Mr. Speaker, according to The Hill newspaper, former

American prisoners tortured by Saddam Hussein's regime in the first

Gulf War are criticizing the Bush administration for fighting their

compensation claims while planning to compensate the Iraqi victims of

abuse at the Abu Ghraib prison.

Rumsfeld told the Senate Committee on Armed Services last week that

he is seeking a way to provide appropriate compensation to those

detainees who suffered such grievous and brutal abuse at the hands of

American Armed Forces. And yet this administration, this President,

went to court to keep American POWs, those who were tortured by Saddam

Hussein, from getting the compensation that was given to them by a

lower court.

Why would this administration, why would this President, why would

this Secretary of Defense, want to compensate Iraqi prisoners who had

been tortured, and fight the compensation of American prisoners who had

been tortured? Whose side is this administration on?