Madam Speaker, Bush, Cheney and their Republican

apologists here in Congress say

Well, if they followed their own advice, we wouldn't be at war in

Iraq. Remember Cheney and Scooter Libby, who is on his way to prison,

phonying up intelligence, overruling the intelligence and military

professionals, saying there was a threat, that there were weapons of

mass destruction? They didn't exist.

Then they fired General Shinseki because he had the temerity to

suggest if we didn't put in 400,000 troops, there would be a massive

insurgency and a civil war. They fired him. If they had not fired

General Shinseki, if they followed his professional advice, our troops

wouldn't be mired in the middle of a civil war; and Paul Bremer

disbanding the Iraq Army, de-Baathification, against all professional

military and intelligence advice.

Now the Republican lapdogs have the temerity to say

Well, it is time for some

adults to step in here and really take advice from the professionals

and get our troops out of the middle of this civil war.