problem, but I don’t see it changing right now. I think that is a sad commentary on the state of affairs.

Mr. MARTINEZ. Will the Senator yield for a moment?

Mr. NELSON of Florida. Certainly.

Mr. MARTINEZ. I appreciate the Senator’s comments, and I so much value our relationship and our ability to work across the aisle, because we seem to get a lot done when we do that. It is a sign on one of the very difficult issues of our day, which is immigration, that we do seem to be working in a bipartisan way, and it is amazing what can be accomplished when we do work bipartisan.

I can’t help but be shaped by my own life experience, and I remember as I came to America and was learning the ways of this country, and I admired so much this new land of mine, that I would marvel at the phrase: “Politics ends at the voting edge.” That used to be the standard. There were these towering giants of another day who occupied these very desks we now use as ours who seemed to find it within themselves to reach out a little higher to work across party lines in those post-war years, in the Cold War years when it was so essential.

I think what we need to adopt as a country is the understanding that this struggle against this enemy, long term, that we are going to be in this fight for a long time, probably the time of your service and mine. I hope not, but perhaps. If we are going to be successful in that endeavor, we have to set politics aside to find a way that we can think of America first and whatever label we wear in a secondary way. I am not preaching to my colleague from Florida or anyone in particular. Frankly, the blame lies on both sides making a lot of noise and a lot of rhetoric, but that power windows would automatically reverse direction to prevent a child from being trapped and mandate that power windows would automatically reverse direction to prevent a child from being trapped and mandate technology to prevent many of them. But as we have seen, these injuries and deaths continue to occur, even though we have the technology to use. In April alone—and we are not even to the end of April—they have happened in Indiana, New York, Georgia, three in Florida, two in Texas, two in California, and one in Hawaii thus far. And it is only April 24.

This is why a lot of us have gotten behind the Cameron Gulbransen Kids and Cars Safety Act. It is a bipartisan bill that would provide drivers with the means of detecting a child behind their vehicle. This technology would also ensure that power windows would automatically reverse direction to prevent a child from being trapped and mandate a car’s service brake to engage to prevent rollaways. We have this technology in a lot of vehicles. We have been in the vehicles where there is a signal that goes beep, beep, beep, and it becomes more frequent when an object is detected behind the car. The technology is there, and it is being used. The same thing for windows. A child’s head is in a window and suddenly the window goes up. It hits resistance and it reverses, and a parking brake automatically engages to prevent a rollaway on an incline.

Consumer groups have teamed with the parents of victims to suggest ways that are relatively simple and inexpensive in order to ensure that more parents won’t have to endure the pain of losing a child. The technology is there. We all want to be safe behind the wheel of a car, especially when we back up. How many times, when we back out of our garage, do we have that nagging thought: Is there a child behind this vehicle I cannot see? Why go through this trauma anymore? Let’s pass this Kids and Cars Safety Act, and then we can stop a lot of these needless deaths.

Mr. President, 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.

Mr. BIDEN. 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.

Mr. BIDEN. Mr. President, I will proceed in morning business. I believe I have time allotted to me.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority has 15 minutes.

IRAQ

Mr. BIDEN. Mr. President, President Bush has spent the last 2 weeks talking about progress’ but progress’ are making in Iraq and talking down the Democrats and some of our Republican colleagues for trying to bring this war to a responsible end. But sometimes that is a problem because you have to deal with the facts. The facts are not as the President wants them to be but as they exist on the ground. The fact is, the President is totally out of touch with reality. He is out of touch with the American people and with America’s image in the rest of the world.

I have been here a while, and I can say I have never seen a President as isolated since Richard Nixon. The President appears to be totally removed from reality. He tells us that Attorney General Gonzales has done a great job, when anybody who watched it views it as one of the least impressive appearances of an Attorney General. He tells us that the President of the World Bank, an American, is doing a great job, oblivious to the damage being done to America’s image around the world. And against the advice of some of the most gifted military men and women in a generation,