Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

The reservations that were expressed by Senator Menendez here

are bipartisan. I thought he was kind and gentle. You know, we’ve

been at this a year, and nothing’s happened. Ahmadinejad mocks

the attempts by us, he demeans them, and if the objective—which

I guess it is—is to stop them from enriching, it has had, seemingly,

the exact opposite effect because of the ineffective way that we’ve

gone about this.

So, I understand, and I’ve heard the arguments, up until recently,

about how it was so delicate, what was going on in the

U.N., and we can’t act too aggressively, et cetera, but that’s behind

us now. And I’ve said this before, and I’ve said it again—the

Israelis are not going to allow Iran to continue down this road. And

they’re going to get to a point where they’re going to do something

about it, and then everyone’s going to wring their hands and say,

‘‘Well, why didn’t America do something?’’ So, we’re at that point

where we really need to do something.

This is a serious situation, I appreciate hearing you say that it

is one of the highest priorities for the American Government, but

I’ll tell you, we’ve got to get better at this because we’re going to

have a real wreck on our hands and everybody’s going to point back

to us.

Your comments, Mr. Burns.

The only problem with that, Mr. Burns, and I

agree with you 100 percent, the only problem with that is, we’re

in the same position we were a year ago. What you just said was

the position of the administration and the world community and

everyone else a year ago, but nothing’s happened except Iran has

continued down the road, in fact, more robust than it ever has before,

for the last year.

Well, Mr. Levey, I hope you’re right. My problem

is that when people express this great concern and hand-wringing

that Iran seems to have, they don’t do anything about it. They keep

enriching uranium that they don’t need, and all they’ve got to do

is stop and all of this stuff goes away. So, they can’t be too concerned.

Anyway, thank you very much.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.