Madam President, reserving

the right to object, and I will

not object, I would like to thank both

leaders for their hard work in getting

what I believe is one of the more important

sense-of-the-Senate resolutions

achieved here. It is very difficult. I

think words matter. The fact that this

resolution points out that we need a

comprehensive policy that includes

economic sanctions, diplomacy in military

planning, capabilities, and options;

that this objective is consistent

with the one stated by President

Barack Obama in the State of the

Union Address where he said, ‘‘Let

there be no doubt: America is determined

to prevent Iran from getting a

nuclear weapon, and I will take no options

off the table to achieve that

goal’’—I think this is an important resolution.

I thank the majority leader.

I also point out that the final part of

it says that nothing in the act shall be

construed as a declaration of war or an

authorization of the use of force

against Iran or Syria.

First of all, it is not an authorization.

Second of all, I wonder if we

ought to include Canada and maybe

Brazil and other countries along with

that since this resolution contemplates

in no way anything concerning Syria,

but I guess we could probably throw it

in. However, I will not ask for a unanimous

consent to amend to add Canada,

although the Canadians are very upset

because they have no teams in the

finals of the National Hockey League

Stanley Cup championship series.

Again, I thank both the Senate majority

leader and the Republican leader

for the work they did and also our

friend Senator MENENDEZ, who was also

an important factor in getting this

done.

I do not object.