The bill the Senate

adopted today passed the Banking

Committee earlier this year by a unanimous

bipartisan vote. Among its other

provisions, this legislation will have

important effects because it requires

intensified targeting of Iran’s Revolutionary

Guard Corps, sanctioning energy

and uranium mining joint ventures

with Iran, and mandating sanctions

for those who supply Iran with

weapons and other technologies used to

commit human abuses, including those

used to impose an electronic curtain of

censorship on Iran’s citizens. In addition,

this legislation gives the President

additional authority to sanction

the Asad regime in Syria.

Today the Senate has shown that we

can still act in a bipartisan way on important

priorities. I thank every Member

for supporting passage of this bill

today. In particular, I thank all the

members of the Banking Committee

for their work, including Ranking

Member SHELBY and Senators MENENDEZ,

KIRK, SCHUMER, and BROWN. In addition,

I thank Majority Leader REID

for his determination to get this legislation

through the Senate.

I look forward to working with my

colleagues in the House to quickly

come together on a final bill the President

can sign soon. It is important that

the Congress act swiftly so that we can

continue to put pressure on the Iranian

regime to end its illicit and illegal nuclear

activity.

Again, I thank all my colleagues for

their support on the Iran sanctions bill

today.