Mr. President, I

wish to speak to the body about an announcement

made by the administration

yesterday that is probably best

captured on the front page of the Washington

Times: ‘‘ ‘Axis of evil’ member

to be scratched from list.’’ These are

the announcements of the administration

policy of what they are going to

take that was announced yesterday regarding

North Korea.

I believe the administration’s announcement

yesterday about lifting

sanctions on North Korea and removing

it from the list of state sponsors of

terrorism is shocking, is sad, and it belies

the facts. I say ‘‘shocking’’ because

of the extent to which we have allowed

Kim Jung Il to manipulate the situations

and the negotiations. I know

some are calling this a victory, but I

want us to just review what has taken

place and the facts on the ground and

the facts in North Korea and the facts

for the North Korean people.

I have spoken several times on this

floor about North Korea, about its

abysmal record of human rights, about

the gulag system that is taking place,

about 10 percent of its population being

killed over the last 15 years through either

starvation, depravation, or the

gulag system. When this place finally

opens up, we are going to see a level of

depravity that is going to rival some of

the worst situations we have seen in

the last 50 years. Yet now we are removing

them from the state sponsor of

terrorism list, we are lifting sanctions

on them for their nuclear explosions,

and we are saying: OK, it is going to be

brought into the normal group of nations.

I wish to talk about factually what

we know is taking place today in North

Korea and ask my colleagues to ask

themselves: Is this something we really

should be doing? Does this really factually

address what the situation is

today in North Korea?

North Korea sent the Chinese a declaration

that is 6 months late on their

nuclear involvement. It does not include

any information on uranium enrichment.

It has nothing on the secret,

illegal nuclear reactor exported to

Syria that was bombed a year and a

half ago by the Israelis, and it has no

indication on the number of nuclear

weapons North Korea produced. That is

what is missing.

I will talk about what we have done,

and yet we do not have that base of information

about which I just spoke. In

return for this paltry and, frankly, I

think insulting lack of information

handed over by Kim Jung Il—and I

hesitate to call this a declaration for

its severe deficiencies—our Government

is legitimizing this regime by

waiving the Trading With the Enemy

Act and removing it from the list of

state sponsors of terrorism.

I have heard the argument that these

sanctions are only symbolic and that

there are many more sanctions still in

place to continue the isolation. But let

me show you what the State Department

gave me on this very subject yesterday.

As shown on this chart, this is the

list of sanctions that remain, and they

list on it the Glenn amendment sanctions,

which I remind the body is a set

of mandatory sanctions, that if you use

or detonate a nuclear device, these

sanctions automatically go on you.

They are listed as sanctions being

maintained, and yet yesterday this

body, in the supplemental, provided the

administration with waiver authority

on Glenn amendment sanctions toward

North Korea. This was something lobbied

for heavily by the State Department

and this administration. So we

cannot say those sanctions are still in

place when the administration now has

the authority to waive those as well

because of lobbying in this body.

We may recall last month when the

State Department came to the Hill and

lobbied intensively for Congress to

waive these Glenn amendment sanctions.

I heard about how important it

was to give the Department a waiver to

carry out disablement and dismantlement.

Then that waiver was included

in the supplemental without any Senate

hearings on the matter. There were

no Senate hearings on waiving Glenn

amendment sanctions toward North

Korea. When the State Department

says not to worry, I have very little

reason to feel comforted by their assurances

that there are plenty more sanctions

on the books when they worked

hard to lift these very sanctions.

Another point on delisting: What

does this say to the other state sponsors

of terrorism? It tells President

Bashir of Sudan or Castro from Cuba

that the way to get off the list is to go

out and start a nuclear program and

then bargain it away in exchange for

getting delisted.

Does anyone really believe North

Korea should be removed from this

list? That is the pointed question I

would like to ask Members of this body

and the administration. Does anybody

really believe North Korea should actually

be taken off the state sponsor of

terrorism list when they provided missile

technology to Iran, a nuclear reactor

to Syria, funding of any number of

groups—I want to back off of that

statement. I want to only state ones

that are obvious and well known. While

Iran remains the most active state

sponsor of terrorism, North Korea is

the only one as far as I know that has

built a secret nuclear reactor for a fellow

member of this malicious group.

On top of that, the CRS report from

just a few months ago provides ample

evidence of significant North Korean

assistance to terrorist groups. There

are reports that North Korea sent

trainers and advisers to southern Lebanon

to help Hezbollah build tunnels.

Other sources say they provided materials

for the rockets fired into Israel.

The other piece, as I mentioned, is

that today’s announcement is saddening.

I say saddening because no

progress was made on human rights despite

all the concessions we handed

over, no progress made on human

rights in spite of 10 percent of the population

being killed in the last 15 years

in North Korea. No progress made on

human rights—not a part of the agreement,

not a part of delisting them, not

a part even of the specific items listed

by the President that must be done for

North Korea to gain its way back into

a reasonable relationship with other

nations. Despite all the concessions we

handed over, there has been no

progress at all. We have no assurance

that any will be made going forward in

this process.

Let me read what the President said

about what North Korea must do to

end its isolation. This is what the

President said yesterday morning:

To end its isolation, North Korea must address

these concerns. It must dismantle all

of its nuclear facilities, give up its separated

plutonium, resolve outstanding questions on

its highly enriched uranium and proliferation

activities, and end these activities in a

way that we can fully verify.

What about shutting down the concentration

camps?

I want to show a picture from Google

Earth, so anybody can go and see these.

This is Camp 22. If you would like to

spot it on Google Earth, these are

blown up from Google Earth. The administration

probably has a little better

resolution on some pictures they

have. This is one of the most notorious

gulag prison camps in the world. It is

in North Korea. Once you go into Camp

22, you do not come out. Nobody has

come out of this camp alive. This exists

in North Korea today. It continues

to exist. Nobody in the administration

or elsewhere is calling for it to be shut

down. Yet we are going to take them

off the state sponsor of terrorism list—

while people go in and never come out

of this place. Does this sound familiar?

Have we heard this story before? Have

we heard it before in any dealings with

other regimes?

Let me show you a few other pictures

of this place from Google Earth. Anyone

can go and look at it yourself. Here

are some of the barracks at Camp 22. It

is a large place. It is larger than the

city of Los Angeles areawise, with big

mining operations, timber operations

where they work people to death.

Shown in the picture are some of the

barracks of this place. You have fencing,

guard posts, the road coming in,

the road going to a coal mine where

people die mining for coal.

This is a picture of some people—

there is not much resolution, again, on

that—people probably just going in,

never to come out. If we stand here in

a couple years, after this regime is no

longer in power or it opens up, and we

start to get the data and we start to

get the evidence and we start to find

the bodies and get the body count of

how many people died here, I want you

to remember this picture. We saw it.

We have done this before where we

have said: OK, well, yes, we think there

may be something going on, but we are

not sure about it, and plus it is more

important that we just deal with this

specific issue of plutonium and forget

these people and them dying, when we

have it in our power to negotiate this

and say: No, we are not going to take

you off this terrorism list until you do

something on human rights, until you

close down this camp and highlight

that piece of it instead of just having

this narrow piece, and then this is the

way forward to deal with and

delegitimize the regime and stop getting

the people killed.

The weapon of mass destruction is

Kim Jung Il, and what he is doing it on

right now is his own people, and we

know it.

As I have noted before, Google Earth

has made a witness of us all. These images

are available to anyone and everyone

with an Internet connection.

What about the starvation policy of

the regime? What about the kids who

are starving in the regime? Let me show you a picture. I do not have this

one blown up. It is a picture of orphans

looking out of an orphanage. You can

see their emaciated bodies. The German

physician, a few years back, who

was going around and treating some

people in North Korea snuck out pictures

very similar to this—not very

happy. What about the thousands of

refugees who flee to China, many of

whom are trafficked into the sex slave

trade, while others get repatriated

back to North Korea by Chinese authorities

to face torture, execution, or

a trip to Camp 22? These are issues

that by law must be addressed in these

negotiations under the North Korean

Human Rights Act, signed under this

administration, which declares it so.

Furthermore, does anyone really believe

we can trust Kim Jung Il to be

truthful with these declarations that

he is handing us when he has no qualms

about treating his own citizens in such

a barbaric way? There is a report in the

Washington Post that the documents

he handed over to us about plutonium

and their plutonium plant actually had

traces of uranium on the very documents

themselves—on the documents.

So while we are dealing with plutonium

and we are delisting them as a

State sponsor of terrorism, the documents

they hand over to verify this

have traces of uranium on the documents.

Is that mind boggling? We are

saying we are going to delist you because

you dealt with plutonium, but we

are not going to require anything on

uranium and we are going to waive the

Glenn amendment, push the Congress

to waive the Glenn amendment for you

detonating a nuclear device, when you

built a nuclear reactor in another

state-sponsored terrorism country of

Syria. We are not going to require anything

on that, and we are going to

waive these sanctions of Trading with

the Enemy Act when you are giving

missile technology to Iran which has

missiles pointed at Israel and other allies

of ours in that region and possibly,

in the future, to have range to the

United States.

I am stunned. The things we are saying

and doing are absolutely counter to

the facts on the ground.

I am happy we are dealing with plutonium,

but for what we are giving

up—‘‘ ‘axis of evil’ member to be

scratched from the list’’—and we don’t

have anything on uranium. We don’t

have anything on human rights. We

don’t have anything on missile technology

being shipped out to Iran, of all

places; we don’t have anything on the

nuclear reactor that was built in Syria,

and we are going to waive all of these

things? Meanwhile, the people die.

This seems like a very bad deal to

me, but that is not the biggest reason

I am mad. The biggest reason I am mad

is because of people still getting killed

and we end up with blood on our hands

when we have the chance to be able to

deal with this differently.

I hope we will start to take into consideration

this picture of these orphans.

I hope we start to take into consideration

uranium and what is happening

in Iran, what is happening in

Syria, and that we don’t invite North

Korea back into the fair standing of

countries with what they continue to

do.

Mr. President, I yield the floor and

suggest the absence of a quorum.