Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I think I have 6\1/2\ minutes. I yield a

minute of my time to the Senator from Nevada.

Mr. SCHUMER. I thank my colleagues from Nevada and Illinois for what

they have said. The bottom line is, of course, very little could be

more counterproductive to this war effort than what has happened. The

best way to deal with it is to come clean and come clean quickly, to

find out how often it happened, where it happened, how high up the

chain of command, and exorcise it. Because to the overwhelming majority

of our troops and our military leadership this is abhorrent. The sooner

we can exorcise this cancer, the better off we will all be. Keeping

this secret is not going to work. It is going to come out. It has come

out. I join my colleagues. I hope we can get Secretary Rumsfeld to come

back before us very quickly and give us a full and complete briefing on

what has happened. That should happen this week, because last week he

gave a briefing in room 407 and didn't even mention this, even though

it was going to appear on TV that night.

All of us who care so much about our troops, who are risking their

lives with bravery, hate to see any stain upon them. The quicker we

deal with this, the better it will be for everybody. Don't hide it.

Don't underplay it. Just get it out, exorcise it, and go forward. That

is what we have to do. I hope Mr. Rumsfeld will come before us quickly.