

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 President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

#### EXTENSION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. COATS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that morning business be extended until 3 p.m. today, with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each.

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

#### RECESS

Mr. COATS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in recess as under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 12:28 p.m., recessed until 2:15 p.m. and reassembled when called to order by the Presiding Officer (Mr. PORTMAN).

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Utah.

#### REMEMBERING GOVERNOR OLENE WALKER

Mr. LEE. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Governor Olene Walker, Utah's 15th Governor, who passed away on Saturday, November 28, 2015, at the age of 85. She was the first woman to serve as Utah's Governor, worked as Lieutenant Governor for over 11 years, and was a member of the Utah Legislature for 8 years.

Olene Walker will be remembered and revered by Utahns not because of the many firsts she pioneered in politics but for her commitment to leave a legacy of public and, more importantly, private service based on principles that truly last. Olene Walker's life and career were centered in the principles of lifelong learning, selfless service, and making a difference through civil discourse and meaningful dialogue.

Governor Walker believed that the best way to open a mind was to read a book. Immediately upon becoming Governor, she launched her Read With a Child Program, focused on getting adults to read with a child for 20 minutes every day. She knew that 20 minutes of daily reading would not only transform children across the State by getting them to read at or above grade level, but it would transport them to magical places, big ideas, and brighter futures. Because she became Governor at the age of 73—and as a grandmother—I think she also recognized that 20 minutes of reading with a child would inspire the adults in the State of Utah as well.

Governor Walker was never far from a book or a group of children to read to, often choosing her personal favorite from Dr. Seuss, "Oh, the Places You'll

Go!" Governor Walker went many places in her public service but sent thousands and thousands of Utah children on adventures never to be forgotten in the wonderful world of good books. She was living proof that books expand the mind and that a mind expanded, especially the mind of a child, could never return to its original state. I was inspired when reading her obituary that the last line, in typical Olene Walker style, stated: "In lieu of flowers, please read with a child." Her commitment to the principle of lifelong learning is a legacy in and of itself.

Governor Walker also understood that it didn't really matter where she served, but how she served. Whether working alongside her husband in the family's snack business, in the legislature or in the Governor's office, Olene Walker knew that her time on this Earth would never be measured by the titles she held but by the impact and influence that she had on others. She understood and lived by the adage: "We are to live our lives not by days, but by deeds, not by seasons, but by service." After leaving the Governor's mansion, she participated in literacy forums, served an LDS mission with her husband in New York, and at an age when most people slow down, Olene Walker took on a new and, many would say, daunting challenge of leading dozens of 3- to 11-year-old children for 2 hours every Sunday in her LDS congregation.

Governor Walker served with confidence, charisma, and charm that was elevating and at the same time enlightening. National political players, rural farmers, business executives, and children were equally inspired by her energetic approach, and they responded to her invitation to engage because they sensed that what they were about to experience was not about Governor Walker; it was about them.

In an age of egomaniacs and narcissists, Olene Walker's example of selfless service in high office is a model for all to follow—a model that all people should try to emulate. Governor Walker also understood the principle that mean-spirited arguments produce little, while meaningful dialogue creates much. She was known for her disarming style and for her corresponding ability to pull people into a conversation. She believed and lived by a motto that my office is committed to. The solution to any and every problem begins when someone says: Let's talk about it. Olene Walker challenged political candidates, elected officials of both parties, and young people in particular to transcend the talk-radio style bombast in personal attacks in favor of civil, serious, and substantive discussions. The Olene S. Walker Institute of Politics & Public Service, at her beloved Weber State University, is a testament to her commitment to make a difference through a more meaningful and deeper dialogue.

A picture of Olene Walker taken inside the Governor's mansion contains an interesting image that illuminates

much of what Olene Walker was really all about. Resting on a desk in the background of the picture is a statue of a vibrant, energetic, pioneering Brigham Young. He is walking swiftly, leading with staff in hand, eyes set on a bright future as he began the audacious endeavor of being the first to establish a lasting legacy in the tops of the Rocky Mountains. In the picture, the statue of Brigham Young almost appears to be trying to keep up with Governor Walker. Only Olene Walker could get a trailblazing Brigham Young to pick up the pace. Governor Walker, likewise, was a pioneer and a trailblazer, moving swiftly, leading with a clear vision of a better society, and guided by her principles of lifelong learning, selfless service, and civil dialogue. Her life of many firsts will be celebrated and emulated for generations to come because it was founded on and inspired by such principles—principles that will truly last.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Colorado.

#### TRAGEDY AT PLANNED PARENTHOOD CLINIC IN COLORADO SPRINGS

Mr. BENNET. Mr. President, I am here to reflect on the tragedy that occurred in Colorado Springs last week. There, a gunman attacked a Planned Parenthood clinic, killing three people and injuring nine others. Colorado is mourning the losses of the three who were murdered, all of whom were parents in the prime of their lives and all of whom represented the best of our State.

Officer Garrett Swasey was one of the first officers to arrive at the scene. He had served as an officer at the University of Colorado Colorado Springs Police Department for 6 years. Garrett had been married to his wife Rachel for 17 years. He leaves behind his two children—Faith, who is only 6, and Elijah, who just turned 11 on Sunday. His wife said:

His greatest joys were his family, his church, and his profession. We will cherish his memory, especially those times he spent tossing the football to his son and snuggling with his daughter on the couch.

She went on to note:

Helping others brought him deep satisfaction and being a police officer was a part of him. In the end, his last act was for the safety and well-being of others and was a tribute to his life.

Officer Swasey's actions last Friday spoke to his extraordinary courage and selflessness. As a university police officer, he wasn't under any obligation to respond when he first heard of the incident through emergency radio. He could have looked the other way. Yet he was one of the first to arrive at Planned Parenthood, which is 4 miles away from the university.

His good friend and copastor said that Officer Swasey often responded to dangerous calls off campus and that he put other people's lives before his own.

The University of Colorado Colorado Springs police chief said:

There was no way any of us could have kept him here. He was always willing to go. . . . He had an enthusiasm that was hard to quell.

Officer Swasey is truly a hero in every sense of the word. Before joining the university police force, Officer Swasey was a Junior National Champion ice skater. Upon hearing the news of the tragedy, his skating partner, with whom he won that championship, observed:

Garrett was selfless, always there to help me, always my wingman. He was my brother and my partner. I could always count on him.

After his competitive career, Officer Swasey continued to teach skating. He also served as a copastor at Hope Chapel, which he and his family attended since 2001. At church he led care groups and taught Scripture and guitar. At services on Sunday, a fellow pastor at the church described how he felt. "You don't realize how much you love someone until you can't tell him anymore."

Our State is also mourning the loss of Ke'Arre Marcell Stewart. He was only 29 years old. Here is how his family and friends have described Ke'Arre: "a good friend and an amazing listener"; "one of the most caring men I've ever met"; "someone you could just sit and talk to about life"; "caring, giving, funny and just a damn good person."

Those traits were on display Friday when he was at Planned Parenthood accompanying a friend. He served our country in the Army and was deployed to Iraq between 2005 and 2006. Last week he died as he was trying to save others. According to reports, after being shot outside of the building, Ke'Arre ran back inside to warn others to seek safety. His family credits his military training and instinct for how he responded. Ke'Arre wasn't a native of Colorado. He was born in Texas, where he was a three-sport athlete, playing football, basketball, and running track. His friends say he moved to Colorado because he was stationed at Fort Carson and stayed, like so many of us, because he loved our beautiful State. Ke'Arre had two children, both daughters. They are 11 and 6 years old. His friend observed that "he loved his daughters to death. He would do anything for them."

Finally, the third victim, Jennifer Markovsky, was also accompanying a friend to the clinic on Friday. Jennifer grew up in Hawaii, where she met her husband who was serving in the Army at the time. About a decade ago—in a story similar to Ke'Arre's—they moved to Colorado when he was reassigned. Jennifer's family described her as a loving wife and mother to a young son and daughter. Her sister-in-law told the Colorado Springs Gazette: "She lived for her kids." She said Jennifer often took her children, who are 10 and 6, on hikes and spent time with them baking and working on crafts. Her fa-

ther, who had just wished her a happy Thanksgiving one day earlier, called her "the most lovable person . . . kind-hearted . . . always there when I needed her."

Yesterday her husband said:

She was a very caring and compassionate person and patient and understanding parent. She was deeply loved by all who knew her. She was always helping the kids do homework and reading books with them. We will miss her; her cooking, crafting and adventurous spirit.

Three young parents who woke up last Friday morning with long, bright futures ahead of them, with the chance to raise their children and watch them grow and learn, with the chance to contribute, as they had before, to our community and our country but instead whose lives were violently ended in a hail of gunfire—three strangers to each other, now joined together in our fondest memories. Nine others were wounded, and our thoughts and prayers are with them and their families as well.

We should also honor and thank the Colorado Springs Police Department and other local law enforcement agencies that responded so swiftly and effectively. Five officers were wounded in the attack.

I wish to also recognize the employees at Planned Parenthood who worked tirelessly during the extended shooting and hostage incident to ensure that their patients were kept safe.

This is not the day to talk about how our country begins to emerge from this season of killing and violence, but let me simply say in recent years too many of our children and parents have had their lives stolen, and too many of the rest of us have lived to pursue the ordinary course of our lives—going to school, going to work, seeking health care—in the shadows of the question: Whose child will be next? Whose mom and dad will be next?

What we need today—instead of charged rhetoric and political tactics—is to find a way to at least begin figuring out how we can deal with these problems that we need to solve, how we can make things better.

I thank my colleagues for their comforting words this week, and I hope we will all take time in the days ahead to think of the families and victims involved in this tragedy. Take a moment to think of the kids who lost their mom or dad.

I have no doubt that the Colorado Springs community and our State will come together to heal during this difficult time. We could all take a cue from that here.

I thank the Presiding Officer, and I yield the floor.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Wyoming.

#### OBAMACARE

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, shortly we will be getting on a bill to repeal ObamaCare. It comes as a part of the

budget operation. It is a special debate that can result in the passage of a bill with 51 votes in the Senate. There will be a limit on the debate of 20 hours—10 hours for each side—to convey any messages that Senators may have about the bill and also to handle any amendments. At the end of the process there could be another vote-arama if there are a lot of amendments left over. This is an amendable bill. It has quite a few rules that fall under the budget process that make this a bit more difficult than just a wide-open bill, so there are rules that have to be met in order for an amendment to not affect the outcome of the bill.

Many of you have heard of the expression, I am sure, "caveat emptor," which means buyer beware. The President and the Democrats in Congress should have heeded this warning before forcing the country to purchase ObamaCare, which still remains unworkable, unaffordable, and more unpopular than ever. For millions of Americans the law today represents nothing more than broken promises, higher costs, and fewer choices.

It is no surprise that a Gallup poll published last month, more than 5 years after the law was passed and several years into actual implementation, shows that most Americans still oppose this unprecedented expansion of government intrusion into health care decisions for hard-working families and small businesses. Another poll I found interesting showed that more people were concerned about what has happened with health care than they do about climate change. That is appropriate for this week.

The law is saddling American households with more than \$1 trillion in new taxes over the next 10 years. According to the Congressional Budget Office, ObamaCare will cost taxpayers more than \$116 billion a year. In fact, on average, every American household can expect more than \$20,000 in new taxes over the next 10 years because of this bill. ObamaCare's crushing regulations mean smaller paychecks for families while holding back small businesses from expanding and hiring new workers. For every American, ObamaCare has meant more government, more bureaucracy, and more rules and regulations, along with soaring health care costs and less access to care.

When we were debating this bill 5 years ago, I remember talking about 30 million people in the United States being uninsured. Today there are 30 million people in the United States uninsured, it is just a different 30 million people. The ones who couldn't be insured are insured and the ones who were insured can't afford the insurance. Of course, there was a lot of talk about health care companies gouging the insured. We put in risk corridors so those who were making an excess profit would put in money that would go to those who didn't figure on the right number of people or how healthy the people would be who they insured. We