

the Senate, and DIANE FEINSTEIN from California threatened to hold hearings on what was going on in the Western energy market, suddenly the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission reviewed its records and found, lo and behold, there was a scandal.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will refrain from referencing individual Senators.

Mr. DEFAZIO. Madam Speaker, certainly. I would not want to mention any individual Senators.

So the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission then suddenly said, oh, no, there is something wrong here. It is a little bit weird that prices are up to 100 times normal. And they reimposed the price caps, which we had during the Clinton administration.

Now we have the tapes of the Enron Corporation, and Ken Lay says he did nothing wrong. The tapes are incredible. The marketers talk about shutting off plants to drive up prices. They talk about gouging Grandma Milly. They talk about getting rid of the Clinton administration, price caps are gone, and Ken Lay is going to run things in this country, and, by God, they are going to make a lot of money. And they did for a while at tremendous pain and cost to the Western United States, all while the Bush administration looked the other way.

Pat Wood of Texas is still in charge of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. The Bush administration is continuing to push for more deregulation. They think the only thing that Enron did wrong and the only thing wrong with deregulation is that Enron got caught, because they were having a wonderful time making a bunch of money.

Now it comes that Ken Lay of Texas is the largest single, individual, lifetime contributor to George Bush of Texas, the President of the United States, and he has contributed over his life \$139,500 to President Bush. His company contributed \$625,000 to President Bush.

I would call upon the President to return these ill-gotten gains, the money that Ken Lay stole from Grandma Milly and others in the Western United States, and to show that he understands and has compassion. He could contribute the money to low-income energy funds in the Western United States to help Grandma Milly, who was taken to the cleaners by Ken Lay of Texas, of Enron, Mr. Bush's best friend, "Ken Boy" Lay.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. MILLER of Michigan). Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from New Mexico (Mr. PEARCE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. PEARCE 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 New Jersey (Mr. PALLONE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

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

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Mr. MCDERMOTT. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to speak out of order.

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

There was no objection.

WAR WITHOUT END

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

Mr. MCDERMOTT. Madam Speaker, another four soldiers died today in Iraq. Families mourn the loss of loved ones. Our Nation mourns the loss of brave soldiers. Over 900 Americans have died in Iraq so far. As many as 10 times that number have been injured. Americans spent \$150 billion, and we know tens of billions dollars more will be spent this year. If only one soldier had died, the number would be too high, but the casualties and the grief are much worse.

The truth is we have not even begun to see the casualties of the Iraq war. The truth is that thousands of soldiers will face a lifetime of injury from the war. The truth is we will have not even begun to count the casualties that will come from post-traumatic stress disorder.

The magnitude of the coming casualties among returning U.S. soldiers is staggering. The prestigious New England Journal of Medicine in its most recent issue, which I will enter into the RECORD, gives a glimpse into the coming medical crisis facing our soldiers, families, and the Nation. The journal is known for credibility, thoughtful and factual reporting and analysis. The journal conservatively estimates that one in five soldiers will be afflicted with PTSD. In many cases, the symptoms will not even surface for a year or more. The casualties from the President's war of choice will affect tens of thousands of soldiers. There are 160,000 soldiers in Iraq today. Using the journal's conservative estimate, 30,000 U.S. soldiers will become post-traumatic stress disorder casualties in this war. Most do not even know that they are sick yet. Most do not exhibit any symptoms outwardly and will not for months or years. Tragically, when symptoms do appear, many soldiers will not ask for help.

Call it the tough-guy stigma. Soldiers are trained to be fearless no matter what the danger. Too many consider it a sign of weakness to need help. They will try to suffer in silence, but

PTSD is as powerful as an artillery shell. Without help, PTSD can tear too many brave military men and women to shreds psychologically. I know. I was a Navy doctor and psychiatrist who treated soldiers returning from Vietnam with the post-traumatic stress disorder. Gut-wrenching is the only polite way to describe the anguish and suffering these soldiers experienced. Many of them still struggle against the demons of this disease.

As a doctor, you can do everything you can to help. All too often it is not enough, and all too often the only thing you can do is comfort the afflicted. You realize just how inadequate modern medicine is.

Some wonder why I strongly oppose the President's war of choice. Because I have seen the casualties. I have seen the pain inside the mind that no bandage can cover. I have treated the wounded, only to know in the dead of night just how little I and every doctor could do. We wanted to end the suffering. Who would not? We wanted to heal their wounds. Who would not?

Years later, long after the Vietnam War, years later after the media moved on to other issues, PTSD was still there haunting soldiers' minds. I saw it when I was a doctor working and treating prisoners in the King County jail. They include former soldiers who got into trouble because they struggled keeping their emotions under control. They struggled with PTSD. People who had served their country with no prior history of mental illness suddenly found themselves on the wrong side of the law. Were they felons or fallen heroes in need of help? I know what I think.

PTSD preys on the peace and happiness every American deserves, especially those who were drafted to fight in a war which this country came to loathe. After Vietnam, soldiers did not even have the thanks of a grateful Nation. We blamed them for the government's arrogance. It took decades before the wounds of the Nation began to heal. Thousands of names on a wall made us realize how much we had lost, how little we had gained, and how wrong it all was.

At least today America honors our soldiers, even as the opposition to the President's war grows. And it should. We are just beginning to realize the consequences of the President's war of choice. America has about 10,000 soldiers already dead or wounded. We face another 30,000 casualties. The wounds have already been inflicted. They are just not visible yet.

And they wonder why I strongly oppose the President's war of choice. The administration keeps inventing new reasons why we had to invade Iraq. They cannot even explain why 10,000 have already suffered or why 30,000 more will.

This is not about my opposition to the war, though. This is about preparing to help the men and women coming home from war. This is about