Madam Speaker, prior to invading Iraq, looking for

weapons of mass destruction, this administration looked the other way

at illegal shipments of Iraqi oil to Jordan, Syria and Turkey, which

earned at least $8.5 billion for Saddam Hussein's regime. Now the

administration cannot account for an additional $9 billion from Iraqi

oil proceeds which was supposed to go to help the Iraqi people.

While Congress busies itself about how $2 billion was illegally

diverted to Saddam from the U.N.'s Oil-For-Food Program, it would also

be instructive to find out why it was apparently administration policy

to let Saddam Hussein earn four times that amount through illegal oil

shipments.

Before Congress gives another $80 billion for the war in Iraq, the

American people would find it instructive for Congress to ask what

happened with the unaccounted-for $9 billion which also came from Iraq

oil proceeds.

Madam Speaker, before the war, Iraq was about oil. As the war

continues, it is about billions in unaccounted-for oil revenues which

the U.S. had custody of, responsibility for; and now nobody knows

nothing.