

argument this is not a significant attempt to strengthen the border in this country.

We were already spending more money on border enforcement than we do on any other Federal law enforcement combined as it was. We had gone to about 22,000 Border Patrol agents already as it was. Now we are doubling that number—doubling—as an attempt to respond to a very reasonable concern the American people have that the border should be as secure as possible. So that is now part of this legislation.

So those are three things people have argued: The process was too fast, the bill was going to negatively affect the deficit, and our border is still insecure. Those were the arguments that were made.

Now we don't hear those arguments so much anymore. Now we hear scare stories about health care. We are hearing scare stories about how this will affect our economy even though the non-partisan Congressional Budget Office has said we are going to see five additional points of gross domestic product growth—GDP growth—in the second 10 years of this bill passing, as a result of bringing people out of the shadows.

It is not as if the 11 million people who are here and who are undocumented are not working. They are working. Many of them are working in this country. Many of them are working in the agriculture sector in my State and in this country. Many are working in other industries as well all across the United States. But they are working in an unlawful way. They are working in a cash economy. They are working in a situation where they are easily exploited. Because of that, they drag down the wages of everybody in America.

Workers in my State who are here and who are legal—l-e-g-a-l—are having to compete in a marketplace where there are people who can pay less because they know there are people who have to take less because they do not have lawful recourse.

All the protections we put in this bill, all the protections to make sure, and rightfully so, an American is offered a job first; to ensure, and rightfully so, we are not bringing in a whole bunch of new people when there are Americans looking for work—all of those protections pale in comparison to the protection of bringing 11 million people out of the shadows and out of a cash economy and into a place where they are paid a lawful wage and they are paying their taxes to the U.S. Government.

If all someone cared about, if the only thing someone cared about when they got up in the morning and went to bed at night was rising wages for Americans, solving this issue finally for the 11 million would be the most important thing you could do. And we do that in this bill.

The opponents of this bill are not seriously suggesting they are going to go to the expense of sending 11 million

people back to where they came from. They are not seriously suggesting, in answer to this issue, that nothing in the CBO report is true, that none of it makes sense, that this is about ObamaCare when what we are really trying to do for once in this place is solve a set of challenging issues in a bipartisan way.

Mr. President, even more than that, for a decade or more, because of our broken immigration system, the policy of this country has been to turn back talented people—even people educated at our universities, even people educated to be engineers and mathematicians. When they have graduated from college here, at our expense, in many cases, we have not said to them: Stay here and build your business. Compete here and help us grow this economy. Start a business—as half of the Fortune 100 or 500 companies have been started by immigrants. No. We have said: Go home. Go home to India and compete with us from there. Go home to China and hire other people over there.

If we pass this bill, we will say once again that this nation of immigrants is open for business, that we are open to the most creative and talented people in the world, that we want them to drive our economy in the United States just as they have generation after generation going back to our Founders.

It is a great testament to who we are and to the nature of our country that people want to come here, and under the right circumstances we should have them here. The CBO report—and I don't even care about the CBO report—makes it very clear—makes it very clear—what businesspeople in my State already know: It makes it clear to the agricultural industry in my State, the high-tech industry in my State, the ski resorts in my State that the objections of people of goodwill on this bill have been met through compromise and through principled agreement.

This is a good piece of legislation. We shouldn't, in this ninth or eleventh hour or whatever it is—the ninth inning—allow ourselves to get distracted by the politics seeking to divide us in this Chamber or in this country. And I don't believe we will. So I urge my colleagues to support the passage of this bill.

With that, I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I hope the Senator wasn't rushed completing his statement, because I was listening intently and appreciating all he said today.

I haven't had the opportunity to express through the instruments of this floor how much I appreciate the Senator from Colorado. He has done such a terrific job. He has been one of the four Democrats. He hasn't sought a lot of press on this, but he has been a stalwart in getting this done for a couple reasons.

One, his State of Colorado is a perfect example as to why we need this

bill. The demographics have changed in that State remarkably, as they have in my State of Nevada. His quiet concern for what we need to do and then his quiet movement to make sure we get the things done we need to is evident in this immigration bill.

Frankly, we had a discussion today in our caucus, as we have had on several occasions, about student loans. No one is better prepared to talk about that issue than the Senator from Colorado. He is not only concerned about what happens to students who are in college, but also he was a school superintendent, understanding what people who want to go to college have to deal with. So I appreciate very much the statements of the Senator from Colorado. He has done a remarkably good job, and the people of Colorado are so fortunate to have this good man in the Senate.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that we now proceed to a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each.

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

CLIMATE CHANGE

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I agree with the President that climate change represents one of the greatest challenges of our time, but it is also a challenge uniquely suited to our strengths as a country. Our scientists, researchers, universities and entrepreneurs stand ready to design and build new, less polluting energy sources. Vermont's and our country's farmers and forestland owners stand ready to grow renewable fuels. American businesses will innovate and develop new energy technologies that will reduce pollution and grow our economy with jobs that cannot be shipped overseas. Our workforce stands ready to modernize our power plants and retrofit our buildings to meet 21st century efficiency standards.

I stand ready to support the President, and Vermonters want to do our part. The important goals the President has laid out today will create jobs, save lives and protect and preserve our treasured natural resources for future generations.

No single step can accomplish the goals that President Obama has presented today, but we must begin now, and take these critical first steps together. We owe it to our children and grandchildren to address these threats and be responsible stewards of the earth. Just as any Vermonter who has hiked the 200 miles of Vermont's beautiful Long Trail can tell you, the journey begins with a commitment to reach a goal, and a first step in that direction.

Climate change is not a far-off or remote challenge. The impacts are overtaking us today around the globe and

in Vermont. In the past 2 years, hurricanes Irene and Sandy devastated the Northeast, while huge swaths from Texas to the Midwest have been gripped in a historic drought, and tornadoes have raked the heartland.

We can no longer willfully ignore these impacts or continue to deny the facts: The science is clear and definitive that human-induced climate change is happening and it is happening rapidly. We are obligated to reduce carbon emissions, and efforts to do so have the support of the American people.

Not only is the science clear, but the human and economic costs of climate change are hitting home. The severe weather events of just the past 2 years have caused damages in the United States in excess of \$188 billion and left more than 1100 people dead. If we do not act now then the toll is sure to mount, with ever more destructive and deadly weather pounding our coasts, parching our Nation's agricultural center, and rising sea levels threatening our coastal communities. If we do not act now, the devastating impacts of climate change will only get worse.

But climate change is not just about weather disasters. For instance, we also have seen asthma rates double in the past 30 years, and our children and grandchildren will only suffer more asthma attacks as air pollution worsens. We already reduced smog and acid rain and have set limits for mercury, lead, and arsenic. It is time to set a limit on carbon pollution that causes climate change and assaults the public health.

The President's proposal will allow the United States to take further important steps toward the environmental quality and good jobs that will come with a cleaner and safer energy future. We can act now so that future generations—our children and grandchildren—will know that we took the steps that helped make their world safer and cleaner.

VOTE EXPLANATIONS

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, I wish to note that on the evening of Monday, June 24, 2013 I missed Senate rollcall vote No. 160 on the motion to invoke cloture on the Leahy substitute amendment No. 1183 due to travel delays. I would like to make clear in the RECORD that if I were in attendance I would have voted in opposition of the motion to invoke cloture on this measure.

Mr. ISAKSON. Mr. President, I was unavoidably detained during rollcall vote No. 160 on the motion to invoke cloture on Leahy amendment No. 1183. Had I been present I would have voted nay.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

REMEMEBERING W.A. "BILL" KRAUSE

• Mr. President, today I wish to remember an Iowa farm boy whose legendary work ethic simply worked wonders. As we bid farewell this week to one of Iowa's most successful entrepreneurs and cofounders of one of Iowa's most iconic businesses, Bill Krause's can-do spirit will inspire generations of Iowans. That is because the footprint this gentle giant leaves behind is one of a man who pioneered a wildly successful chain of convenience stores. Kum & Go is one of the Nation's largest family-owned chains in America with more than 420 stores doing business in 11 States.

A self-starter from an early age, Bill's tireless work ethic and visionary leadership skills reflect the very best of America's entrepreneurial spirit. Throughout his career, Bill was rewarded with the prizes and pitfalls of risk taking at its very best and at its very worst. Named Iowa Entrepreneur of the Year in 1992, Bill's varied business pursuits stretched beyond his signature success and prosperity in the convenience store industry, including fashion retailing, trucking, gaming, farming, banking, as well as interests in Iowa-based soccer and baseball teams. An honest-to-goodness rags to riches story, Bill always kept his eyes focused on the opportunity that lie ahead at the next bend, without losing sight of what mattered most in life: his family, faith, and friendships, including those of thousands of employees and the countless customers he loved to meet and greet in his stores.

After graduating from Eldora High School, Bill worked his way through college and graduated from his beloved alma mater, The University of Iowa, in 1957 with a degree in journalism. A lifelong Iowa Hawkeye fan, Bill is one of those uncommonly humble men of considerable means who never forgot from where he came.

That sense of loyalty later translated into valuable financial contributions, including a signature gift that launched a historic renovation to Kinnick Stadium. He earned a number of distinguished awards and accolades from The University of Iowa and for more than five decades supported the Hawkeye's celebrated athletics programs as a tireless fan and patron. He also served as adviser to deans of the Tippie College of Business, sharing his Main Street expertise with those tasked with teaching the next generation of business leaders. Putting his money where his mouth is, Bill founded a fund to jump-start the next generation of business leaders. Since 1998, the Krause Fund has provided more than 1,200 Iowa undergraduate students with the opportunity to learn about managing an endowed equity portfolio.

Bill Krause knew how to run a business, how to create jobs and how to

keep customers satisfied. The narrative of his success was shaped by his humble beginnings, earning \$10 a day at age 15. Years later with his father-in-law, Tony Gentle, he pioneered the convenience store concept of buying milk, bread and eggs at the local gas station when customers pulled up to fill their tanks. By all accounts, Bill's American success story bloomed as a result of his integrity, decency, passion and generosity.

His homegrown roots stretched deep, defining his contributions of time, talent and treasure to his church and community. He was awarded the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Award by the National Catholic Education Association in 2007 and the Civitas Award from Dowling Catholic Schools in 2012. Through scholarship, service and sacrifice, Bill and Nancy Krause taught their 3 children and 12 grandchildren the real measure of success.

In fact, a few years ago a room at the Kum & Go headquarters in West Des Moines was known as the "one-liner" room because of the messages lining the walls. When asked, Bill said the legacy he hoped to leave behind mirrors one of the lines on the wall: "It's nice to be important, but it's more important to be nice." Perhaps that is one of the reasons why he gave blazers to high school kids for their first job interviews. Or why he was a leading fund-raiser for minority and low-income students at Holy Family School in Des Moines.

Mr. President, may I suggest to the U.S. Senate that Bill Krause has more than secured this legacy throughout his professional and personal life. Barbara and I share our deepest condolences to Bill's family, especially to his wife Nancy, and to all those who are mourning the loss of this larger-than-life Iowan.●

CONGRATULATING PHILLIPE RIBIERO

• Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I am delighted to congratulate Pontiac High School chemistry and biology teacher Phillippe Ribiero for winning the qualifying round and advancing to the final round of the Make My Lab WoRx contest. This is a wonderful achievement that reflects his talent as an educator and the fine work that is happening across Michigan to ensure that the best and brightest are teaching our young people.

The 2013 Make My LabWoRx contest is part of a program developed by Astellas Pharma. It seeks to increase the understanding of the role science plays in human health and medicine. The contest is comprised of seven qualifying rounds that take place across the country, including Michigan. To participate in the contest, science teachers must submit a lesson plan or experiment, along with a video demonstration. Involvement in this program allows teachers to showcase their passion for teaching science in a