Mr. Speaker, I came here this morning to chastise the

Republican majority for their failure to act on the minimum wage, but

one of my colleagues said something so outrageous and indecent that it

demands an answer.

One of my colleagues lauded President Bush's action on security and

foreign policy, asserting that we hadn't had any losses since September

11, that we hadn't been attacked.

We have been attacked in Baghdad. We have been attacked in Mosul. We

have been attacked in Tikrit. We are being attacked every single day,

because this President and this do-nothing Congress has sent our troops

and our finest men and women, our sons and daughters, our husbands and

wives, into harm's way, where they never should have been in Iraq. We

have lost 2,600-plus. We have had 15,000 of them limping around America

because of the absurdly incompetent, ineffective, boneheaded decisions

by this President and this Congress which has allowed them to go into

harm's way.

Those who sit there and pat themselves on the back and say that we

have had unalloyed success have done a disrespect to the fallen in

Iraq. They shouldn't stand here and pat themselves on the back. They

should be covered in shame for their failure to hold this President

accountable for the competence we need in Iraq.