Mr. Speaker, the President recently boasted that we were

With brave Americans dying in record numbers, I have two questions

for the President.

With brave American soldiers dying in record numbers, I

have just two questions for the President: Just whose posteriors are we

kicking? And how do you know?

With Sunnis and Shiites killing themselves and each other, plus an

incompetent Maliki government, we don't know who we are fighting much

less where we are kicking them. And while we are tied up in Iraq, al

Qaeda thrives in Pakistan and Afghanistan.

So the President's turn of phrase will go into the Blooper Hall of

Fame with other Bush golden oldies, like

There was a time when American success meant defeating Nazis, tearing

down communism's iron curtain, and walking on the Moon. Supporting our

troops meant honest safeguards, not trash talk. How low have our

standards fallen when the President points to the debacle he created

and says, Most Americans believe in a country that is capable of much higher

standards. And if America were really kicking butt, the President

wouldn't need to say anything. Everyone would know it.