

topic we are hearing more about because of the pandemic and because of legislation we are working on right now.

Today and tomorrow, as the majority leader made reference to, we are going to be voting here in the Senate on measures ahead of a conference—kind of a coming together of the House and Senate—to work out differences on landmark legislation aimed at addressing U.S. economic competition with the Chinese Communist Party and investing in American workers.

As the House and Senate proceed to this conference on the Senate-passed U.S. Innovation and Competition Act and the House version, which is called the COMPETES Act, I urge bipartisan leadership in both the House and the Senate to negotiate in good faith and ensure substantive provisions that support the interests of American workers, supply chains, and security.

Key among these provisions in the trade title is the House COMPETES Act and within it, the bipartisan, bicameral National Critical Capabilities Defense Act, which both Senator CORNYN and I wrote and have led the effort on to pass this legislation. In the House, Representatives PASCRELL and DELAURO have worked on this as well.

The pandemic exacerbated a problem that has been decades in the making. Here it is: The United States has ceded its manufacturing power to other countries—especially countries like China—that don't play by the rules. From the PPE shortages that we all know so much about at the beginning of the pandemic—I mean, we couldn't even provide enough masks, gloves, and gowns for our own people. That was an American failure that was long in the making. We cannot—cannot—allow that to happen. But, of course, PPE doesn't end the story; we have ceded our manufacturing power to other parts of the world in so many other ways.

For too long, corporations have prioritized their profits over anything else. They have prioritized those profits by offshoring their manufacturing to countries with low labor standards that undercut American workers, thereby lowering the cost of design and production all across the board. So offshoring our manufacturing capabilities—the best in the world, I would argue—why would we offshore it like we have over a generation? Offshoring our supply chain has gotten so bad that it is now putting our economic security at risk, but it is also putting our national security at risk.

The issue is that we don't even know how bad the problem is. At its core, this bill, the National Critical Capabilities Defense Act, is a transparency effort. We need to know how much we are relying on foreign adversaries for both the design and manufacturing of goods that are critical to our economic and national security interests. Once we know that, we can start investing in domestic manufacturing strategically,

which will lower costs for families, provide good-paying jobs to American workers, and ensure that we are no longer relying on adversaries for the basic functions of our economy.

This is a commonsense policy, and that is why this bill has bipartisan support in the House and the Senate. Members of the Senate are coming together on this who often don't agree on much but agree that we have to protect our manufacturing base. We cannot be at the mercy of other countries in a pandemic or more generally when it comes to our economic interests but also our security interests.

That is why Biden administration officials, from the National Security Advisor to the Secretary of Commerce, have acknowledged a need to review outbound investment. Even former National Security Advisor H.R. McMaster proposed some form of a government outbound investment review mechanism.

I recognize that this is not an easy problem to solve. It is not an easy mechanism to create within the bureaucracy of the Federal Government. But this critical moment calls for having to do the hard work to ensure that we are meeting the economic and national security challenges of the day.

This is a moment to do the work to set our government and the American people up for success in a world where the Chinese Communist Party will continue to incentivize American investment into that country and away from the United States, thereby eroding the foundation of American power, which is leveraging our economic might to uphold liberal Democratic norms—the same norms that are being challenged every day in places like Ukraine.

So this is why I urge my colleagues in leadership to work with me and to work with others in a bipartisan, bicameral effort to negotiate and hammer out the details of this legislation and to ensure the inclusion of this critical legislation in a final competitiveness package.

If a company is outsourcing technology, outsourcing a product that compromises or has the potential to compromise our national security, we not only should know about that, but we should have the opportunity as a government whose first duty is to protect our national security. That same Government, the U.S. Government, should be able to review those transactions and make a determination about whether or not that outsourcing will put us at a disadvantage. That is a reasonable request for people in both parties, both Houses, and the administration, and it is about time we did this. It is long overdue.

So this isn't simply that we couldn't make enough masks and had to rely upon other countries in a pandemic. That was bad enough. That was embarrassing enough. This is a lot more than PPE; this is about our economic security and our national security.

There is no reason why those kinds of investments that companies make

every day—sometimes without any thought about what it will do to our security—there is no reason why that shouldn't be the subject of an appropriate review to protect our national security.

With that, I would yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk proceeded to call the roll.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Oklahoma.

Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

REMEMBERING ORRIN G. HATCH

Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, much has already been said on this floor as we express our love and admiration for our friend and former colleague, Senator Orrin Hatch of Utah. He was not like any other Senator. Orrin was the best of all of us, and our household is very sad to hear of his passing.

I will never forget the time he took to answer calls from an obscure State senator from Oklahoma. If you haven't figured it out, that was me. He had a way about him with everyone he met, an unwavering kindness and gentle nature that Kay and I will miss deeply. You don't see a lot of that in the U.S. Senate. We were close long before I was even in the House. Orrin was the one whom I would go to for wisdom. We had the same love for Jesus and everything that we hold dear.

I will always remember his humor, but he also gave his best advice. He was not just a friend but a confidante. Whether he was talking about Scripture or history, he had a way of saying things that brought people together. You don't see that today. You see people fighting each other, and that is what people always say. When I go back home to Oklahoma, people talk about, why don't you guys get along? Well, we do. It just doesn't come across that way. But it did with him.

I think back fondly on everything that we did while Orrin was in office. Despite strong opposition at the time, myself and Senators Hatch, Chambliss, and THUNE were able to pass an amendment permitting the Air Force to enter into a multiyear procurement for a total of 60 F-22s during the 2007 NDAA. The NDAA is something we pass every year. It is the National Defense Authorization Act. And that happened that year. Now, that turned out to be one-third of our total force in one effort, one NDAA effort.

The argument against the amendment at the time was that we didn't need such an air-dominant fighter, but we knew we were making an investment in the future of our defense. Orrin had that foresight. He was always looking to the future. In advancing years,

people would joke around about it because he was looking at the next generation. He showed that foresight always when others didn't.

Not only that, but together we worked very closely to ensure the future of our Air Force depots. I remember the codel. A codel is a group of Members who go someplace to examine things. I led a group codel, along with Senator Hatch and Senator Chambliss, which toured each one of our depots as part of the initiative to restore their funding. This is something that we had to do at that time because our previous administration had not done an adequate job.

Now, Orrin—you know, you think of him as always a serious person. He wasn't. Most of the time, he was poking fun at himself. I remember laughing often when he was around. Together, we supported funding for these Air Force depots that continue to be vital to our home States of Oklahoma, Utah, and Georgia, but we had fun while doing it. That was Orrin's way of doing it. He always had fun.

For those of you who are not familiar with our Nation's depots, they are state-of-the-art maintenance and repair facilities for the Air Force's aircraft. We do this ourselves because we can't trust anyone else to get them done. Simply put, our Nation would not be able to rule the skies without the critical maintenance and repair work that is performed on our incredibly complex aircraft.

To ensure our Nation will always have our Nation's depots, there are laws commonly called core and 50/50 laws which preserve the depots' maintenance. I know that a lot of people are not familiar with the term "depot," but it is critically important for our survival.

Throughout my tenure on the Senate Armed Services Committee, I greatly appreciated the legal analysis that Senator Hatch provided my staff and me when the executive branch would send over suggested changes to these critical laws.

Now, there were many times when, after reading those proposals, Senator Hatch would raise the alarm, and my colleagues on the Senate Armed Services Committee and I would then turn to do battle, and sometimes we had to do what was necessary, but we did it together.

After the Obama administration canceled the NASA project Constellation, which was supposed to replace the space shuttle, there was a real question whether the civilian solid rocket motor industry, which employs thousands of people in Utah, was going to survive. Obviously it did survive, and that was due to Orrin Hatch. Using his considerable legislative skills, Senator Hatch was able to insert language in the fiscal year 2010 National Defense Authorization Act that directed the new heavy-lift Space Launch System be built to lift, from inception, 130 tons—an objective which at the time could

only be accomplished by using solid rocket motors.

And he did it. He did it. He looked out into the future. This is back when he was actually in advanced years himself. As a result, a few weeks ago, NASA rolled the SLS out to the launch pad for testing before it carries the astronauts to the Moon in what is projected to be 2025.

I was also very impressed by how Senator Hatch used his prominence to promote the use of Hill Air Force Base. Whenever there was an Air Force official within hearing distance, Senator Hatch would espouse the strength and capabilities of the Hill, Ogden Air Logistics Complex, and he did so very persuasively. The results were there, and he was the guy who did it. In fact, I honestly believe that one of the reasons Hill was chosen to receive the first three squadrons of F-35s is that Orrin Hatch was always advocating for Hill with the Air Force senior leadership.

Now, one of the things that I loved about Orrin Hatch was his placement of obscure words into many of his speeches. He would say things that were so obscure that no one would know what he was talking about. No one in the Senate wanted to believe that they didn't understand what he was talking about, but they didn't. He would use words that no one really had any idea what they meant. I actually wrote these down some time ago.

"Bovarium." That was defined, by him, as having an exaggerated, especially glamorized, estimate of oneself. I think we know what we are talking about there.

"Cockalorum" is a small man with a big opinion of himself. We know that.

"Furphy" is a false report or a rumor.

When asked why he insisted on using that kind of vocabulary, Senator Hatch would beam his boyish grin and chuckle and respond:

I like confusing the Democrats.

He had a very peculiar way of trying to get to know volunteers. He would get people who had no status in life. He would have people who were driving cars. Many of them were young people who were escorting him to different places just to make speeches or something. He had a peculiar way of trying to get to know volunteers—people who no one else paid any attention to. If they were driving him to events, without fail, he would always compliment the volunteer about his car. It could be an old junker car, but, nonetheless, he would talk about it because he knew young people were proud of their cars. I am talking about the young volunteer could have been driving a 50-year-old Yugo, with the floor rusted through, but I can assure you that Senator Hatch would find something nice to say about the volunteer's car.

My personal opinion is that one of the best ways to know someone is to listen to him pray. When we address our Creator, we reveal who we really

are. Many of us waited around and listened and waited for Orrin to give one of his prayers. He had that kind of a love that everyone enjoyed. For those who have listened to this or who have read this record, I want to present the genuine Orrin Hatch to you—a person whom we all came to know and love.

In 2010, Senator Hatch was chosen to say the main prayer at the 57th National Prayer Breakfast here in Washington. It has been going on for 60 years, and we have had our 60th now. This is something that will last forever.

I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the RECORD, at the conclusion of my remarks, the full text of Senator Hatch's prayer for peace and tranquility in front of that crowd of 4,000 people on that February morning 12 years ago.

Today, I believe Orrin Hatch fully enjoys the peace and tranquility that he prayed for. All of that is to say, Orrin Hatch will be missed dearly by me and by the many friends of Orrin Hatch's. We have lost a true hero and one of my closest personal friends. Kay and I are praying for Elaine and their family and loved ones as they go through this difficult time.

So today is goodbye to my friend.

God bless you, Orrin Hatch.

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

"Let us pray. As we bow our heads this morning before Thee, we are so grateful for this great nation, and for the nations of the world and especially for the opportunities we have as a nation to bring peace and contentment and tranquility throughout this world. We are grateful for our great leaders and pray Thou will bless them. We pray that Thou will bless our President and our Vice President and their cabinet. And all the leaders throughout the federal government, that they might be inspired to lead us to do the things that are righteous in Thy sight. That we might be able to be good followers and that we might be able to bind together to do what is right. As Moses' father-in-law told him, let's share the responsibility and let's work together in the best interests of our country. Let's have bipartisanship reborn again in this great nation. We are so grateful for those who serve in the military, who are represented here today and throughout this country. We are grateful for all the sacrifices that they undertake on our behalf. We are grateful for those who are in harm's way and we pray Thou will pour out Thy special blessing upon them, that they may be blessed and protected. And we pray that we might be a nation that will help bring peace and tranquility throughout the world. We are grateful for all the food, clothing and shelter that Thou hast provided for us. We are grateful for those who serve in governments throughout the states and the respective state legislatures. And last but not least, we are grateful for the Congress of the United States and pray that the Congress might be able to work together, as Democrats and Republicans and Independents, to serve Thee and serve our country and to serve our fellow men and women. And bring peace and content to this great nation and throughout the world. We pray at this time for those who are suffering in Haiti and elsewhere throughout the world and ask you to bless them and help them and help us to do

our share in helping throughout this world. We are grateful for leaders from other countries who are here and pray Thy blessing upon them. Once again, we ask you to bless our President and Vice President and the leaders of this country. In the name of Jesus Christ. Amen."

Mr. INHOFE. I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. HICKENLOOPER). The Senator from Nebraska.

RUSSIA AND CHINA

Mr. SASSE. Mr. President, Ukraine's struggle against Russia's invasion has reminded Americans that, sometimes, the world divides into good and evil and into heroes and villains. Not always. There are many fights that are not like that, and we just stupidly talk like it. Debates about marginal tax policy are not good versus evil or heroes versus villains; but, sometimes, fights are heroes versus villains.

Heroes are men and women who love their country and who love their freedom and who want to pass along freedom to the next generation, but they are also people who believe in freedom more broadly. Heroes are people who believe that we were created in the image of God and that everyone has unalienable rights: the rights to life, liberty, speech, religion, assembly, protest. These are pre-governmental rights. Governments don't give us these rights; we are endowed with these rights by nature and nature's Creator. Heroes recognize this not only about themselves and their own countrymen and -women but about everybody. Zelenskyy is such a hero.

The villains are tyrants. They are people who want to oppress others, who want to hold them down. They want to take freedom from their countrymen but also from their neighbors. They are people who seek power at the expense of the weak. Putin is such a villain.

But there is another villain in this drama, a villain who isn't getting nearly enough attention, and he is Chairman Xi, the dictator in China. His Chinese Communist Party has enabled him to do all sorts of oppressive things against men and women in his country. We know what is happening in Xinjiang—there is actually a genocide happening against the Uighurs in our time—but Xi is doing more than just oppressing people at home.

A hundred years from now, when the history of the Russian invasion of Ukraine is written, assuming that it isn't written as Chinese propaganda, I am confident that the public will have a much clearer understanding of the way that Xi and Putin have worked together and have worked together closely. We can't talk here about everything we know in the Intelligence Committee, but I am confident that, when the history is written, the American people and the people of the world will see Xi and Putin as having worked hand in hand, side by side.

Americans should understand this today: Chairman Xi is not indifferent about Ukraine. He is on Putin's side,

and he has supported Putin's unprovoked war.

The situation in Ukraine reminds us of a pretty good rule for 21st century foreign policy, and it is this: The Chinese Communist Party is almost always on the wrong side of freedom and human dignity.

The CCP and the United States are in the middle of a global conflict of visions. It is important for us in this Chamber not to say "the United States and China" as if we mean 330 million Americans and 1.4 billion Chinese are locked in a battle; but the U.S. vision, the American idea, is in conflict with the vision of the Chinese Communist Party and the ways that they want to oppress not just their neighbors but their own citizens. The CCP and the U.S. are locked in a global conflict of visions, and that is true whether DC politicians want to admit it every day or not, and sometimes it seems convenient for folks not to admit it.

It is the free peoples of the world—NATO allies, Ukrainians, and other freedom lovers—who are fighting against a handful of totalitarian regimes—chiefly, Putin's Russia and Xi's Chinese Communist Party. These are the folks who are terrorizing not just their own people but their neighbors. This contest is a contest between liberty and tyranny. Not every fight is, but this one is; and you had damned well better believe that the tyrants are working together strategically and intentionally to undermine freedom.

So let's back up to February 4.

The Winter Olympics had just begun, and Vladimir Putin was in China to visit Chairman Xi. Together, they released what they called a "joint statement" announcing a new partnership with "no limits." The Xi-Putin statement said there would be no limits in their partnership against the United States. They promised that they would work together to promote each other's economic and national security interests even as Putin was amassing forces on the border of Ukraine and preparing for his invasion. Xi was not unaware of what Putin was planning when he released and signed the "no limits" statement.

Here is why this is strange: Historically, Russia and China have not been friends. For centuries, these two countries have clashed with one another. During the Cold War, not even shared communist ideology could unite China and Russia for very long. The CCP studied the collapse of the Soviet Union to learn how to keep a communist regime afloat, and they have been very adept at using new technologies not to advance human freedom but to squash human freedom. Now, though, the historic rivals have found something they have in common. Both Putin and Xi hate the United States and hate, most fundamentally, our ideas of the dignity of every individual having been created in the image of God.

Let's do a little geography.

Russia and China share nearly 3,000 miles of common border. Russia is a giant. It has 11 time zones. Think about that. If you look at your globe of the world and spin it all the way around, you will get 24 time zones. Russia spans 11 of them. Russia is about 11 percent of the area of land on Earth. There are 5 countries that have about 6 percent: China is one; the U.S. is one; Canada is one—and India. So Russia has 11 percent, and 5 countries have about 6 percent. No other country has more than about 2 percent of the land mass of Earth.

The Russian-Chinese border has historically been complicated because they haven't gotten along, but as he planned to launch his wicked invasion of Ukraine, Putin needed to move troops and materiel all the way from the border with China in the East back into Europe in the West. And he couldn't do that—he couldn't leave this giant border unguarded—unless Chairman Xi said: We don't have any problems right now. And that is exactly what happened. Xi agreed that he would be on the same page with Putin as Putin took all of his troops and all of his materiel back from this historically contested border to use against the free people of Ukraine.

From the beginning of this crisis, Chairman Xi has been in lockstep with Putin. The New York Times writes in some impressive reporting that Xi even asked Putin to delay the invasion until after the Olympics ended, which Putin ultimately did.

One of the biggest ways China has supported Russia through all of this is by amplifying Russian lies and propaganda about the war. Chinese Communist Party propagandists, such as Wang Yi, have done everything from blaming the United States and NATO for the war to playing up Russia's unrealistic security demands, to echoing lies about Ukrainian biolabs.

Xi's henchmen and CCP-controlled state media have always been there to amplify Putin's falsehoods. Some of the stuff Putin is saying at home is laughably absurd even to the hosts of state TV, who are paid to read these scripts. Yet Xi has been willing to take all of it, translate it into Mandarin, and pump it into China to make sure the people in China don't have an accurate understanding of what is happening between Russia and Ukraine. The CCP's state media have been trying to tell the world repeated untrue stories about Russia, and they now cover up the atrocities and horrors that have been committed by Russian troops against Ukrainian civilians.

The propagandizing is obviously despicable, but the diplomatic support the CCP is providing Russia is even more dangerous. Through the COVID pandemic, we saw how China tried to manipulate international organizations like the WHO to promote their own narrative and to bully other countries. During the invasion of Ukraine, they have done the same thing on behalf of Putin.