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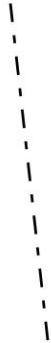
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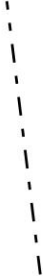
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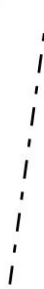


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- **UN Security Council Resolution Passes Unanimously:** The United States achieved a significant victory at the UN Security Council with a unanimous 15-0 vote on a resolution supporting our efforts to help Iraqis build a peaceful and free Iraq. This is an important step toward achieving one of the President's three major goals in Iraq – expanding international participation to help Iraqis stabilize and rebuild their nation.
 - The resolution: 1) further defines the UN role in rebuilding Iraq, and clearly states that governing responsibilities will be turned over to the Iraqi people as soon as it is feasible; 2) furthers America's stated goals for expanding international participation in rebuilding Iraq; and 3) demonstrates an understanding by the international community that a safe, stable Iraq is in the world's best interest.
- **Congress Moves Forward on President's Wartime Supplemental Request:** Both the House and Senate passed legislation to enact the President's wartime supplemental budget request that directly supports the work of our troops in the War on Terror. Both bills will provide resources needed to make Iraq more secure and to support Iraq's transition to self-government. The President has urged the House and Senate to work quickly to resolve differences between the two bills.

- **Japan Provides Significant Donation for Iraqi Reconstruction:** More than 30 countries are currently working with the United States to stabilize Iraq and enable the Iraqi people to achieve self-governance. And just this week, the Japanese government committed \$1.5 billion to Iraqi reconstruction – an important and significant contribution of resources that will help to address the immediate needs of the Iraqi people – and improve conditions on the ground for our troops.

- **Guilty Pleas for Two Taliban Supporters in Portland, Oregon Case:** Just yesterday, the Department of Justice secured guilty pleas from two more members of the Portland, Oregon-based terror cell that plotted travel to Afghanistan to fight for the Taliban. The last two members of the “Portland Seven” presently in custody pleaded guilty to conspiring to levy war against the United States, and each will receive up to 20 years in prison for their crimes. The prosecutions were hailed by the Department of Justice as a textbook example of how the USA Patriot Act is helping to keep America safer. According to Attorney General Ashcroft, “The plea agreements in the Portland case would have been more difficult to achieve, were it not for the legal tools provided by the USA Patriot Act.”

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