

Government Orders

member of the House of Commons, no matter which side of the House he or she is on, who has the fortitude to stand up in the House of Commons and tell people—

[*Translation*]

The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois): I must ask the hon. member to conclude since his time has now expired.

The hon. member for North Island—Powell River has five minutes for questions or comments.

[*English*]

Mr. Ray Skelly (North Island—Powell River): Mr. Speaker, the term bully has been thrown around numerous times and without the opportunity to justify anything that Hussein has done, it would have to be pointed out that two billion people in the world at this moment are arrayed against 17 million led by the United States. The United States is the major participant, along with Britain and France. They have now killed 350,000 people and destroyed the military infrastructure of Iraq. Iraq cannot respond.

In 24 hours, more Iraqis have been killed than all the Canadians since the start of the century in wartime. We are looking at a situation where it will be 650,000 or 700,000 tomorrow, and a million the following day. The capacity to commit atrocities is gone. The capacity to fight a war is gone. The only thing that can happen from here on in by the policy of this government to support the United States in continuation is butchery.

Would the member who stood up communicate immediately with the Prime Minister and ask him to phone George Bush and ask him to stop the bombardment?

We are dealing with a madman. The madman does not understand the nature and quality of the acts that have been besetting him. Allow the Iraqi people time to put him out, sue for peace, and prevent the needless slaughter of Iraqis. Half of that population is under 14 years of age. That is who is being killed now.

Would the member communicate immediately with the Prime Minister to verify the casualties to date and ask the Prime Minister if he will phone Bush and stop the insanity? If that does not happen, we have to ask who is the madman, or madmen?

Mr. Domm: Mr. Speaker, I do on occasion, as often as I can, communicate with the Prime Minister. The last letter I wrote to the Prime Minister was on December 18. At that time I said that I had in my hand the report of Amnesty International.

Amnesty International details how Iraqi forces have tortured and killed many hundreds of victims, taken several thousand prisoners, and left more than 300 premature babies to die after looting incubators from at least three Kuwait City main hospitals. The report catalogues 38 methods of torture used by the Iraqi military, including cutting off people's tongues and ears, shooting them in the limbs, applying electric shocks to their bodies, and raping them.

Now, you answer your question as—

Mr. Skelly (North Island—Powell River): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I appreciate the response. Could the hon. member explain qualitatively what the difference is between what the Iraqis did on a smaller scale and killing all the people. Is it revenge he seeks?

The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois): It is not a point of order.

Mr. Domm: Well, I do not argue with the hon. member's right to want to debate. I am sure he will be given an opportunity to debate. In fact, I have heard him speak once already in support of the Iraqis in trying to save that country from further atrocities by stopping the war.

I wonder how many atrocities we could have stopped in the Second World War if we had not participated, if we had all become peacekeepers, and if Hitler was allowed to march from one end of the world to the other. The point of the issue is this: When in world history—I say this to the NDP—have we had unanimity on an international body including the eastern bloc, the western alliances, NATO, and NORAD? When in our history or our lifetimes have we ever seen such unanimity in bringing this man to a stop? I am talking about Saddam Hussein.

I think we are doing, contrary to what the hon. member feels, exactly what the majority of the Canadian people want us to do. I intend to vote for the motion. I know the hon. member has no intention of supporting war if he was doing the same thing as he has been doing since last August, and no matter if he did it for another