

Iraq: Wyden says U.S. must support troops

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one in the scheme of things," Feldkamp said.

Like Feldkamp, DeFazio approved of the war in Afghanistan, but his opinions differed on the war in Iraq.

DeFazio said the war was a distraction from the fight against international terrorists who have the desire and ability to hurt Americans on their own soil. DeFazio said Saddam had no weapons of mass destruction and, in fact, had an adversarial relationship with al-Qaeda.

"I think it was a tremendous mistake (distracting) ourselves from rebuilding Afghanistan and capturing Osama dead or alive ...," DeFazio said. "The U.S. should have focused on those who have the capability of delivering devastating attacks, and that certainly wasn't Saddam Hussein."

DeFazio said Bush is spending \$10 billion on a "Star Wars fantasy" in Alaska, but with less than half of that amount we could secure our borders. Terrorist attacks won't come with a nuclear-tipped missile, but with a weapon in a cargo container, he said. Americans have the technology to scan all trucks and vehicles coming into the United States for radiological devices and other weapons, but Bush has claimed there is no money for them, DeFazio said.

U.S. Senate

Republican Al King, who is challenging Sen. Ron Wyden for his seat in the U.S. Senate, said he supports Bush "100 percent" for his decision to go to war, saying the only chance we have against "suicidal maniacs" is to take the fight to them.

"There is no negotiation in those kinds of circumstances; they're going

to kill you," King said.

King said he supported the war in Iraq because establishing a democracy in the country will give the United States an outpost in that part of the world. The war also takes the fight against terrorists away from U.S. shores. However, he said we should train the Iraqi police and military quickly and leave the country as soon as possible.

King stressed the need to spend more money securing America's borders, emphasizing that halting the flow of illegal aliens into this country will also allow the United States to prevent terrorists from entering.

"If we control illegal immigration, we're also going to control the flow of terrorism into this country," he said.

Wyden, in an e-mail statement, wrote that Americans don't need to give up their civil liberties to help combat terrorism at home.

"Following the September 11 attacks, I passed a law creating a centralized database of suspected terrorists so that law enforcement at the federal, state and local levels can now work together to track suspected terrorists," he wrote.

Wyden wrote that he did not vote to authorize the war in Iraq because he didn't see the country as an imminent threat to the United States based on U.S. intelligence assessments.

"I thought a unilateral and unprovoked attack could actually make us less safe by breeding broader resentment to the U.S. in the Middle East," Wyden wrote. "Now that our troops are committed, however, I believe we must fully support our troops."

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STUDENTS DISAGREE ON TERRORISM ISSUE

Congressional candidates expressed very different views on how to keep America safe from terrorism, but University students on campus were also split on the important election-year issue.

Kate Anderson, a junior who plans to study interior architecture, said the best way to keep America safe from terrorism is "to get Bush out of the White House." Anderson said it's important to know who has weapons of mass destruction, but the best way to combat terrorism is for the United States to not inflame tensions in the world in the first place.

"We are capitalistic, imperialistic jerks to a lot of countries," she said.

Junior Josh Tucker, who is studying international relations, said he supports what President Bush is doing now and that it's a narrow view to think we should focus solely on Osama bin Laden.

Tucker said some degree of job outsourcing to poorer countries helps prevent terrorism because it improves the underdeveloped country's economy and brings it into the modern world, giving its people a stake in a modern economy. The best way to combat terrorism in the long run is to encourage situations where it's impossible for terrorism to flourish, he said.

Andrew Fick, a first-year graduate student of marriage and family therapy, said the United States needs to have a cooperative effort to fight terrorism.

"I think it's important to have a strong military, but not necessarily wield it around," Fick said, adding that America should be fighting to win the support of other nations and peoples, not fighting with guns and bullets.

— Jared Paben

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television. "Since the situation has gotten to this, each can go wherever they want and we don't need to talk about negotiations."

Al-Jumeili was detained Friday, a day after talks broke down over the government's demand that the city hand over al-Zarqawi, who Fallujah's clerics claim isn't there.

Fallujah, considered a major militant stronghold, has been under a wave of aerial and ground attacks by U.S. forces in a bid to root out al-Zarqawi and his group, Tawhid and Jihad.

Tawhid and Jihad has claimed responsibility for numerous beheadings and suicide bombings, including two attacks on Baghdad's Green Zone last week that killed six, including four U.S. civilians.

During his appearance before the National Council, Allawi said his government was still extending an "olive branch" to Fallujah but added that "we shall not be lenient in regard to the question of maintaining security and granting security to every Iraqi."

If negotiations fail to restore government control to Fallujah, U.S. and Iraqi military leaders are expected to launch an all-out assault on the city. Fallujah fell under insurgent control after the Marines lifted their siege of the city in April.

British Defense Secretary Geoff Hoon told the House of Commons that his government was considering a request by Washington to re-deploy some British troops from southern Iraq to free American soldiers for "further operations elsewhere in Iraq."

In Baghdad, a car bomb exploded late Sunday near a police patrol in the Jadiriya district, killing six people, including three police officers, and wounding 26 others. The blast hit a cafe near the Australian Embassy, although there were no Australian casualties.

In Mosul, a car bomb detonated Sunday morning on a bridge, killing five Iraqis and wounding 15 others, the U.S. military said Monday. Another car bomber Monday hit a civilian convoy, killing one and wounding four others.

1993

Feb. 26, New York City: Bomb exploded in basement garage of World Trade Center, killing 6 and injuring at least 1,040 others. In 1995, 11 militant Islamists were convicted of conspiracy charges, and in 1998 Ramzi Yousef was convicted of the bombing. Al-Qaeda involvement is suspected.

1996

June 25, Dhahran, Saudi Arabia: Truck bomb exploded outside Khobar Towers military complex, killing 19 American servicemen and injuring hundreds of others. Fourteen alleged members of Islamic militant group Hezbollah, were indicted on charges relating to the attack in June 2001.

1998

Aug. 7, Nairobi, Kenya, and Dar es Salaam, Tanzania: Truck bombs exploded almost simultaneously near two U.S. embassies, killing 224 and injuring about 4,500. Four men connected with al-Qaeda were convicted of the killings in May 2001 and later sentenced to life in prison. A federal grand jury had indicted 22 men in connection with the attacks, including Saudi dissident Osama bin Laden, who remained at large.

2000

Oct. 12, Aden, Yemen: U.S. Navy destroyer USS Cole heavily damaged when a small boat loaded with explosives blew up alongside it. Seventeen sailors killed. Linked to the al-Qaeda terrorist network.

2001

Sept. 11, New York City, Arlington, Va., and Shanksville, Pa.: Hijackers crashed two commercial jets into the World Trade Center; two more hijacked jets were crashed into the Pentagon and a field in rural Pa. Total dead and missing numbered 2,992.

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