

that they did not have much time to meet people's expectations. That time is almost up, he believes.

"I'm not threatening you with another Vietnam—God forbid," he said. "I'm just trying to get help for the people before something happens."

Something is already happening, of course. Out here, as across much of Iraq, the attacks on Americans are stepping up. Colonel Ingram said his company is being attacked at least once a day, fortunately by men who are not very good shots.

Colonel Ingram blames the Iraqis for most of the area's problems, saying it is they who have torn down the power lines he fixed, they who are robbing one another. "The U.S. is not the problem, it's the solution," he said.

But he too wonders about the slow pace of rebuilding. "I would have expected the U.S., the biggest country in the world, to say here's the water purification system, here's the big generator," he said.

As of the other day, neither Mr. Dari nor Colonel Ingram had ever had any contact with the American-led civilian administration ostensibly governing Iraq, although Mr. Dari oversees an area that is home to 900,000 people.

So they soldier on alone, often seeking progress in vain. The council tried to distribute generators found at a Republican Guard camp to villages, but found that many of the village "representatives" were driving out of the camp and selling the generators. Others were being set upon by angry mobs wanting the generators for themselves.

American soldiers were deployed to keep order, but in the heat and chaos their tempers frayed. They broke windshields and cursed at Iraqis, further shrinking the reservoir of good will.

Mr. Dari said he received 10 to 12 complaints a day about weapons, cars or relatives taken by the Americas. One man came to report that American soldiers had taken away his deaf relative a month ago for having a picture of Saddam Hussein in his house, and that he had not been seen since. Officials from an Islamic charity said the Americans had confiscated their car and raided their office—the left both unsecured, giving looters free rein.

Then there are the small problems. The woman who is illegally squatting in a government building (American soldier told Mr. Dari they could not evict her unless she threatened someone; property rights were not their "purview.") The two council members whom the council dismissed for corruption. The effort to find the American commander with the authority to sign a contract for garbage collection.

Mr. Dari is just old enough to remember when the British had an air base just west of here. They told Iraqis they had come to liberate them from the Ottomans, he recalled, and they stayed 40 years.

"I hope history isn't repeating itself," he said, and pressed his temples as if hoping to make the impatient men at both elbows disappear.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Alaska.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT

Mr. STEVENS. I ask unanimous consent that following the vote in relation to the Sessions amendment, which is amendment No. 1202, the legislative branch appropriations bill be read a third time and the Senate then proceed to a vote on the passage of the bill with

no intervening action or debate; provided further that immediately following that vote the Senate proceed to vote on the passage of the military construction appropriations bill, again with no further intervening action or debate; provided further that no further amendments or motions or points of order be in order to either bill.

I further ask unanimous consent that following the votes on passage of the two bills, the Senate then insist on its respective amendments, request conferences with the House, and the Chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate for both bills.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. STEVENS. I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to a period for morning business.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

HONORING OUR ARMED FORCES

Mrs. BOXER. Madam President, I have been trying to get some time to pay tribute to some of my constituents, military personnel, who were killed in Iraq since the war was officially declared over. I wanted to tie that into my vote for the Biden amendment on the State Department bill, which called for the President to consider asking NATO and the United Nations to share the burden with our troops on the ground. I was hoping it would be a little stronger because I believe that is what ought to happen. I have said that for a very long time now. At least, it is a step in the right direction.

We are losing too many of our people. I want to honor and remember 14 young Americans who were from California, or were based in California, and who have died since the war was declared over by President Bush.

We are losing too many of our people. Today, I want to honor and remember 14 young Americans who were from California or were based in California and who have died since the war officially ended.

Marine PFC Jose F. Gonzalez Rodriguez, age 19, died May 12 in Iraq. He was assigned to the 1st Force Service Support Group, Camp Pendleton, California. He was from Norwalk, California.

Marine CPL Jakub H. Kowalik, age 21, was killed May 12 in Iraq. He was assigned to the 1st Force Service Support Group, Camp Pendleton, California. He was from Schaumburg, Illinois.

Marine CPL Douglas Jose Marecoreyes, age 28, was killed on May 18 in Iraq. He was assigned to the 4th Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, California. He was from Chino, California.

Marine CPT Andrew David Lamont, age 31, was killed on May 19 in a heli-

copter accident in Iraq. He was stationed at Camp Pendleton, California, and was from Eureka, California.

Marine LCpl Jason William Moore, age 21, was killed on May 19 in a helicopter accident in Iraq. He was assigned to the 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, Camp Pendleton, California. He was from San Marcos, California.

Marine 1LT Timothy Louis Ryan, age 30, was killed on May 19 in a helicopter accident in Iraq. He was assigned to the 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, Camp Pendleton, California. He was from Aurora, Illinois.

Marine SSgt Aaron Dean White, age 27, was killed on May 19 in a helicopter accident in Iraq. He was assigned to the 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, Camp Pendleton, California. He was from Shawnee, Oklahoma.

Marine Sgt Kirk Allen Straseskie, age 23, was killed on May 19 during an attempt to rescue victims of a helicopter accident in Iraq. He was assigned to the 4th Marine Regiment, Camp Pendleton, California. He was from Beaver Dam, Wisconsin.

Marine Sgt Jonathan W. Lambert, age 28, died on June 1 as a result of injuries sustained in an accident on May 26 in southern Iraq. He was assigned to the 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, California. He was from New Site, Mississippi. He is survived by his wife, a 2-year-old daughter, his parents, a sister, and two grandparents.

Army Sgt Atanacio Haro Marin Jr., age 27, was killed by enemy fire on June 3 in Iraq. He was attached to the 16th Field Artillery Regiment at Fort Hood, Texas. He was from Baldwin Park, California. He joined the National Guard after he graduated from high school. Following his service with the National Guard, he transferred to the Army.

Marine PFC Ryan R. Cox, age 19, was killed on June 15 in Iraq. He was stationed at Twenty-nine Palms, California. Hew was from Derby, Kansas.

Army SP Paul T. Nakamura, age 21, was killed on June 19 when his ambulance was struck by a grenade in Iraq. He was from Sante Fe Springs, California. He was attached to the 437th Medical Company, based in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Army SP Andrew Chris, age 25, was killed on June 25 in Iraq. He was assigned to Company B, 3rd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, Fort Benning, Georgia. Before he joined the Army, he lived for several years in California, most of them in the San Diego area. He planned to teach high school history when he completed his military career.

Marine Cpl Travis J. Bradachnall, age 21, was killed on July 2 near the city of Karbala, Iraq. He was assigned to the Combat Service Support Group 11, Camp Pendleton, California. He was from Oregon.

Mr. President, 55 individuals who were from California or based in California have died while serving our country in Iraq.

The people of California, as well as all Americans, mourn their loss. May