Madam President,

I wish to reiterate and underscore

the words of my colleague, the senior

Senator from New York, about how important

the tightening of the Iran

sanctions are to Israel, to the United

States of America, and to the stability

of the world. Allowing nuclear weapons

in the hands of a country as unstable

as Iran and which is hostile to so many

of our values and which is hostile to

most people in the world—not just the

United States, not just Israel, not just

the democratic world—how problematic

this is for the entire world. That is

why I am pleased with the work Chairman

JOHNSON did, along with Ranking

Member SHELBY, Senator MENENDEZ,

Senator GRAHAM, and others, so that

this continues to send an important

message to Iran that we will continue

to increasingly tighten sanctions

threatening to Iran and the stability of

its economy, and helping Iran to understand

that this will create difficulties

for that regime in having any support

of its people with the economic consequences

that could happen as we

tighten sanctions.

As Senator MCCAIN said, we will take

nothing off the table. We want a diplomatic

solution with these sanctions.

We want Iran to recognize it is in their

interests not to have nuclear weapons.

That is the best thing for all of us, but,

again, taking nothing off the table.