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spread as America's troops are, they are making plans for incursions into Pakistan. How many people knew that? Senator...I knew Senator Friend did. That's why I look at him and make eye contact. He keeps up with these things. You have a military stretched too thin. The recruitment is going down in the National Guard and the Army Reserves because people don't want to go into combat. So, whereas recruits and their numbers are diminishing, the demands are increasing because Bush has to keep this thing going at least through November, when the election occurs. Then, if he wins, or if he loses, he doesn't care what happens after that. All those young people in Iraq, how are you even going to get them back to America? They don't even have an exit strategy. They don't. In Afghanistan, the Taliban is resurging. They are getting strong. They are making attacks in Kabul, which used to be so well-protected by the Americans that nothing there was happening and people felt safe. The poppies are taking over and the drugs derived from them. So what they see happening in Afghanistan now is that the Taliban, the warlords and the drugs have taken over. And under the Taliban, these things were not happening. In Iraq, people were not being killed as they are now. Peace has broken out? They made a wasteland and called it peace. That's what some old Roman historian said. There is a man named Osama bin Laden who is still on the prowl. Senator Friend, I bet you and I could have gotten a wager that he would be caught by now. I would have wagered that he wouldn't because I say he'll outlast Bush, and I said that long ago.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mohammed Mullah Omar (sic--Mullah Mohammed Omar) is still free, and Bush distracts people's attention from those things. And on floors of legislatures, such as this, rather than pay attention to the things that can take this country under, that can destroy the confidence of young people in this country and the wisdom of their elders, trifling things are dealt with. But whenever a group of young women who are disadvantaged in the worst way are going to be mistreated, I don't consider that trifling. I consider that very important. So I will continue to fight on this issue, and even if I lose this amendment, I'm going to support what Senator Schimek is