

during the time when the communists took over Poland as well. Again, the suffering continued. The oppression of the Catholic Church, that he saw so much of during World War II, continued as well. And yet he used his position as a bishop and cardinal to give guidance and strength to the people of his region.

It was no wonder when he was chosen to hold the position of Holy Father some 25 years ago, the other cardinals and people in a world saw him as a source of strength in a world that was badly needed in a world that was weakened by lack of courage and moral fiber.

His struggles have shaped him and given him incredible strength. He has visited some 125 countries around the world, remained active in sports, visited many churches, and as incredible as it may seem, still could draw crowds of hundreds of thousands of youth. A million came to the World Youth Day that he had not too long ago, youth wanting to see him and get a glimpse of this man, the Holy Father whom they see as a great source of strength. He is gentle. Despite his strength, the most incredible thing that stands out is still how he would reach out to those weak, sick, poor, those who were sinners. Some fail and blame their history, some move forward despite their history, and some achieve greatness because of the suffering they have been through. We owe a great deal to this incredible man.

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#### EXAMINING MINORITY LEADER'S VOTING RECORD ON DEFENSE ISSUES

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

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Mr. Speaker, before I actually get into what I want to talk about, I would like to mention a couple of things that I heard on the floor tonight. I heard that going into Iraq was not against the Constitution, but I remind my colleagues that this President came to the United States Congress and asked for permission. The previous President, President Bill Clinton, did not when he went into Haiti, Somalia, Bosnia and Iraq five times. We hit an aspirin factory in the Sudan; 214 deployments. I did not hear much from the other side of the aisle during that time frame. This President came to this Congress to do that. We were told that we would be in Bosnia 1 year. We are still there. Take a look at Haiti and Somalia today. I think the popular movie, "Black Hawk Down," shows how the denial of armor caused a bunch of our troops to be killed. I think that when we talk about different things, I think we need to put it in perspective.

I saw that this week President Izetbegovic passed away. President

Izetbegovic in Sarajevo used Sivilanovic, who was his minister who trained under Qaddafi, put Mujah Hadeen, Hamas and al Qaeda into Sarajevo. And I will tell the Speaker that many of those individuals are still there from those terrorist organizations and are under scrutiny.

The main reason I came today is I heard that my colleagues on the other side of the aisle were going to do a hit piece on Mr. DELAY. Well, I think it is unfortunate that if they cannot win with ideas, they hit our leadership and they try to do anything that they can to discredit the Republican Party. Mr. Speaker, in counter to that, I am going to go through a few things about their leadership. I challenged the gentlewoman from California (Ms. PELOSI) a while back and said that she had in 1993 and 1994 a 15 percent national security voting record. In 1995 she had a 20 percent national security voting record. In 1996, 21 percent. In 1997, 30. In 1998 through 2002, 36 percent. The gentlewoman got on the floor and said the gentleman can say anything he wanted but that it was inaccurate, that I vote for every defense bill. Tonight I researched, Mr. Speaker; and I researched that information and it is just not true.

The gentlewoman voted against the defense appropriations bill in 1998. She voted against it in 1997, in 1996, in 1992, in 1991, and in 1989 against defense appropriations. I have got lists here where she voted against defense authorization bills. I would also state that that rating is not just for the bill itself but for the overall defense and how the gentlewoman from California, the minority leader, voted.

She voted to reduce military spending by \$41.9 billion. That was an amendment. She voted to reduce funding for ballistic missile defense; Mr. Dellums at that time, \$1.5 billion. To downsize U.S. forces. Prohibit U.S. command of U.S. forces, she voted for that. Reduce defense and technology spending. Support sharp cuts in defense spending which included pay and allowances for our troops. Of the 20 votes that year, the gentlewoman voted against defense 17 times.

The next year. Provide national defense funding, pay raises, combat readiness. The gentlewoman from California voted against that. So again the statement that the gentlewoman from California made was inaccurate and the votes are recorded here.

She voted to reduce funding for the F-22 fighter, the B-2 bomber; and we saw how efficient the B-2 was in Bosnia and in Kosovo and in Baghdad as well. The gentlewoman voted of the 20 times, 16 times against national security positions.

#### EXAMINING RECENT COMMENTS BY MAJORITY LEADER ON ADMINISTRATION'S POLICY IN IRAQ

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of Jan-

uary 7, 2003, the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PALLONE) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, last week during debate on the \$87 billion supplemental appropriations bill to fund military and reconstruction efforts in Iraq, Majority Leader TOM DELAY said Members who had the audacity to challenge the Bush administration's foreign policy and not support the appropriations bill were not supporting our troops over in Iraq. This statement, Mr. Speaker, comes on the heels of statements that Mr. DELAY made last month after Senator EDWARD KENNEDY seriously questioned the Bush administration's reasoning for the war in Iraq and its handling of Iraq during the postwar period. The majority leader called KENNEDY's criticism "hate speech." During a speech at the Heritage Foundation on September 24, Mr. DELAY said, and I quote, "Ted Kennedy unleashed the most mean-spirited and irresponsible hate speech yet."

One day earlier, the Associated Press quoted Mr. DELAY as saying, and I quote, that "Kennedy's brand of hate speech has become a mainstream in the Democratic Party."

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair would remind the gentleman that he must refrain from improper references to Senators.

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, the majority leader must have a short memory. If these statements are hate speech and mean-spirited, I would hate to see how Mr. DELAY would characterize his own comments about President Clinton on the eve of a successful bombing campaign that ejected Serbian troops from Kosovo and led to the uprising that ended the murderous regime of another dictator, Slobodan Milosevic.

Here are some examples of DELAY's criticism of President Clinton during that Kosovo conflict that I would like to point to this evening. This was a statement that TOM DELAY said, a floor statement opposing the resolution commending America's successful campaign in Kosovo on July 1, 1999.

He said, and I quote, "For us to call this a victory and to commend the President of the United States as the Commander in Chief showing great leadership in Operation Allied Forces is a farce."

On the same resolution, floor statement, Mr. DELAY said, and I quote, "So what they are doing here is they are voting to continue an unplanned war by an administration that is incompetent of carrying it out. I hope my colleagues will vote against the resolution."

I would like to point out to my colleagues that on one occasion, Mr. DELAY is basically questioning the President's ability as Commander in Chief, in the case of President Clinton; and in this other case, he is suggesting that the Clinton administration is incompetent of carrying out the war in