

supposed liberators, endorse and adopt these kinds of oppressive tactics, then what was the point of toppling Saddam Hussein, especially given that he did not even have weapons of mass destruction?

This disgraceful episode makes me believe more strongly than ever that we must reevaluate our entire approach to providing national security, and it should start with bringing our troops home from Iraq. Not one more American should have to die for values that our government is willing to sacrifice here at home.

#### REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS TO SUSPEND THE RULES

Mr. BISHOP of Utah, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 109-357) on the resolution (H. Res. 631) providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

#### REPORT ON RESOLUTION WAIVING REQUIREMENT OF CLAUSE 6(a) OF RULE XIII WITH RESPECT TO CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS

Mr. BISHOP of Utah, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 109-358) on the resolution (H. Res. 632) waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

#### REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 4011

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to have my name removed as a cosponsor of H.R. 4011.

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

There was no objection.

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.)

#### BORDER SECURITY

Mr. CULBERSON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to claim the time of the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BURTON).

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

There was no objection.

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

Mr. CULBERSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise tonight to bring to the attention of the American people the reasons why it is so important the House acted yesterday to pass such a strong border enforcement law and order bill that will bring law and order to our southern and northern borders, but in particular the southern border.

I am a native Houstonian, born and raised in Houston; but I had no idea until recently the scale of violence our law enforcement officers, Border Patrol agents, our local sheriffs are facing along the Rio Grande, and it is the result of a lack of enforcement of our immigration laws, as the Border Patrol has been pulled back and our border has been unprotected at the same time the narcoterrorists and the drug lords have figured out that there is a vacuum there.

A war has developed between the gulf cartel of drug lords and the megacartel. Now, the megacartel extends its territory essentially from, and I am going to use these, Mr. Speaker, to help illustrate for people what I am talking about, this war between the megacartel, the drug lords, and the gulf cartel, is a full-scale battle. The lawlessness is so severe, Mr. Speaker, that the sheriffs in Laredo will not even approach the river at night without turning off all their lights.

And, in fact, when I went down to the river in mid-October with a group of sheriffs, the sheriff sent a marked sheriff's deputy vehicle ahead of me down to the river with the lights out. I asked, why are you sending him ahead of me with the lights out? And the response was, Congressman, we want him to get shot at instead of you. Which really alarmed me. And I asked the sheriff, please tell that young man to turn on the strobe lights on top of his vehicle. They sort of laughed at me and said, Congressman, you do not understand. The violence is so bad down here on the river, that if that deputy sheriff turns on his strobe lights, it will make him a better target and he is very likely to be machine gunned immediately.

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This is what our law enforcement officers face every day, and the type of people that they are dealing with is shown in this photograph here. This is a photograph of one of the military style commandos that are being used by the Gulf Cartel as their army of enforcers. This is a photograph of a Guatemalan special forces, they call them *kabiles*, and their motto, which is difficult to see here at the bottom, but let me read it for the viewers. Their motto is: If I go forward, follow me. If I stop, urge me on. And if I turn back, kill me.

The Gulf Cartel is also using a group of commandos trained in the United States at Fort Bliss called the Zetas that were part of the Mexican army

originally, and their commander and 31 of their top troops went over the drug lords, bought out by the drug lords, and the Zetas are now running at least one and probably up to four narcoterrorist training camps in northern Mexico right across the river from Texas. There is one operating out in the open near Matamoros, maybe two or three others in the immediate area, one near Rio Bravo, and another apparently has opened up recently near Del Rio. These are narcoterrorist training camps run and operated by the Zetas and the Gulf Cartel to train and equip these commandos to enter the United States to deliver the loads of weapons or drugs and kill anybody that attempts to stop them.

Let me show people the effect of just a typical arrest. Now, this is just another week at the office for our law enforcement officers on the Texas border. This is on September 27, 2004. This occurred in Nuevo Laredo, just across the river, and this is spilling over in the United States because the drug Lords are fighting over Nuevo Laredo, the Nation's largest inland port, and whichever drug cartel controls Nuevo Laredo will control the most profitable smuggling center in the United States.

On September 27 of 2004, this gun battle ensued, and as a result of this gun fight, there were captured and in this one fight, they found four AK-47 machine guns, two AR-15 rifles, ten grenades, a number of pistols, 12 40-millimeter grenade rounds, and 12 40-millimeter grenade launchers. Now, these devices here across the bottom are 40-millimeter grenade launchers that are supposed to be attached to M-16 rifles, but the Zetas, the drug lords' army, have converted them to handheld pistols, and this is standard equipment that are now issued to these commandos as they deliver their loads of weapons, drugs and even terrorists. The Customs Immigration Service knows that the terrorists are using the smuggling routes established by the drug lords to smuggle Islamic terrorists into the United States. I had the FBI director testify to my committee under oath that there are individuals from countries with known al Qaeda connections changing their Islamic surname to Hispanic, adopting fake Hispanic identities and entering the United States pretending to be Hispanic immigrants and disappearing. This is going on in large numbers. These narcoterrorist armies, this is, again, just one arrest; these 40-millimeter grenades launchers can be held as pistols, and they are used to shoot at law enforcement officers, anybody who attempts to stop them.

This is a photograph of some of the vehicles after this particular gun battle. This arrest took place, and I think the date is on here. This shows some of the 40-millimeter grenades that are used as time-delayed bombs.

I applaud the House for passing this strong bill so we can have law and order on the border instead of the law of Plata o Plomo.