interviews with local Iraqis on youtube.com.

The fight is far from over, but we are making significant progress in Iraq.

Thanks to youtube.com, the American people can hear and see that progress for themselves.

HONORING KAREN BASS

(Ms. RICHARDSON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. RICHARDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the newly elected Speaker of the California State Assembly, the Honorable Karen Bass. It is with great pleasure that I applaud her accomplishments and wish her future much success.

At the end of this legislative year, Karen Bass will break historic glass ceilings in California and across this Nation by becoming the first African American woman Speaker of the State legislative body.

Speaker-elect Karen Bass, who is respected on both sides of the aisle, received unanimous support. Throughout her career, her public service and social justice has been something that she commonly really used not only in her community but now in her service. In 1990, Speaker-elect Bass founded the Community Coalition for Substance Abuse, Prevention and Treatment. She served as its executive director for 14 years. After the 1992 civil unrest, her organization played a pivotal role in the success of South Los Angeles.

Speaker-elect Bass turned to politics when she concluded that the best way to implement change would be to be an elected official herself. At the time of her election, there were no other African American women serving in the California Legislature. She was immediately appointed majority whip, and now she serves as majority leader.

Please join me in congratulating her as we wish her tremendous success.

THE PRICE OF OIL

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

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, energy security is national security. When President Bush was sworn into office, a barrel of crude oil was approximately \$27 a barrel. When the Democrats took over the House, the price of a barrel of crude oil was \$58, a \$31 increase.

Since this Democrat-controlled House has been in power, the price of a barrel of crude oil has gone from \$35 to today \$110 a barrel of crude oil.

Now, what's the solution? The solution is more supply. Democrats continue to block Outer Continental Shelf exploration. They continue to block oil exploration. They continue to block coal-to-liquid technologies.

More supply brings lower prices. If you know basic economics supply and demand, you know that if you have a high demand you need more supply.

Until we bring more supply back into this debate, the only thing we could