

TPA and TAA so that we get one done followed immediately by the other—that will put both pieces of legislation on the President's desk before the July 4 State work period.

I don't want anyone to think we are getting TPA done this week, with a promise to get TAA done at some other time. The process this week is very clear: We will vote on TPA and then we will vote on TAA. So this is how that will look. Tomorrow, we will begin the process of approving TPA. The next day, we will begin the process of approving TAA, along with the AGOA and preferences measure.

Before the week is out, I intend to go to conference on the Customs bill. This is a bill with broad bipartisan support. Members on both sides want to get it done, and we are going to formally begin the process to complete our work on the Customs bill. So I am committed to concluding work on that conference as quickly as possible. I am sure Members on both sides will hold us to that commitment.

So what does all this mean? It means that with continued bipartisan cooperation, we can ensure that TPA, TAA, and AGOA reach the President's desk this week, and it means we can ensure that the Customs bill is placed on a path to swift approval, too. It was always the goal to ensure that these bills passed Congress in the end. It remains the bipartisan goal today. We are now on the verge of achieving it. With just a little more trust, a little more cooperation, and simply voting consistently, we will get there.

#### RECOGNITION OF THE MINORITY LEADER

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Democratic leader is recognized.

#### EXPORT-IMPORT BANK

Mr. REID. Madam President, over the past several years there has been a disturbing practice that has become commonplace in the Congress, and sadly it is with no regard for the average American. The Republicans have resolved to govern by staggering from one ludicrous crisis to another crisis—one today, one next week. Unless the Republican leader acts, in just 5 days, for example, we will see the consequences of another manufactured crisis. On June 30, the charter for the Export-Import Bank is set to expire. This is serious business. This institution creates jobs by providing loans and loan guarantees to foreign customers who purchase American exports. This year alone, the Ex-Im Bank supports 165,000 American jobs—165,000 jobs that allow American workers to earn a living. These jobs cost taxpayers zero—nothing. In fact, this Bank saves the American taxpayers money. In the last 10 years, the Bank has returned more than \$7 billion to the U.S. Treasury.

With the threat of this Bank closing—other countries have similar insti-

tutions, such as China. People are going to China and other countries to get their loan guarantees and buy products—not from America but from countries where those banks will take care of their loans. This is so sad.

Despite the positive benefits the Bank provides for our economy and thousands of Americans, Republicans have decided that reauthorization is not a priority. The Republican leader has openly opposed reauthorization of this important Bank. I repeat, there are 165,000 jobs as we speak, and they are American jobs.

Quoting the senior Senator from Kentucky: "I personally think the Ex-Im Bank has outlived its usefulness and ought to go away." Really? The Bank should be put out of business? I don't think so. This resource supports thousands of jobs for Americans and could not possibly have outgrown its usefulness. But in the 6 months since the Republicans have taken control of Congress, this mindset has governed their decisions. Sensible programs that benefit average Americans and strengthen our economy have taken a backseat to special interests. We can see that by what is going on in this body this week.

Just as he has on countless issues so far this Congress, the Republican leader is intentionally ignoring deadlines that are obvious—these deadlines are obvious weeks and even months ahead of time—and offering no plan or solution to these pertinent issues facing our Nation. Today, we are talking about two of those—surface transportation, and I have talked about the Export-Import Bank. No plan. No solution. No urgency. That is how Republicans have chosen to govern.

This misguided policy is not governing at all. It is all about crisis management and doing a very poor job. This crisis management could be avoided by not playing dodgeball with issues important to our country.

There are less than 5 days until thousands of jobs are threatened for no apparent reason. The senior Senator from Kentucky should put his partisan agenda aside, choose American jobs over political benefits, and allow a vote to reauthorize the Export-Import Bank. This measure would pass. It would pass overwhelmingly because Republican Senators want this to pass also. So if a vote were allowed on this, it would get a sizeable majority.

#### FEDERAL HIGHWAY PROGRAM FUNDING

Mr. REID. Madam President, the Senate also faces another looming deadline manufactured by Republican leadership. At the end of July, Republican funding for the Federal highway program will expire. In 5 days, we will lose the Export-Import Bank. In just a few weeks, we are going to lose the highway program.

Our Nation's roads, bridges, highways, and transit systems are in des-

perate need of repair. Some 64,000 bridges are structurally deficient. This isn't 6,400; it is 64,000 bridges. Fifty percent of our roads are dangerously in need of repair. Still, Republicans in Congress have refused to work with Democrats in making an adequate long-term investment in our country's surface transportation programs.

Delaying and stalling has become their normal practice. Republicans are content to take a page straight out of their playbook. That playbook is called "Republican Manufactured Crisis Playbook." They do this day after day. They just go to that playbook that has been used over and over again. We have seen it before, and we are seeing it again with highways. We are seeing it with Ex-Im Bank. Instead of working with Democrats to create long-term solutions to our Nation's woes, the Republican leader will wait until the deadline is imminent—and on highways, we can see it coming—and he will offer another short-term extension to stave off a disaster of his own making. That is unacceptable. We have already had 33 Republican short-term fixes—33. We don't need a 34th.

Governing by crisis is a reckless strategy that leaves the well-being of Americans and our economy hanging in the balance. The Republican leader should abandon this policy and stop dragging our country from one crisis to another crisis. Republicans can get started today by bringing up reauthorization of the Ex-Im Bank for a vote before the charter expires in just a few days. It will pass. Certainly he could focus on long-term, bipartisan reauthorization of the Federal highway program, which, as I have indicated, expires in a few weeks.

The American people should not be forced to endure manufactured crises at the hands of Republican leadership. I urge the Republican leadership to change course and govern with the well-being of the American people in mind.

Madam President, will the Chair announce the business of the day.

#### RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

#### MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will be in a period of morning business until 5 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

The Senator from Utah.

#### ORDER OF PROCEDURE

Mr. HATCH. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the distinguished Senator from Florida be given 5 minutes and that I immediately follow him with my remarks.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.  
The Senator from Florida.

Mr. NELSON. Madam President, I thank the distinguished chairman of the Finance Committee. I will be back at 5 o'clock to speak on behalf of our nominee for TSA, Admiral Neffenger.

#### YOUTUBE KIDS APP

Mr. NELSON. Madam President, I want to address something that I was absolutely shocked about when I saw it over the weekend. We hear the term "age appropriate," and when it comes to our children, that is necessarily something that parents should be concerned about because we parents—all of us who are parents—want our children to be able to take advantage of the Internet's vast resources to learn, to stay connected. But we as parents do not want our children, especially small children, to encounter inappropriate content.

Well, unfortunately, there is a lot of violence, profanity, and sexualized material on the Internet, and kids can too often access this material with the click of a mouse. We have all been dealing with that. That is nothing unusual. And what are we parents to do? We can monitor our kids' activities, but we can also depend on parental controls and filters in the marketplace. We have seen the development of many of these services for kids that promise a safe space for children. The problem is when companies do not completely deliver on that promise.

So I have read recent news reports and I watched Google's YouTube Kids mobile application for smart phones, and I see that it contains material that is not, in fact, appropriate for small children. According to the press accounts—and what I saw repeated—the app has apparently been found to include videos with explicit language; mature subject matter, such as child abuse, drug use, pedophilia; demonstrations of unsafe behaviors; and—get this—advertisements for alcohol.

I want to show you a picture. This is on Google's YouTube Kids app. Here is a lady hawking red wine. This is an advertisement for little kids? It is there, and I hope the offending parties will take heed to my remarks.

We all recognize what is shown in this picture—most appropriate for advertisements for the Super Bowl, but on a Google YouTube app for little children, preceded by the Clydesdales pulling the wagon with the Dalmatian—an icon in America. But for little children, an ad, the King of Beers?

And how about unsafe behaviors. Here is someone striking a match and taking this match down to a pile of unlit matches, and then, of course, you know what happens—it all goes up in flame.

Have we lost our common sense? When Google rolled out its YouTube Kids app, it said: "The app makes it

safer and easier for children to find videos on topics they want to explore . . ." That is a good thing. It went on to say: "Now, parents can rest a little easier knowing that videos in the YouTube Kids app are narrowed down to content appropriate for kids." Well, I certainly agree with Google on that statement. Parents should be able to trust these online venues for children, especially when they are designed and marketed as being safe. But is this safe for children? And, Madam President, is that safe for children? I do not think so.

If a company creates an online safe haven for kids, it must do everything it can to make sure children are not unnecessarily exposed to the very content parents want their children to avoid. Google certainly has the technical expertise to make sure that videos which are unsuitable for kids are screened or filtered out, especially when Google markets the app as being suitable for children. Indeed, section 5 of the FTC Act prohibits deceptive marketing practices.

I applaud Google for its efforts to create healthy online experiences for children, but in this case, their efforts fell short, and I would expect Google to change this right away.

Furthermore, YouTube Kids should also be sensitive to the fact that younger children often do not understand the difference between advertisements and noncommercial content. So kids' online services that have commercial advertising should make sure that advertising is clearly distinguished from the other content. Google should not take advantage of this well-known vulnerability among children. Video advertisements should be easily and clearly distinguishable from other videos the kids are watching.

I should not have to come here and the Senator from Utah be so gracious to give me the time. It ought to be common sense that we should not be doing this. But this Senator, who is the ranking member of the Senate Commerce Committee, is compelled to come here and speak of this kind of comment. We want companies to create online services and products that allow children safe access to age-appropriate content, and we understand that companies want to tap into the kids' market, but everyone knows just how much Internet content is out there that is completely unsuitable for children.

Madam President, need I say any more? It is very clear, and I hope there will be quick action for appropriate content.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Utah.

#### TRAGEDY AT EMANUEL AME CHURCH

Mr. HATCH. Madam President, I rise to speak today on a matter of critical importance to our Nation's security,

but first I wish to extend my most heartfelt condolences to our friends in Charleston, SC.

Last week, we witnessed an unspeakable tragedy with the shooting at the Emanuel AME Church. This heinous act has left families reeling and the Nation in disbelief. Words can little console nor can they heal the hearts of those who have lost. Still, I wish to say just a few words to the neighbors, families, and friends who have suffered most.

Know that your Nation suffers with you—no question about it. You are in our prayers, our thoughts. May you feel peace and love. May you find healing in God. And may the shooter be swiftly brought to justice.

#### NUCLEAR AGREEMENT WITH IRAN

Mr. HATCH. Madam President, I now shift to a different threat we face.

Time and again—time and time again—the Islamic Republic of Iran has lied to the international community. The latest evidence emerged in the June 2 publication by the United Nations Security Council of a scathing report on Iranian noncompliance with the Joint Plan of Action. Written by a diverse panel of international experts, the report catalogs a growing list of Iran's violations of multiple U.N. mandates. It deserves to be read widely by all those who care deeply, as I do, about the ongoing P5+1 negotiations with Iran over its nuclear program.

The lesson to draw from the Security Council report is clear: If Iran continues to violate its current agreements with impunity, how can we expect that Tehran would adhere to a new deal to suspend its nuclear program? This is a matter of plain common sense.

The specifics of the report paint a profoundly troubling picture. Iranian arms transfer activities have continued uninterrupted, despite the sanctions imposed by the unified international community. These arms have found their way into a number of regional conflicts, fuelling instability in Syria, Iraq, Yemen, and elsewhere. Hezbollah and Hamas—Iran's perennial terrorist allies—continue to turn these weapons against Israel and our other allies in the region. Regional violence has been and continues to be Iran's export of choice.

According to this report, not only does Iran illegally export weapons and oil, it has also imported prohibited materials and technology, circumventing sanctions. The Iranians have long maintained a robust illicit procurement infrastructure. They have accomplished this through intermediaries controlled by Iranian and pro-Iranian interests, often involving false documentation, shell corporations, and foreign nationals.

For these and other reasons, our French allies have now declared that a rigorous inspection regime that includes military installations should be