

with an emphasis on women's health and education.

SMART security means interrogation, not torture. It means an open government, one we can trust to do the right thing; not one that will hide behind Justice Department memos condoning torture and secret Pentagon plans on how to use torture to America's advantage during war.

The situation in the Middle East requires the best America has to offer. SMART security relies on the very best of America: our commitment to peace and freedom, our compassion for the people of the world, and our capacity for multilateral leadership.

Let us be smart about our future in this country. SMART security is tough, SMART security is pragmatic and patriotic, and it will keep America safe and honored by the rest of the world.

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

(Mr. MURPHY addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

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

(Mr. JONES of North Carolina addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

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

(Mr. BURTON of Indiana addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

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

(Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

EXCHANGE OF SPECIAL ORDER TIME

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take the time of the gentleman from California (Mr. GEORGE MILLER).

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Washington?

There was no objection.

BUSH ENVIRONMENTAL RECORD

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Washington (Mr.

McDERMOTT) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, "environment" is a dirty word in the current administration and they have the record to prove it.

The administration has turned over environmental stewardship to special interests. The Vice President held secret meetings with energy companies to craft the new energy policy. It does not address renewable resources or energy efficiency. Instead, the Cheney Special Interest Energy Task Force called for more oil drilling and more coal production.

Efforts by the public to learn for about these secret meetings were unsuccessful. That is because Attorney General John Ashcroft issued a new directive urging all Federal agencies to deny all Freedom of Information requests whenever possible.

The administration's actions go far beyond our own borders. A new film, "The Day After Tomorrow," depicts a world plunged into a new ice age because we refuse to address global warming. They say the truth is stranger than fiction.

The President called the U.S. out of the so-called Kyoto Protocol. Mr. Speaker, 160 nations had agreed to work together to address critical global warming issues.

Under democratic President Bill Clinton, the U.S. had agreed to be part of this worldwide global initiative to save the world. This President not only withdrew from Kyoto, he also worked to reduce clean air standards at our oldest and most polluted power plants. The administration could not get Congress to reduce Mercury standards, so the administration reduced them on their own.

The administration has proposed something they call a Clear Skies Initiative. They could have called it the Dark Cloud Policy. The effect of dark cloud is to gut clean water and air standards. If they get it through, the industry would have another reason to pollute, direct from the White House. Now, that is a new definition of environmental stewardship.

The administration does not just propose new pollution legislation. This administration has been redefining existing definitions to help industry pollute. A case in point: older coal-fired power plants, among the worst polluters, have a new definition of "upgrade" that allows them to avoid installing new technology to reduce pollution.

In one of America's great places, Yellowstone National Park, we now have, surprise, calls by the administration to let snowmobiles continue to pollute the air and noise. But the Park Service plans to phase in banning snowmobiles from the park suddenly needs, yes, more study. That is administration speak for special interests.

There are plenty of places in America, millions of acres available for snowmobiles, but the snowmobile lobby went right through the oval office.

Now, Congress is trying to save Yellowstone from the administration's tactics.

The President turned his back on his own campaign pledge to reduce industry carbon dioxide emissions, a major contributor to greenhouse gases. Oil drilling has been given a green light in the Padre Island National Seashore. It is off the coast of Texas, and it is the first national park to be open to drilling. It has dramatically increased logging in the Pacific Northwest, and is trying to convince the world that fake salmon are better than natural salmon.

The list of environmental transgressions is so long that 5 minutes is not enough, 5 hours is not enough, and 5 days would not be enough to help the American people understand what has happened to our environment since this President took office. They are polluting the air, polluting our water, and it affects human beings as much as it affects environmental degradation. Ask any one of the youngsters in this country in the epidemic of asthma.

None of this matters to the administration. The special interests have spoken and given hundreds of millions of dollars to Republican political campaigns.

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That buys access to the Oval Office and, they hope, to places like Yellowstone.

The rest of us are told there is no problem. We are just reactionaries. The evidence is overwhelming, we are told we need more research. Big tobacco always said that about cigarettes and lung cancer. They said it every time someone else new was diagnosed with lung cancer. Why do we not do some more studies?

Well, this administration is doing exactly what big tobacco did. First, deny, deny, deny. Then attack your critics. Then say we need more study. Then attack the study and call for research.

At a time when the world needs environmental leadership, the Administration offers environmental plunder. We can no longer accept that.

Everyone has heard of Lord of the Rings. In fact, many have seen it. In J.R.R. Tolkien's Return of the King, the character Gandalf says something that should guide us all.

"It is not our part to master all the tides of the world, but to do what is in us for the succor of those years wherein we are set, uprooting the evil in the fields that we know, so that those who live after may have clear earth to till. What weather they shall have is not ours to rule."

The environment is not for sale. The American people need to know that. Look at the record. Save the environment while there is still time. November 2 is coming.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey). Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART) is recognized for 5 minutes.