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From such a brave and positive start last fall, the world pulled together. The reason that it pulled together was because it was were against aggression, violence and force. The United Nations was against violence, force and aggression. How did it move from that position to recommending that a solution to the problem of aggression, violence and force was in fact a more massive scale aggression, violence, force, or war? I cannot believe we could be in that position in less than two hours, and it gives me great, great concern.

As we approach this war, I hear too often when a question is asked: "Well, we don't know what the result will be." That is a fair answer because we do not know what the result will be. We need to try to answer some of those questions with a little more certainty than I think I have heard to date.

What are the objectives that we hope to accomplish by this war? Are the objectives of the multinational force agreed upon as we enter this war? Do they know what they want to accomplish? Yes, they want to accomplish the removal of Iraq from Kuwait. Beyond that, do they want to see the total destruction of the nation of Iraq, the city of Bagdad and all the cities and all the economic development which has occurred there in the flush of the oil crisis of the seventies and the rebirth of technology and opportunity throughout the Middle East? Are we stopping at the borders of Kuwait or are we going in to crush Iraq? Are we going to crush the government or are we going to preserve the government? What are our exact objectives? If one does not know what one's objectives are or where one is going, you do not know when to stop.

We should have a clear understanding of what our objectives are so that when they are accomplished, we will know it is time to stop. If we do not determine the objectives before we enter the war, we will have the passions of war and will not know when to stop. This one kills this one, kills this one, kills this one and there is an escalation of anger. In that escalation of anger there is a loss of a capacity to reason. Before we do it, let us know how far we are going to go, what our objectives are, and, when this is completed, when it is time to stop.

How much will this war cost the Government of Canada? We know what it has cost us to date. How much will it cost us by the time it is finished? How many millions and billions of dollars did we pay for the planes? We did refit those ships. More important are the lives of the Canadians who are there. It is not just the Canadians but the other 500,000 from all of these other countries and the whole arsenal of war of the modern world which sits there, in readiness, to be field tested. How much will it cost every Canadian at the gas pump once the oil fields of the Middle East are on fire and the pipelines are disrupted, not just in Iraq and Kuwait but through the whole region? What will that add just to your dollar cost? That is a simple equation but, has anyone calculated that and added that into the cost of our proceeding into this war?

How many lives will we take before we say "that is enough" and cease firing?

We have decided in this House that we are concerned about the environment. Before this government embarks on any action, it is supposed to have an environmental impact assessment. I wonder, if we took the time, what the environmental impact assessment would indicate. How can we erase the human and environmental degradation caused by chemical, biological, and perhaps even nuclear contamination that could result? This may not be a result but there is no one here who can tell me that it will not be and there are many who have told me it may. How do we erase and repair that damage? How much does it cost, not just in dollars, but how much does it cost the globe on which we live?

Who will go in after it is over to support and heal the people and to rebuild the families, their homes, their businesses and their lives? I wish someone speaking in this debate could give me and those listening to this debate some kind of assurance or answers about these kinds of things.

It is easy to start a war. That is easy. We have all the equipment over there and all you have to say is "go".

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Can anyone tell me how, where and when it will be stopped? Will it be a quick kind of efficient killing war? Or is it going to be the kind that drags on week after week after week, the gentlemanly kind of a war where we keep just shooting each other. Everynight on televi-