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PENCE SUPPORTS WAR FUNDING

Congressman Opposes \$1 Billion in Additional Aid to Turkey

Washington, Apr 3, 2003 - WASHINGTON, DC – U.S. Congressman Mike Pence voted today to provide almost \$80 billion to President Bush to help win the war against Saddam Hussein's regime and protect the homeland from terrorism.

"The men and women who are fighting for our freedom and the freedom of the Iraqi people deserve the very best for their sacrifice," said Pence. "And the American people also deserve the very best protection possible. President Bush has requested this responsible spending to help rid the world of terrorism and prevent attacks on our homeland in the future."

Pence also opposed giving \$1 billion in additional aid to the Turkish government at this time. "Now is the time to send a message to our friend and ally, the Turkish government," said Pence. "Its actions with regard to our war effort are extremely disappointing. The Turkish government has cost us effectiveness and American lives on the battlefield."

The spending bill includes money to prosecute the war and ensure our soldiers are the best equipped and cared for in the world while providing money to provide relief and reconstruction for the citizens of Iraq once the war is over.

In addition, the bill provides money for the Department of Homeland Security that will be used to provide support for first responders, the coast guard and emergency preparedness, among other things. It also provides funding for counter terrorism, the FBI, the U.S. Marshals as well as funding to prevent bioterrorism.

A complete summary of the bill can be found at:

http://www.house.gov/appropriations/news/108_1/04warsupfull.htm

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