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**Area Republican Leaders Question Kind's Leadership
Cite Indecisiveness and Lack of Support for U.S. Foreign Policy**

(La Crosse) On Saturday, March 8, Third District Republican Party Executive Committee, chaired by Dennis Shaw of Menomonie, meeting in La Crosse unanimously condemned Congressman Ron Kind for a recent release he sent out that contradicts his foreign policy positions. Shaw was even more outraged by the lateness in which Kind's press release as war looms inevitable because of Saddam Hussein's actions.

"On the eve of a potential war being brought on by Saddam Hussein," said Shaw, "Ron Kind has decided to play politics by questioning President Bush's decisions as Commander-In-Chief. Kind's actions come despite the fact over 200,000 U.S. brave soldiers stand poised to act upon the leadership of their Commander In Chief."

It was on September 21, 2001, just 10 days after the tragedy of 9/11, that Kind stated that unity was necessary as he praised President Bush for preparing "the nation for the difficulties to come."

Over a year later, Kind proudly boasted in a October 9, 2002 press release "his support for a resolution that would provide President Bush the added option of using military force to existing diplomatic measures, in efforts to disarm Saddam Hussein and enforce the UN Security Council resolutions."

But then, in February, Kind started joining partisan Democrat attacks on President Bush. On February 3, 2003 the Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel reported, "After voting in fall to give the president the power to make war, La Crosse Democrat Ron Kind has become a critic of Bush on Iraq...."

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Yet, Rep. Kind has appeared before a number of servicemen and their families recently bragging that he supported the President's actions on Iraq. The February 27, 2003 Richland Observer, in a story titled "Sendoff for the 829th" reported, "Cong. Kind noted he was the one person at the gathering who voted to allow Pres. George W. Bush to use force to disarm Saddam Hussein...."

Now, Kind has once again changed his mind on enforcing the U.N. Security resolutions and insisting upon Hussein's disarmament. His March 6, 2003 press release starts out by saying, "In a letter sent this evening to House Speaker Dennis Hastert and Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, U.S. Rep. Ron Kind (D-WI) requested Congress re-open debate authorizing the President's potential use of military force against Iraq."

"Foreign policy requires decisive leadership and defending the interests of the United States first," stated Shaw. "Ron Kind has decided to play politics and has disgraced both sides of the debate through his political calculations. The type of Democrat party that Kind prescribes to is the party of the French - one that plots pure political calculation that result in undermining the efforts of President Bush and our troops overseas. It is a disgrace. Is this what he considers real leadership?"