

now—but it is a small business that is allowing him to live his dreams and to help others live theirs, too. It is a story countless other Americans know all too well and one we should do everything to encourage. Yet, while Chase has achieved success thanks to trade, he knows there is still a lot more we should be doing if the aim is to help businesses grow, help his employees earn more, and help other Kentuckians live their dreams too.

Here is what Chase said yesterday:

As our business has grown internationally, we have been confronted with barriers that compromise global markets. It was not long after sending our first shipment overseas that we realized trade rules were outdated for our business. Most of the agreements and rules were written before small businesses like ours were able to fully utilize the internet to exploit the global market. Trade agreements offer the best chance to lower barriers and increase market access for small companies like mine. We see a bright future for . . . companies like ours in the export market but we need new trade deals to get there.

And this, Mr. President, is a business with three employees that is exporting products.

So here was Chase's solution: "Trade Promotion Authority is the first step towards modernizing trade agreements," he said, "and I encourage Congress to pass TPA as soon as possible."

Entrepreneurs such as Chase know that the United States does not have many trade barriers, but other countries do. They know that many of these barriers are extremely unfair to American workers and American products. They know that passing trade promotion authority is the way to address such an unfair situation.

Our friends on the far left may try to cynically spin their war against the future of something other than what it truly is, but we all know better. It is no wonder President Obama has called them "wrong" and suggested that they make stuff up. What happens if the far left actually succeeds in its apparent quest to retain foreign tariffs that unfairly impact American workers and their paychecks? How is that good for us?

It would mean lost opportunities for American risk takers such as Chase and the employees who entrepreneurs such as him care about. It would mean lost opportunities for American manufacturers, lost opportunities for Kentucky farmers, and lost opportunities for more jobs, better wages, and a growing economy that can lift everyone up.

Jobs and a better economy are the kinds of things I am going to continue to fight for. I think the legislation before us represents a great opportunity to do so. President Obama agrees, as well. So I am going to keep working to get votes on amendments—both Republican and Democrat amendments.

There have been objections from the other side of the aisle. I would remind our colleagues that even with my strong support, the Senate cannot have

a robust amendment process if every single amendment offered by Democrats or Republicans is objected to by our friends on the other side.

Our bill managers, Senator HATCH and Senator WYDEN, are working hard. We hope to get past these objections so that more amendments can be considered. But we will need cooperation. The Senate cannot vote on amendments that are being prevented.

We hope to see more of that cooperation so we can pass good, fair, and enforceable trade legislation that will benefit our country and so many of the people we represent.

RECOGNITION OF THE MINORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Democratic leader is recognized.

ISSUES FACING THE MIDDLE CLASS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, at the end of this month, Republicans will have been in charge of the Senate for almost half a year. After all of this time, what have they done to address issues facing the middle class? Zero.

Let's take a quick look at what the Republican leadership has achieved this year. The Keystone Pipeline legislation took a month, a bill that was nothing more than a favor for billionaires and special interests. It would allow foreign oil to be imported into the United States to be shipped to foreign countries. It has spent almost another month on the shutdown of the Department of Homeland Security—the shutdown of the Department of Homeland Security—during a time when ISIS is raging and all the other problems around the world, and they—the Republicans—want to shut down the Federal Government as it relates to Homeland Security.

We spent 3 weeks on a senseless delay over funding for victims of human trafficking, over an abortion issue that had nothing to do with human trafficking. I would respond to my friend, the majority leader, we would have passed this last Congress, except that they objected to it—short memory, I think.

Now, here we are spending the last week considering trade legislation that has done nothing—nothing, not a single thing—to help working middle-class Americans. In fact, it causes huge job losses. As Einstein said, if you keep doing the same thing over and over again and you expect a different result, that is the definition of insanity.

We can look at these trade bills over the years. Every one of them, without exception, causes job losses to American workers, millions of job losses. Yet they are going to try the same thing again and hope for a different result. That is insanity.

If the Senate is not actively advocating for the well-being of middle-class Americans, we are wasting our

time. When the Republicans took over the Senate, the majority leader promised to make the needs of Americans a priority. Here is what he said last November: "Under a new majority, our focus would be on passing legislation that improves the economy, that makes it easier for Americans to find jobs, and that helps restore Americans' confidence in their country and their government."

Why then have we not moved toward legislation that makes it easier for Americans to find jobs or reforms that help us restore Americans' confidence in their government?

A few months after November—actually the beginning of this year—the majority leader reiterated a call for commonsense legislation that puts the middle class first. He said: "Let's pass legislation that focuses on jobs and the real concerns of the middle class."

But, again, what have the Senate Republicans done? They have stopped any effort made to help the middle class, whether it is minimum wage, equal pay for men and women, student debt, and on and on with things that would help the middle class. They have been ignored. We should be focusing on making it easier for Americans to find jobs, addressing the needs of the middle class and restoring Americans' faith in our government.

It is not enough for the majority leader to mouth these words that he supports jobs. His agenda must reflect it, as well. But it does not. It does not do anything to help job creation. If we want to create jobs, why don't we do something with infrastructure, the surface transportation bill?

To his credit, the Presiding Officer has an idea regarding how that should be paid for. I have worked with him and, whether his idea and my idea are perfect, at least it is an effort to figure out some way to do something about jobs. Jobs—we have to do something about surface transportation. Some 50 percent of America's roads are in disrepair, and 64,000 bridges are structurally deficient. Our railroad systems are outdated, and we know that recently from the headlines we have seen with that devastating accident in Pennsylvania. Instead of working with Democrats to provide adequate, long-term investment into our country's surface transportation, Republicans are advocating for short-term fix after short-term fix.

Repairing our Nation's roads and bridges through long-term investments could provide thousands of jobs for Americans. If the Republican leader truly has the interests of the middle class at heart, he should be leading the charge for these investments, but he is leading the charge against them.

Today, the Senate will resume consideration of the trade legislation. Because of Senate Democrats, that trade legislation includes vital programs that help America's workers retrain and find new employment if they lose their jobs because of foreign trade. And

they are going to lose jobs. Even though a majority of the Senators don't support this trade legislation, we have tried hard to improve it, and this trade adjustment assistance is one way we can try to improve it.

What was the Republican's first amendment to the trade bill? It was an amendment to strike a program known as trade adjustment assistance, which I just talked about, from the bill. This program helps those who lose their jobs because of trade. And they will lose their jobs.

As we talk about opening foreign markets to American products, surely we should do something so that American companies have the tools to compete internationally.

The Export-Import Bank is weeks away from expiring. If it expires, financing for billions of dollars of U.S. exports will disappear and thousands of American jobs will be in jeopardy. How much does it cost? Nothing. Zero. It is an ideological mindset that the Republicans have—they don't like government programs.

We are losing internationally. We are losing trade. I don't think anyone can call the Boeing Company a leftwing liberal group, as the Republican leader

refers to people who are complaining about what is going on here. Boeing thinks something should be done with the Export-Import Bank. Why? Because they can compete with Airbus and all of these other companies that build airplanes. If we don't have the Bank, they cannot compete.

Mr. President, I could pick any State of the 50—I was given here this morning the State of Virginia because the State of Virginia was mentioned in some of the remarks by the Republican leader. I have page after page—millions and millions of dollars that benefit businesses in Virginia. It is the same all over the country—in Nevada, Kentucky, everywhere.

We have talked about trade that won't work. Let's talk about the Export-Import Bank, which does work. I so admire and appreciate the persistence and advocacy of the Senator from Washington, Ms. CANTWELL. But for her, this issue would be lost. It would be gone with all the other stuff that goes into the trash can because of the Republicans.

The Republican leader has said over and over again that he is opposed to the Bank. Well, that is too bad. The American people certainly support it

and American businesses support it. Last year, this vital program sustained 165,000 jobs at no cost to the taxpayers. If we don't reauthorize this program, American businesses will be at a competitive disadvantage.

While the majority leader talks about restoring faith in government, he is standing in the way of reforming the National Security Agency's illegal spying program. I did not make up the words "illegal spying program"; the Second Circuit Court said it. It is an illegal program.

These are just a few areas where renewed focus would create jobs and produce positive outcomes for middle-class Americans. The Republican leader should revisit his vision, which up to this point has only been words. There has been no action. The direction this Congress has taken so far has only focused on the desires of a few at the expense of many.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the numbers I referred to from the State of Virginia be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

VIRGINIA COMPANIES FINANCED BY EX-IM BANK FY07–FY15

Source: Public Information; Ex-Im Bank Web Site

Exporter	City	District	Product	Total insured shipments, guaranteed credit or disbursed loan amount	Total exp value
Abb Inc.	South Boston	05	Electrical Equipment Manufacturing and Sales	\$97,428	\$175,030
Aeroprobe Corporation	Christiansburg	09	Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	\$24,960	\$24,960
Alainn Llc	Arlington	08	Administrative, Management and Support Services	\$285,008	\$285,008
Alfa Laval Thermal Inc	Richmond	03	Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing and Sales	\$327,015	\$397,159
All American Business Consulting Llc	Chantilly	10	Other Misc Mfg and Sales of Non Capital Equipment	\$93,760	\$93,760
Alliant Techsystems Operations, Inc	Radford	02	Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing and Sales	\$128,303	\$128,303
Alpha Coal Sales Co., Llc	Bristol	09	Ore & Mineral Mining and Sales	\$212,393,085	\$212,393,085
Altum, Incorporated	Reston	11	Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	\$854,933	\$854,933
American Biosystems, Inc.	Roanoke	06	Chemical Manufacturing and Sales	\$1,734,990	\$1,734,990
American Hardwood Industries, Llc	Waynesboro	06	Wood Product Manufacturing and Sales	\$18,000,000	\$60,000,000
American Hofmann Corporation	Lynchburg	06	Machinery Manufacturing and Sales	\$44,728	\$44,728
Amscoglobal Llc	Vienna	11	Machinery Manufacturing and Sales	\$192,236	\$192,236
Aon International Space Brokers	Rosslyn	08	Insurance	\$20,592,935	\$24,169,936
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Aquamatic Inc	Roanoke	09	Electrical Equipment Manufacturing and Sales	\$66,129	\$66,129
Augusta Lumber, Llc	Waynesboro	06	Wood Product Manufacturing and Sales	\$278,849	\$278,849
Bakery Holdings Llc	Richmond	03	Machinery Manufacturing and Sales	\$3,600,000	\$14,000,000
Banner Aerospace Holding Company, Inc.	McLean	11	Transportation Equipment Manufacturing and Sales	\$16,200,000	\$72,000,000
Banner Aerospace, Inc.	Ashburn	10	Transportation Equipment Manufacturing and Sales	\$13,500,000	\$40,000,000
Beach Mold & Tool Virginia, Inc.	Emporia	04	Machinery Manufacturing and Sales	\$65,225	\$65,225
Birdsong Peanuts	Suffolk	04	Crop Production and Sales	\$669,955	\$669,955
Blue Ridge Mountain Resources, Llc	Charlottesville	05	Wood Product Manufacturing and Sales	\$128,960	\$128,960
Blue Ridge Numerics Inc	Charlottesville	05	Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	\$450,000	\$4,250,000
Bone Doctors' Bbq, Llc	Charlottesville	05	Food Manufacturing and Sales	\$45,158	\$45,158
Bontex, Inc	Buena Vista	06	Chemical Manufacturing and Sales	\$6,748,307	\$6,748,307
Boss Lumber Corporation	Galax	09	Wood Product Manufacturing and Sales	\$72,936	\$72,936
Brg Machinery Consulting	Charlottesville	05	Administrative, Management and Support Services	\$59,219	\$98,625
Bristol Compressors International, Inc.	Bristol	09	Machinery Manufacturing and Sales	\$162,000,000	\$250,000,000
Cableform Incorporated	Troy	07	Electrical Equipment Manufacturing and Sales	\$7,091,630	\$7,091,630
Cadence, Inc	Staunton	06	Other Misc Mfg and Sales of Non Capital Equipment	\$5,553,034	\$5,553,034
Camprio Food Group America Inc	South Chesterfield	04	Food Manufacturing and Sales	\$4,713,286	\$4,713,286
Catocin Creek Distilling Co, Llc	Purcellville	18	Beverage and Tobacco Product Mfg and Sales	\$35,741	\$35,741
Commercial Lynks Inc.	Alexandria	08	Food Manufacturing and Sales	\$50,357,430	\$83,947,430
Delta Star, Inc.	Lynchburg	06	Electrical Equipment Manufacturing and Sales	\$106,705	\$2,022,564
Dexter W Estes	Lyndhurst	06	Machinery Manufacturing and Sales	\$10,062	\$10,062
Dupont Teijin Films	Chester	04	Plastics and Rubber Products Mfg and Sales	\$245,813	\$245,813
Dupont Teijin Films	Hopewell	04	Plastics and Rubber Products Mfg and Sales	\$373,931	\$373,931
Dupont Teijin Films	Hopewell	04	Plastics and Rubber Products Mfg and Sales	\$297,603	\$297,603
Eagle Paper International, Inc.	Virginia Beach	02	Paper Manufacturing and Sales	\$43,116,377	\$43,116,377
Earthwalk Communications Inc.	Manassas	10	Other Misc Mfg and Sales of Non Capital Equipment	\$1,192	\$1,192
East Coast Impex Llc	Manassas	01	Crop Production and Sales	\$1,129,413	\$1,129,413
Ekpac China Inc.	Arlington	08	Other Service Providers	\$18,179,979	\$21,388,210
Erath Veneer Corporation of Virginia	Rocky Mount	05	Wood Product Manufacturing and Sales	\$10,443,221	\$10,443,221
F R Drake Company	Waynesboro	06	Machinery Manufacturing and Sales	\$303,025	\$356,500
Federal Pacific Transformer Company	Bristol	09	Electrical Equipment Manufacturing and Sales	\$55,248	\$55,248
Ferguson Enterprises, Inc.	Newport News	02	Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing and Sales	\$4,269,751	\$5,441,608
Fitzgerald Lumber & Log Co., Inc.	Buena Vista	06	Wood Product Manufacturing and Sales	\$11,464,695	\$11,464,695
Fleshner & Kim Llp	Herndon	11	Judicial Systems and Public Safety Institutions	\$900,000	\$3,000,000
Flowserve Corporation	Chesapeake	04	Machinery Manufacturing and Sales	\$5,733,476	\$7,267,029
Foley Material Handling Co., Inc	Ashland	07	Machinery Manufacturing and Sales	\$2,160,000	\$6,000,000
Freightcar America	Roanoke	06	Machinery Manufacturing and Sales	\$2,842,665	\$3,326,300
Gala Industries, Inc.	Eagle Rock	06	Machinery Manufacturing and Sales	\$238,145	\$279,810
Gatekeeper, Inc.	Sterling	10	Electrical Equipment Manufacturing and Sales	\$2,464,016	\$2,464,016
GeoScienceWorld	Arlington	08	Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	\$27,797	\$49,118
Gigamedia Access Corporation	Herndon	11	Internet Content & Service Providers	\$810,000	\$1,000,000
Global Food Connection, Inc.	Danville	05	Food Manufacturing and Sales	\$16,685,410	\$16,685,410
Good Harbor Consulting, LLC.	Arlington	08	Administrative, Management and Support Services	\$3,500,000	\$3,500,000
Group Logic Inc.	Arlington	08	Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	\$4,928,867	\$4,928,867
H Y International Corporation	Great Falls	10	Wood Product Manufacturing and Sales	\$12,224,288	\$12,224,288
H2gen Innovations, Inc.	Alexandria	08	Electrical Equipment Manufacturing and Sales	\$3,600,000	\$12,000,000

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Exporter	City	District	Product	Total insured shipments, guaranteed credit or disbursed loan amount	Total exp value
Harris Corporation	Lynchburg	06	Other Misc Mfg and Sales of Non Capital Equipment	\$3,050,149	\$3,588,411
Honeywell International Inc.	Hopewell	04	Machinery Manufacturing and Sales	\$44,542,810	\$44,542,810
Independent Project Analysis	Ashburn	10	Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	\$1,179,672	\$2,053,027
Integrated Global Services, Inc.	Midlothian	07	Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing and Sales	\$2,250,000	\$7,000,000
International Intranco Inc.	McLean	11	Food Manufacturing and Sales	\$58,058	\$58,058
International Veneer Company, Inc.	South Hill	05	Wood Product Manufacturing and Sales	\$35,204	\$35,204
Interstate Resources, Inc.	Arlington	08	Paper Manufacturing and Sales	\$47,450,946	\$47,450,946
Intertape Polymer Corp.	Danville	05	Textile Mills, Products and Sales	\$219,378	\$219,378
K2m, Inc.	Leesburg	10	Other Misc Mfg and Sales of Non Capital Equipment	\$45,000,000	\$68,000,000
Longwall Associates, Inc.	Chilhowie	09	Machinery Manufacturing and Sales	\$4,649,120	\$5,240,000
M.I.C. Industries, Inc.	Reston	11	Building Construction	\$4,485,411	\$4,485,411
Maersk Line, Limited	Norfolk	03	Transportation Services	\$4,208,610	\$5,665,164
Meadwestvaco Corporation	Richmond	03	Paper Manufacturing and Sales	\$10,906,229	\$10,906,229
Meadwestvaco Corporation	Glen Allen	07	Paper Manufacturing and Sales	\$25,531,495	\$25,531,495
Microact, Inc.	Blacksburg	09	Other Misc Mfg and Sales of Non Capital Equipment	\$282,699	\$282,699
Mitsubishi Plastics Composites America, Inc	Chesapeake	04	Electrical Equipment Manufacturing and Sales	\$70,559,724	\$70,559,724
Monoflo International, Inc	Winchester	10	Plastics and Rubber Products Mfg and Sales	\$192,596	\$192,596
Moog Inc	Blacksburg	26	Other Misc Mfg and Sales of Non Capital Equipment	\$64,749	\$74,448
Mountain Lumber Co, Inc	Ruckersville	05	Wood Product Manufacturing and Sales	\$108,000	\$108,000
Mpri, Inc.	Alexandria	08	Electrical Equipment Manufacturing and Sales	\$5,687,287	\$5,687,287
Musser Lumber Company, Inc.	Rural Retreat	09	Wood Product Manufacturing and Sales	\$500,052	\$500,052
New River Energetics	Radford	09	Chemical Manufacturing and Sales	\$464,493	\$464,493
Ngk-Locke Polymer Insulators	Virginia Beach	02	Nonmetallic Mineral Product Mfg and Sales	\$353,142	\$404,420
Otic North America Inc	Fredericksburg	07	Petroleum and Coal Products Mfg and Sales	\$7,092,241	\$7,092,241
Ontario Hardwood Company, Inc.	Keysville	05	Wood Product Manufacturing and Sales	\$978,099	\$978,099
Optical Cable Corporation	Roanoke	09	Electrical Equipment Manufacturing and Sales	\$45,125,589	\$45,125,589
Orbital Sciences Corporation	Dulles	10	Transportation Equipment Manufacturing and Sales	\$198,098,585	\$221,843,173
Pipeline Research Council International	Falls Church	11	Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	\$115,189	\$215,694
Potomac Supply Corporation	Kinsale	01	Wood Product Manufacturing and Sales	\$4,549,757	\$4,549,757
Potomac Supply Inc	Kinsale	01	Wood Product Manufacturing and Sales	\$2,279,798	\$2,279,798
Qmt Associates, Inc.	Manassas Park	10	Other Misc Mfg and Sales of Non Capital Equipment	\$774,329	\$774,329
QubicaAMF Worldwide	Mechanicsville	07	Other Misc Mfg and Sales of Non Capital Equipment	\$1,036,184	\$1,093,397
Questel-Orbit, Incorporated	Alexandria	08	Internet Content & Service Providers	\$3,482	\$6,121
Reynolds Consumer Products Inc	Richmond	07	Plastics and Rubber Products Mfg and Sales	\$11,134,393	\$11,134,393
Rock Tools Inc.	Bristol	08	Not Identified	\$1,950,000	\$1,950,000
Rowe Fine Furniture Inc	Elliston	09	Furniture Manufacturing and Sales	\$6,637,470	\$6,637,470
Rubatex International Llc	Bedford	05	Plastics and Rubber Products Mfg and Sales	\$97,118	\$97,118
Sena Mining Products Llc	Alexandria	08	Administrative, Management and Support Services	\$347,452	\$347,452
Sherr & Jiang Plc	Herndon	11	Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	\$30,324	\$30,324
Sherr & Vaughn, Plc	Herndon	11	Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	\$4,301,139	\$4,301,139
Simplimatic Engineering Holdings, Llc	Evington	05	Machinery Manufacturing and Sales	\$7,496,797	\$7,496,797
Spectra Quest, Inc.	Richmond	07	Machinery Manufacturing and Sales	\$24,204	\$42,308
Strongwell Corporation	Bristol	09	Plastics and Rubber Products Mfg and Sales	\$2,156	\$2,733
Sutron Corporation	Sterling	10	Other Misc Mfg and Sales of Non Capital Equipment	\$738,000	\$750,000
Team Askin Technologies, Inc.	Fairfax	10	Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	\$31,749,708	\$90,227,708
Telarix, Inc.	Vienna	11	Internet Content & Service Providers	\$39,150,000	\$144,767,956
Test Dynamics Inc	Warrenton	05	Electrical Equipment Manufacturing and Sales	\$68,369	\$68,369
Tetra Tech, Inc.	Fairfax	11	Administrative, Management and Support Services	\$18,069,977	\$25,648,305
Thomas & Betts Corporation	Richmond	03	Electrical Equipment Manufacturing and Sales	\$473,944	\$473,944
Transprint Usa, Inc	Harrisonburg	06	Administrative, Management and Support Services	\$14,812,918	\$14,812,918
Tread Corporation	Roanoke	06	Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing and Sales	\$38,302,375	\$93,588,729
Trex Company, Inc.	Winchester	10	Plastics and Rubber Products Mfg and Sales	\$39,143	\$39,143
Trinity Scientific, L.P.	Sandston	03	Other Misc Mfg and Sales of Non Capital Equipment	\$269,567	\$269,567
Turkey Knob Growers, Inc.	Timberville	06	Crop Production and Sales	\$851,672	\$851,672
Turman-mercier Sawmills, Inc.	Hillsville	09	Specialty Trade Contractors	\$2,297,171	\$2,297,171
Universal Dynamics, Inc.	Woodbridge	11	Machinery Manufacturing and Sales	\$3,201	\$3,201
Us Cosmeceuticals, Llc	North Chesterfield	04	Chemical Manufacturing and Sales	\$4,905,000	\$7,000,000
Usa Hardwoods Llc	Winchester	10	Administrative, Management and Support Services	\$172,076	\$172,076
Virginia Transformer Corp	Roanoke	06	Electrical Equipment Manufacturing and Sales	\$1,810,428	\$2,566,663
Vt Idirect, Inc.	Herndon	11	Telecommunication Services	\$1,552,092	\$1,552,092
Williams & Lu Llc	Alexandria	08	Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	\$70,851	\$70,851
Zamma Corporation	Orange	07	Furniture Manufacturing and Sales	\$3,185,044	\$3,185,044
Zenth Aviation, Inc.	Fredericksburg	01	Transportation Equipment Manufacturing and Sales	\$209,024	\$209,024

Mr. REID. Will the Chair be kind enough to tell us what the business is today in the Senate?

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

ENSURING TAX EXEMPT ORGANIZATIONS THE RIGHT TO APPEAL ACT

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 1314, which the clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 1314) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a right to an administrative appeal relating to adverse determinations of tax-exempt status of certain organizations.

Pending:

Hatch amendment No. 1221, in the nature of a substitute.

Hatch (for Flake) amendment No. 1243 (to amendment No. 1221), to strike the extension of the trade adjustment assistance program.

Hatch (for Inhofe/Coons) modified amendment No. 1312 (to amendment No. 1221), to amend the African Growth and Opportunity Act to require the development of a plan for each sub-Saharan African country for negotiating and entering into free trade agreements.

Hatch (for McCain) amendment No. 1226 (to amendment No. 1221), to repeal a duplicative inspection and grading program.

Stabenow (for Portman) amendment No. 1299 (to amendment No. 1221), to make it a principal negotiating objective of the United States to address currency manipulation in trade agreements.

Brown amendment No. 1251 (to amendment No. 1221), to require the approval of Congress before additional countries may join the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement.

Wyden (for Shaheen) amendment No. 1227 (to amendment No. 1221), to make trade agreements work for small businesses.

Wyden (for Warren) amendment No. 1327 (to amendment No. 1221), to prohibit the application of the trade authorities procedures to an implementing bill submitted with respect to a trade agreement that includes investor-state dispute settlement.

Hatch modified amendment No. 1411 (to the language proposed to be stricken by amendment No. 1299), of a perfecting nature.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Utah.

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I want to take some time today to talk about proposals to include a currency manipulation negotiating objective in trade negotiations and the impact this issue is having on the debate over renewing trade promotion authority, or TPA.

Currency manipulation has, for many, become the primary issue in the TPA debate. It has certainly gotten the focus of the media and other outside observers. Indeed, I suspect that everyone who has an interest in the outcome of the TPA debate—both for and against—is watching closely to see how the Senate will address this particular matter.

Let me begin by saying that I recognize the frustrations many have regarding exchange rate policies of some of our trading partners, and I have committed to working with my colleagues to arrive at ways to improve currency surveillance and mechanisms