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**Mr. Dennis Mills (Broadview—Greenwood):** Mr. Speaker, I want to second the comments of my colleague for Dartmouth. I also want to compliment the member for Beaver River on her remarks.

I think many of us came to this House tonight prepared for speeches, knowing that hope springs eternally for peace. There were members of my riding who came in as late as today from petitioning in church with hundreds of names signed. There were many others from the riding. None of us here in this House can really have the full sense of appreciation or imagination that is required to get the real feeling of what is going on right now.

Three years ago I spent half a summer in Riyadh and Kuwait. I spent three weeks in Kuwait. I have many friends there right now. I cannot imagine how they are feeling at this moment, but I think that the point the member for Beaver River made is that we are now global citizens and we as Canadians must all work together and hope that peace will return soon.

**Miss Grey:** Mr. Speaker, I would like to say my appreciation to my friend and colleague from Broadview—Greenwood who was very instrumental in making me feel comfortable in this place when I came down here as a bit of a loner.

I recall that we were part of the left-handed corner in the House. I would just like to say now that he has moved down to the other end of the House that I miss his support and his input.

I would like to affirm what these two members have said in terms of what we are now in. We do not have any option any more. Regardless of whether people thought they should be there or should not be there, it does not matter now. It is immaterial.

Let us stand behind these forces. Those people whom we see who have no experience in sending their husbands away to war. Young wives, my age, with young children, have no experience to draw on, about letting their husbands go away in an F-18, which is dangerous enough at best, on routine flights over northern Canada and CFB Cold Lake. We are in this now. The arguments that led up to it are irrelevant.

As I mentioned earlier, we must look forward and ask what will happen once this over. Let us pray that it is over quickly.

My friend talked about us being global citizens. Kuwait has not been a democratic nation. Kuwait needs to have democracy.

I would just like to put on the record that I believe, as a Canadian citizen, that once this war is over we should put pressure and encouragement on the United Nations for Kuwait to have a United Nations' sponsored and supervised elections, democratically held elections, and that we see it move from a non-democratic state toward democracy as we have seen all across eastern Europe in this last year and a half.

Let me recommend to my colleagues here and anybody watching from the galleries or across Canada: let us not be complacent, as I believe we Canadians have been for so long. Let us not be complacent and assume that things are going well all across the world. Let this be an example that we must be careful. We must initiate and pursue peace always and not just assume that it is going to happen without us putting all our energy toward those ends.

**Mr. Jim Karygiannis (Scarborough—Agincourt):** Mr. Speaker, I find it my duty to bring some news to this House which I learned from my home. As we speak, right now, Turkey has proceeded with three submarines against Cyprus. They have landed four divisions on the island and have four frigates offshore.

Mr. Speaker, that was heard live from Greece and if that continues, Greece and Turkey could be drawn into a war and we could be in for a global conflict.

**Mr. John Reimer (Kitchener):** Mr. Speaker, I shall continue in this debate.

On August 2 Saddam Hussein invaded Kuwait. That was when the war began—

**Mr. Clark (Yellowhead):** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order to make a very brief statement if I might.

I want to confirm that after the failure of diplomacy an attack on Iraq began tonight. In accordance with discussions and extensive consultations that occurred over the last several months, the Prime Minister of Canada was informed by the President of the United States, before the Americans began their action of the American intentions.