Will the Senator yield for a question?

Can the Senator refresh my memory? Was Mr. Bremmer the

recipient of a gold medal or something from the President? Didn't he

receive some high decoration or medal for his performance in Iraq?

Isn't it also true that George Tenet, who was responsible

for the intelligence that was so bad that led us into the war in Iraq,

got a medal from the President the same day?

Did Michael Brown with FEMA receive a gold medal from the

White House before he was dismissed?

Apparently, these gold medals were being awarded for

incompetence. They missed Mr. Brown, but they did give one to Mr.

Bremmer.

Will the Senator yield for another question?

I am trying to recall the exact number--it was in the

billions of dollars--that we gave to the President for the

reconstruction of Iraq; is that not true?

It is also true, is it not, that the Democratic policy

conference has been holding hearings--in fact, I think it is the only

agency on the Hill holding hearings--on this waste and abuse, this

profiteering and corruption at the expense of American taxpayers and

even, equally important--more importantly--at the expense of our

troops?

I ask the Senator from Nevada if he might comment on this

as well: Are we not in a situation where the President has told us that

he wants to in Iraq, and Vice President Cheney,

when asked a week ago, said he wouldn't change a thing in the way they

have done this war in Iraq? Is it very clear that unless there is a

change in leadership in this town soon, we are going to continue down

this disastrous course, exposing our soldiers to danger every single

day, their families to the anxiety of separation, and the taxpayers of

this country to billions and billions of dollars more being spent that

don't make us any safer?