

for his signature. I have worked for months now to make progress on that bill and it has been cleared for passage twice by all Democratic Senators. First, we cleared it with an amendment that would have also passed the Second Chance Act and consensus court security measures. When Senate Republicans refused to clear that measure, Senate Democrats also cleared the bill for passage in the identical form that it passed the House and without any amendments. An anonymous Republican hold on the measure is preventing its passage.

I know of no legitimate reason for this delay. The Senate could pass this bill today and send it to the President to be signed into law. Instead of passing this bipartisan privacy legislation, it appears this Republican-led Congress will recess without acting on this bill—forcing millions of Americans to continue to play Russian roulette with their sensitive personal information.

This week the former chair of Hewlett Packard, Patricia Dunn, called on Congress to pass bright-line laws regarding phone pretexting to avoid a repeat of the fiasco at HP. The TRAPP Act would do exactly that. This bill would help shut down the growing black market for consumer telephone records.

I support this bill and I commend the bill's lead cosponsors in the Senate and the House—Senators SPECTER, SCHUMER and DURBIN, and Representatives LAMAR SMITH and JOHN CONYERS—for their leadership on this privacy issue. I hope whoever is objecting on the Republican side will stop the needless delay of this legislation. If there is a legitimate concern, come forward and work with us.

The Senate should also act on a more comprehensive privacy bill that Chairman SPECTER and I have cosponsored—the Personal Data Privacy and Security Act, S. 1789. This important measure was favorably reported by the Judiciary Committee last November. But, the Republican Senate leadership would not allow this bill to be considered by this Congress either.

Our bill requires companies that have databases with sensitive personal information about Americans to establish and implement data privacy and security programs. The bill also requires data brokers to provide notice to consumers when their sensitive personal information has been compromised.

We have a bill that significantly advances the ball in protecting the privacy of all Americans, and I will continue to work to move this legislation toward passage.

U.N. SUPPORT OF THE CYPRIOT PEACE PROCESS

Mr. BIDEN. Mr. President, the country of Cyprus has occupied a special place in my heart for many years. My admiration for the island and its people grew in recent months as Cypriots opened their arms to assist the thou-

sands of American citizens who fled from Lebanon during this summer's fighting between Hezbollah and Israel. This exceptional display of Hellenic hospitality has reaffirmed Cyprus's importance as a safe harbor amid the unsettled waters of the eastern Mediterranean and a key partner for the United States.

For far too long, however, Cyprus has existed as an island divided. An invasion by Turkey in 1974 needlessly separated the island's ethnically Greek and Turkish citizens—two communities that had successfully coexisted for centuries. A generation has now grown to adulthood on either side of a Green Line that segregates Cypriots from both their peaceful shared history and their promising shared destiny. Mr. President, I believe we must correct this wrong before another generation endures a similar fate.

In 2004, United Nations Secretary General Kofi Annan presented a plan to reunite the island's two communities. The Annan plan certainly wasn't perfect, but it brought the island closer to reunification than any peace initiative in the past three decades. After the plan failed to gain the support of the Greek Cypriot community in an April 2004 referendum, the drive to unify the island largely stagnated, and the U.N. closed its "good offices" mission in Nicosia that had worked to facilitate peace negotiations.

Over the summer, I have been encouraged by the first real signs of movement toward a settlement since the Annan plan was rejected. Ibrahim Gambari, the United Nations Under Secretary General for Political Affairs, visited Cyprus in July and presided over a joint meeting between the President of the Republic of Cyprus, Tassos Papadopoulos, and the head of the Turkish Cypriot community, Mehmet Ali Talat. The two leaders reaffirmed their commitment to seek a political settlement in an agreement signed on July 8. They are now poised to begin a new round of technical talks that I hope will move the peace process forward.

Mr. President, others have rightly stated that Cypriot problems need Cypriot solutions, but I am convinced that those solutions won't be forthcoming without the forceful support of the international community. For years, the United Nations has played a critical role in Cyprus, maintaining a ceasefire and facilitating a political settlement. Under Secretary Gambari will report to the U.N. Security Council in the beginning of December, and the Security Council and Secretary General will subsequently decide whether to renew the mandate of UNFICYP, the U.N. Peacekeeping mission in Cyprus, and reopen the Secretary General's good offices mission in Nicosia.

Greek and Turkish Cypriot leaders should take advantage of this window of opportunity and launch the technical talks they committed to as part

of the July 8 agreement. Once they do, the international community should be ready to support them. I am convinced that given the right conditions and adequate international backing, a solution in Cyprus is both possible and attainable. I hope that members of the Security Council will reach the same conclusion and act accordingly when the issue is before them, and that the new U.N. Secretary General will build on Secretary General Annan's leadership to facilitate a peaceful resolution of this long-running conflict.

When it finally happens, the reunification of Cyprus will have significance far beyond the shores of the Mediterranean. A united Cyprus will stand as an example to the world of how different ethnic groups can overcome past wrongs, bridge differences, and live together as neighbors. At a time when too many countries are beset by demons of ethnic and sectarian hatred, it is more important than ever to find an answer to the Cyprus question. If the United States and other members of the international community are willing to act as catalysts for a political settlement, I am confident that future generations of Cypriots can enjoy the peace they rightly deserve.

PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, September is Prostate Cancer Awareness Month, and I would like to take advantage of this opportunity to remind men and the women who love them that early detection saves lives.

Prostate cancer is the most commonly diagnosed nonskin cancer in American men and it is one of the leading causes of cancer-related death among men. Approximately one out of every six men will develop it at some point in their lives. In fact, according to the American Cancer Society, more than 230,000 new cases of prostate cancer are diagnosed each year in the United States and, sadly, about 27,000 sons, fathers, brothers and husbands will die of the disease. Fortunately, through early detection and treatment, fewer men are dying and more men are living long and healthy lives following their diagnosis.

A simple blood test, the prostate-specific antigen, or PSA, test can detect prostate cancer, and is usually administered by your regular doctor. Health experts recommend that doctors offer men yearly screening beginning at age 50. However, men with one or more high risk factors should consider starting yearly testing at age 45 or earlier and some may choose to take a PSA test at age 40, to establish a baseline level for future comparison.

Each year my wife Barbara and I sponsor a cancer booth at the South Dakota State Fair in Huron, SD. For many years, we have been able to provide free PSA tests to hundreds of men, and several people have returned to the booth to tell us that the PSA test they