

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.