20 or 25 different communities all across the State, probably at three dozen different events, town meetings, and similar activities. It will not surprise anyone to learn that the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty did not come up. We talked about farm policy. We talked about virtually every other thing. We talked about water policy, we talked about welfare, but at none of the meetings in which we discussed public issues did anyone raise the issue of the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty.

I want to raise the question about this treaty because the President of the United States signed this treaty 2 1/2 years ago and sent it to the Senate for ratification. This Senate did not hold a hearing on it during the 106th Congress, no hearing at all. It is now 6 months overdue. Are these tests, as my colleagues have said to me, in my judgment, to the safety of our citizens and our country, as our President has said, for the safety of our world? I believe that an ominous development? You bet that is.

I want to talk about how many countries have nuclear weapons around the world. We must prevent the spread of nuclear weapons. We must prevent the spread of technology that allows the delivery of nuclear weapons. One way to do that, in my judgment, is to prevent additional nuclear testing, and the way to do it is to ratify this treaty. It is long past the time to do it, and we ought to do it now and we ought to expect that be reported to the floor for debate in the next 2 to 3 months. I yield the floor.

Mr. Reid. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the morning hour be extended for 7 minutes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

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THE COMPREHENSIVE NUCLEAR TEST BAN TREATY

Mr. Reid. Mr. President, my colleague who just spoke on the Senate floor is the chairman of the Democratic Policy Committee. This is the educational arm of the Democratic Senators. He has done an outstanding job during his 6 months as chairman of the Policy Committee, hoping to educate not only Democrats but Republicans as to some of our responsibilities. The statement that was just made by the chairman of the committee, the Senator from North Dakota, is certainly appropriate. I agree in every way. The fact is, it is very important that we do everything we can to ratify this treaty, and also the Nunn-Lugar money has been some of the money that has been most well spent. I do not know of any money we have spent in recent years that has done more good than that money spent to make sure the former Soviet Union is helped to retire some of their weapons of mass destruction. It has been a