Mr. President, I rise

today to speak on behalf of Senate Resolution

287, expressing the sense of the

Senate regarding U.S. policy toward

Libya. It is of grave concern to me that

the United States is currently considering

a change in its ‘‘Travel Ban’’ policy

with Libya, prior to the resolution

of the Pan-Am 103 Bombing trial.

Libya is a state sponsor of terrorism

and a global agent of instability. Two

Libyan intelligence operatives, with

prior terrorist activity convictions, are

now on trial for the explosion of Pan

Am flight 103 in 1988 and the loss of 270

lives, 180 of them Americans. Libya is

engaged in one the most advanced Bio-

Chemical efforts in the third world, including

the acquisition of delivery vehicles.

It has repeatedly engaged U.S.

military forces, including an attempted

missile attack on U.S. military

installations in Italy in 1986.

Taking into account its past behavior,

we all agree that Libya has a long

way to go to become a member of the

family of law-abiding nations. Libya

must take concrete actions to provide

its sincerity. It must show complete

adherence to the Pan Am 103 Judicial

Authorities in Hague. If a conviction is

reached, Libya must accept responsibility

for any court judgement and

make full payment to all judgement

creditors. It is my sense that Libya

must prove its vigilant and sincere cooperation

in anti-terrorism efforts.

U.S. policy towards Libya must remain

balanced. The ‘‘Travel Ban’’ is an

important tool and should not be abandoned

without clear justification. A

verdict is not yet at hand; I urge you to

await the conclusion of the Pan Am 103

trial, and calculate our steps from

there.