

over the oil companies—he, in a hearing, says to them, “I apologize that the President strong-armed you, Chicago-style.” [Laughter] “I apologize. I think this is a tragedy that you are being made to compensate these folks.” Really? [Laughter] I mean, when I heard that I was—I said, no, he didn’t say that. [Laughter] No, he didn’t say that. [Laughter] But he did. Because they don’t think in terms of representing ordinary folks. That’s not their orientation.

So that’s the choice that we face in this election. You’ve got the Bartons, the Boehners, and the Blunts. They’ve got that “no” philosophy, that “you’re on your own” philosophy, the status quo philosophy, a philosophy that says everything is politics and we’re just going to gun for the next election, we don’t care what it means for the next generation. And they figure if they just keep on saying no, it will work for them, they’ll get more votes in November, because if Obama loses, they win; if we can stop him, then we’ll look better.

But that’s not what’s going to lead our country out of this mess that we’re in. That just takes us backwards. We need to move forward. Robin Carnahan wants to move forward. Missouri

wants to move forward. America wants to move forward. That’s the choice in this election: moving backward or moving forward.

And if you fight for Robin Carnahan and if you work for Robin Carnahan, then I guarantee you that she will make sure that America moves forward and Missouri moves forward and people are put back to work and we are building a clean energy future and we are making sure that small businesses are prospering. That’s what we’re fighting for. That’s what you are fighting for. Let’s make this happen, Missouri.

Thank you. God bless you, and God bless the United States of America.

NOTE: The President spoke at 2:23 p.m. at the Folly Theater. In his remarks, he referred to former Sen. Jean Carnahan; Rep. J. Russell Carnahan; Warren E. Buffett, chief executive officer and chairman, Berkshire Hathaway Inc.; Missouri senatorial candidate Rep. Roy D. Blunt; Gov. Jeremiah W. “Jay” Nixon of Missouri; and Rep. Joseph L. Barton. A portion of these remarks could not be verified because the audio was incomplete.

Statement on the European Union-United States Agreement on the Terrorist Finance Tracking Program

July 8, 2010

The United States welcomes today’s decision by the European Parliament to join the Council and Commission of the European Union in approving a revised agreement between the United States and the European Union on the processing and transfer of financial messaging data for the Terrorist Finance Tracking Program (TFTP). We look forward to the Council’s completion of the process, allowing the agreement to enter into force on August 1, 2010, thus fully restoring this important counterterrorism tool and resuming the sharing of investigative data that has been suspended since January 2010. The threat of terrorism faced by the United States and the European Union continues, and with this agreement all of our citizens will be safer.

The TFTP has provided critical investigative leads—more than 1,550 to EU member states—since its creation after the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. These leads have aided countries around the world in preventing or investigating many of the past decade’s most visible and violent terrorist attacks and attempted attacks, including Bali (2002), Madrid (2004), London (2005), the liquids bomb plot against transatlantic aircraft (2006), New York’s John F. Kennedy Airport (2007), Germany (2007), Mumbai (2008), and Jakarta (2009).

This new, legally binding agreement reflects significant additional data privacy safeguards, but still retains the effectiveness and integrity of this indispensable counterterrorism program.

Protecting privacy and civil liberties is a top priority of the Obama administration. We are determined to protect citizens of all nations while also upholding fundamental rights, using every legitimate tool available to combat terrorism that is consistent with our laws and principles.

The United States values the European Union's partnership in meeting the complex

challenges of this era. Putting the TFTP on this cooperative course is another example of how we can work with our European partners to prevent terrorism and simultaneously respect the rule of law. This cooperation strengthens our transatlantic ties and makes all our people safer.

Remarks at a Fundraiser for Senator Harry M. Reid in Las Vegas, Nevada July 8, 2010

The President. Hello, Nevada! Hello, Vegas! *Si se puede!* Oh, it is good to be back in Vegas. This is a pretty good crowd. I know you're disappointed, but I'm not singing tonight. [*Laughter*]

Listen, I love being in Vegas again, love being in Vegas. I love this town. Maybe not as much as my staff. [*Laughter*] For some reason, every time we come here, Air Force One is a little more crowded. [*Laughter*] It's like I'm seeing people in the couches and—

Audience member. We love you, Obama!

The President. I love you back. I love you back. A couple other people I love here. I want to make mention—Congresswoman Dina Titus is in the house. There she is right there. Love Dina. Secretary of State Ross Miller is in the house; give a big round of applause to Ross, right here. One of my earliest supporters, not just here in Nevada, but anywhere in the country, State Senate Majority Leader Steven Horsford is in the house. He's somewhere out here. Your wonderful speaker of the State assembly, Barbara Buckley, is here.

Give it up for Brandon, David, and Mark, The Killers. These guys, by the way, for the Fourth of July performed for military families in the South Lawn, and so have just been unbelievable for us. Really nice guys; they don't look like killers, let's face it. [*Laughter*] I mean, one of them is tall, but they don't look like you'd be scared of them. [*Laughter*] But they are wonderful people, and we are grateful to them. And then how about Sarah McLachlan? She was—I met her backstage—just delightful, and a couple of beautiful daughters. And I'm always partial to daughters. [*Laughter*]

Now, despite the entertainment, despite the nice digs, despite seeing all these old friends, the main reason I'm here is because there's a guy from Searchlight, Nevada, who has been fighting on behalf of Nevada for most of his life and is now fighting for working families all across America, and that's your Senate majority leader, Harry Reid.

I have known Harry since I arrived in the Senate 5 years ago, and we have become dear friends. He is a man of principle. He is a straight shooter. He is a man of his word. He comes across as soft-spoken—you know, how he's all like, "Well, you know." [*Laughter*] Even when he's in front of a big crowd, he's like, "Well, you know." [*Laughter*] "Okay, okay, we're trying here, trying hard." [*Laughter*] I mean, that's just how Harry is. But anybody who knows Harry knows he is made of strong stuff. This is one tough guy. A lot of people talk tough; Harry is tough.

A lot of people in Washington forget where they came from. Harry remembers every single day. A lot of people, instead of taking the tough votes, showing leadership, making difficult decisions, they do what's politically expedient. They're not making the choices that give them the best chance of staying in Washington. That's not Harry Reid. He doesn't always do what's easy. He doesn't always do what is popular. But he always does what's right for the people of Nevada. And that's why you've got to send him back there for one more term. As Senate majority leader, he has always done what's right. You've got to send him back.

You know, Harry used to be a boxer. He likes to brag about this. [*Laughter*] But it's—you