

developing nation. Fifty times per capita. This is an extraordinary amount of money for one country.

Frankly, this is not the only country that presents us problems. Yemen is a potential terrorist site. The Sudan is a potential terrorist site. Somalia is a potential terrorist site. Afghanistan, we are doing lip service to and frankly it is too little in my opinion for Afghanistan given what is going on there with the Taliban perhaps restructuring. Indonesia, throughout that part of the world. We have lots of places where we need to keep stable governments.

Mr. STRICKLAND. If the gentleman will yield, we are talking about the \$87 billion that is currently under consideration. We ought not to forget, we have already appropriated for Iraq about \$65 billion. And, mark my word, this administration is going to come back here next year and they are going to ask for another \$50 billion or more. This \$87 billion is just part of what they are asking for. And every dollar of that \$87 billion is going to come out of Social Security and Medicare trust fund moneys. It is going to be added to our debt. Our children are going to be responsible for paying it off. And in the meantime we are nickel and diming our veterans as we said earlier. All they need is \$1.8 billion to increase their health care budget to bring it up to where we can take care of the veterans in a reasonable, defensible manner. They are not willing to spend an additional \$1.8 billion on our veterans. Think about that. Hear that, people. They are not willing to spend 1.8 billion additional dollars on our veterans, and they are asking for \$87 billion for Iraq. It in my judgment it is shameful. Shameful. And this is one of the things we ought to be talking about tomorrow when this bill comes to the floor for our consideration.

Mr. INSLEE. The gentleman just provoked a thought. You think about who is really paying for this in financial terms. The soldiers are paying for it with their lives. But in financial terms, it is our young who are going to be saddled with this debt, billions of dollars of debt, and it is our older folks, including veterans, who are not going to get their health care because this President wanted to send this money to Iraq and did not pay for it. So we are hurting the two most sort of vulnerable groups in our neighborhoods, in our communities, because this plan is not a responsible plan that fulfills our mission in Iraq and our responsibilities to our future kids and our current elders. For that reason, we ought to be asking serious questions.

Mr. STRICKLAND. Could I just say in closing before I turn it over to our good leader here this evening, I am not sacrificing for this war. The President has not asked Ted Strickland to sacrifice a thing. I am getting my full salary, my full benefits. No one in this Chamber is sacrificing. And you know the President is not sacrificing. Who is

sacrificing? His wealthy contributors are not sacrificing. Halliburton is not sacrificing. The Vice President is not sacrificing. You know who is sacrificing? Our soldiers are sacrificing. Their loved ones back here who worry that they do not have protective armor so that when they are out on patrol they are not as protected as possible. They are sacrificing. And the children of this country who are being given a huge debt to pay off at some time in the future, they are the ones that are sacrificing. I do not want to hear the President talking about us being willing to sacrifice. The sacrifice ought to be shared sacrifice. We all should be sacrificing, including the wealthy among us.

Mr. DELAHUNT. Like we did in World War II and in subsequent wars that this country has had to fight. Speaking of wars, much has been talked about the war on terrorism earlier during the course of the debate but I think it is important to remember and remind the American people that after Vice President CHENEY made the statement on national TV that there possibly were some links between Saddam Hussein and September 11, the President finally came forward and stated unequivocally that there was no evidence whatsoever in supporting that link. I would also urge Democrats to seriously consider supporting the Rohrabacher amendment, a good, conservative Republican from the State of California, because he is right. It ought to be a loan, not a giveaway. Because America and America's future is riding on this. Because once we establish that as a precedent, and the gentleman from Ohio is right, they will be coming back looking for more and more and more money right out of the pockets of the American taxpayer.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mrs. JONES of Ohio (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today and the balance of the week on account of a death in the family.

Mr. MARSHALL (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today on account of illness.

Mr. MCHUGH (at the request of Mr. DELAY) for today on account of traveling on a congressional fact-finding trip to Iraq.

Mr. SAXTON (at the request of Mr. DELAY) for today on account of traveling on a congressional fact-finding trip to Iraq.

Mr. HAYWORTH (at the request of Mr. DELAY) for today on account of attending to family business.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. STRICKLAND) to revise and

extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. LIPINSKI, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BLUMENAUER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DEFAZIO, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. RYAN of Ohio, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BROWN of Ohio, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. GREEN of Texas, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. HINCHEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. HINOJOSA, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. EMANUEL, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. NORTON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. HOLT, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. STRICKLAND, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MCDERMOTT, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. CONYERS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. KUCINICH, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. ROHRBACHER) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. BURTON of Indiana, for 5 minutes, today, October 16 and 17.

Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. FEENEY, for 5 minutes, today and October 16.

Mr. MORAN of Kansas, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. KENNEDY of Minnesota, for 5 minutes, today and October 16.

Mr. GINGREY, for 5 minutes, today.

BILL PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Jeff Trandahl, Clerk of the House reports that on October 14, 2003 he presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bill.

H.R. 2152. To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to extend for an additional 5 years the special immigrant religious worker program.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. DELAHUNT. Madam Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at midnight), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, October 16, 2003, at 10 a.m.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

U.S. CONGRESS,
OFFICE OF COMPLIANCE,

Washington, DC, October 15, 2003.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker of the House, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: A Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPR) for proposed amendments to the Procedural Rules of the Office of Compliance was published in The Congressional Record dated September 4, 2003. The period for submission of comments announced in that NPR ended on October 6, 2003.