

# Manzullo votes for Iraq resolution

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WASHINGTON — Rep. Don Manzullo of Illinois voted Thursday with the overwhelming majority of U.S. House members to give President Bush the authority to use force against Iraq.



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“Peace with the evil Saddam Hussein may be beyond our reach,” said Manzullo, R-Egan.

In the Senate, Dick Durbin of Illinois failed to persuade his colleagues to modify the resolution.

The Springfield Democrat wanted to require that Bush first determine a threat from Iraq is imminent before military force would be autho-

rized. His amendment was rejected 70-30.

Durbin argued that the resolution marked a dramatic departure in foreign policy by authorizing a pre-emptive strike without an imminent threat.

“I do not believe that the war on terrorism is easy,” he said. “But I also believe that the United States has established an international reputation behind the rule of law.”

But Sen. Jon Kyl, R-Ariz., said Durbin’s proposed standard would be impossible for the president to meet.

“We may never know until it is too late that Saddam Hussein has nuclear weapons,” Kyl said.

Manzullo said Saddam “has deceived the world for a decade.”

“Surveillance photos reveal he is rebuilding facilities to produce more chemical, biological and nuclear weapons,” Manzullo said. “And his regime is working to extend the range of their dozens of

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ballistic missiles. ... In order to protect the American people and defend the United States, we must give the president the necessary authority to remove this threat.”