

this company may be making a profit on the war, it is just incredible to me.

All we are asking is that our Republican colleagues in control of the House have some sort of hearings and bring this up. That is all that you mentioned in the letter from our colleagues on our committee, the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. DINGELL) and the gentleman from California (Mr. WAXMAN), want. That is all they are asking be done, and still the Republicans refuse to do it.

We are just going to come down here and continue to come down here until some effort is made by the majority party to have hearings and to have some accountability. We just cannot keep bleeding with all this money that is going into this company. It just does not make any sense.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BISHOP of Utah). The Chair would remind Members that it is not in order in debate to directly accuse the President or the Vice President of lacking integrity or of "speaking out of both sides of their mouth."

GREAT WORK BEING DONE BY 10TH MOUNTAIN DIVISION, FORT DRUM, NEW YORK

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

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, we have certainly heard a lot of information here this evening. Of course, both sides in this House have not only the right, they have the obligation to speak out when they believe that things are not right. It is an election season, and we are hearing a lot of political discourse and rhetoric. We hear a lot of it from the Presidential campaign trail. While it is their right and while it is their obligation, we all know, we should know, that words have consequences, and the words spoken here in this House do resonate across the country.

I would never question anyone's motives or patriotism, but, at the same time, Mr. Speaker, I just cannot help but point out, last week I traveled to the countries of Iraq and Afghanistan, it was my second trip to Iraq, my first trip ever to the country of Afghanistan, and had a chance to see what was happening there on the ground.

Mr. Speaker, we hear about Afghanistan and Iraq and the capture of Saddam Hussein in December. In an effort, I guess, to minimize the importance of that, and let me say that was important and we are safer because that man is in custody, but in an effort to minimize the importance of that significant event, we heard rhetoric that, well, it does not really matter, because we should not have been in Iraq in the first place, we had not finished the job in Afghanistan.

Mr. Speaker, I want to take a minute tonight and talk about what I saw

going on in the country of Afghanistan, and I wanted to talk about the great work that is being done by the 10th Mountain Division out of Fort Drum, New York.

Mr. Speaker, General Austin in Afghanistan with the 10th Mountain Division spoke to us, and as part of his briefing he shared with us a picture, and the picture was so dramatic that I wanted to share it with this House, and, in fact, I wanted to share it with the country.

Mr. Speaker, this is a picture of what our guys in Afghanistan are doing to end the war on terror in that country, to reclaim that country for its people, and, in the end, to make us safer here at home.

Here you see some of our young soldiers. Here is a man, and I do not remember whether he was Taliban or al Qaeda, but he lived in a house on a steep mountainside. He thought he was relatively immune from prosecution in that perch because he could see anyone coming up the hillside to apprehend him. So he was sitting by his campfire one morning taking his morning meal, and this very large helicopter, half of it landed on his roof, and he was apprehended by our forces. You see him being loaded in the back of the helicopter to come and face whatever charges were brought against him.

Mr. Speaker, this is a dramatic, dramatic photo showing what lengths our fighting men and women will go to in order to end the conflict in Afghanistan, and I believe they are well on the way to ending that. In fact, Mr. Speaker, I would go so far as to say as soon as the snow melts out of the passes in those mountains on the border area between Afghanistan and Pakistan, we are very likely to see the very beginning of the end for those groups who mean to harm our troops and innocent Afghani citizens and those individuals who want to prevent the return of civil society to Afghanistan.

So, Mr. Speaker, I know it is a little bit off the point of what we have just been hearing, but, in fact, there are some good things going on in the world. Our troops are doing a masterful job on the ground, both in Iraq and Afghanistan. I am proud of them. I am proud of our country.

Just for the record, Mr. Speaker, I was over there, but I did not consume any meals, so we will not have to reimburse the people for those.

But, once again, I wanted to point out just the dramatic aspect of that photo. Think of the risk that pilot is taking in order to apprehend that individual and bring him to justice, the loadmaster in the back of that craft that essentially landed the helicopter on that man's roof. You can imagine the surprise of that individual as he was brought into United States custody.

IMPORTANCE OF SERVICE ECONOMY IN AMERICA

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 7, 2003, the gentleman from California (Mr. DREIER) is recognized for 60 minutes.

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, I do not normally use this forum of Special Orders to address our colleagues, but tonight I want to spend some time talking about a very important issue. I want to talk about hamburger-flipping jobs. Actually, I want to talk about the claim made by some politicians and pundits that the American economy is turning into an economy of hamburger-flipping jobs.

Now, we all know that hamburger-flipping jobs is a buzzword. It is a phrase intended to sum up a lot of complex changes that are going on in the American economy. Obviously those changes are impacting jobs. They are impacting businesses, they are impacting families, and they are impacting communities. Talking about hamburger-flipping jobs is a way to say that our economy is in decline. It says we are losing, quote/unquote, good jobs, and in their place we are creating bad jobs, second-rate jobs, no-future jobs.

Sometimes the same people talk about dishwashing jobs, or janitor jobs, or retail jobs, especially at Wal-Mart or Target or K-Mart. People use buzzwords because they reduce complicated ideas to a simple digestible package, and in this case we are talking about a whole host of very complex economic trends.

It is no surprise that people turn to buzzwords. We no longer have to worry about viewers nodding off to sleep during long-winded speeches. They have 200 cable channels from which to choose, and obviously the unlimited Internet, so they can clearly move on for seconds.

But, Mr. Speaker, I hope that our colleagues will bear with me as I go through this, because I think it is absolutely critical to dispel the utterly ridiculous, factually inaccurate, completely fictitious assertion that the American economy is heading downhill and that we are replacing good jobs with hamburger-flipping jobs.

Exposing the charade of the hamburger-flipping jobs argument is absolutely critical, because these buzzwords are at the heart of a concerted attack on the fundamental basis, Mr. Speaker, of our economic strength, an attack on the fundamental basis of America's economic strength.

There are serious people who want to turn back the clock on our economy, threatening very real gains that have been made by millions and millions of American families.

Now, it is buzzword time again, Mr. Speaker. Talking about hamburger-flipping jobs is a way to demean our, quote/unquote, service economy. What do we mean by service economy? We do have an economy that is increasingly