

bill managers who crafted this legislation, the senior Senators from Alabama and Maryland. If they have other effective ideas, talk to them and try to make the bill even stronger.

This much is clear: We can choose to respond to terrorist attacks after the damage is already done, or we can make it our goal to prevent them in the first place. I know my choice. I am going to keep doing what I can to prevent the pain and loss from terrorism. Our families and communities are counting on us. Our freedoms and rights as Americans are counting on it too. We must continue to do what is necessary to seek out terrorist threats at every level and protect the country we love.

#### COMPREHENSIVE ADDICTION AND RECOVERY BILL

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, both the Senate and House took decisive action to combat the heroin and prescription opioid epidemic that has devastated so many of our communities. We are now working to take the next important step forward. The Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act we passed would expand education and prevention efforts, improve treatment programs, and enhance tools for law enforcement. This critical legislation can bring hope to those affected by this horrible epidemic and would not have been possible without the dedicated leadership of Members such as Senator GRASSLEY, Senator PORTMAN, and Senator AYOTTE. We are currently working toward an agreement that will allow us to go to conference with the House and work out the final legislation.

We have all seen the toll this heroin and prescription opioid crisis has taken on our home States. It is absolutely heartbreaking to see the continuing impact in Kentucky. Getting this done is important for our country. With continued cooperation from both sides, we will get a good bill to the President's desk very soon.

#### RECOGNITION OF THE MINORITY LEADER

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Democratic leader is recognized.

#### TERRORISM AND OUR NATION'S GUN LAWS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, here is a frightening quote from an Al Qaeda spokesman urging would-be terrorists to buy weapons in the United States. This is exactly what he said:

America is absolutely awash with easily obtainable firearms. You can go down to a gun show at the local convention center and come away with a fully automatic assault rifle, without a background check, and most likely without having to show an identification card. So what are you waiting for?

This is an Al Qaeda blueprint for would-be lone wolf terrorists. They are telling them to buy guns because no-

body will stop them and then go and murder Americans. That statement should make every Member of Congress think long and hard about our Nation's gun laws.

Terrorist groups like ISIS and Al Qaeda are using America's gun laws against America. They are using these gun laws against Americans in every State. These murderers are calling on their radical followers to exploit loopholes in America's gun laws. Why? Because firearms are easier to obtain in America than making their homemade bombs. Republicans need to think about this very closely because, as Adam Lankford, an expert in criminal justice at the University of Alabama, told the Washington Post this week, "It is becoming increasingly apparent that mass shootings may be just as deadly as bombings. And the scary part is it's often much easier to pull off."

Republicans are in denial about the connection between terrorism and guns. In the aftermath of the mass murders with guns at the LGBT nightclub in Orlando, Republicans are saying that these attacks have nothing to do with guns.

The senior Senator from South Carolina said yesterday: "This is not a gun control issue." It is a gun control issue, and that is undeniable. There is no question about that—none.

Terrorist leaders are urging lone wolves to exploit our Nation's gun laws by telling them to buy assault weapons and then go out and murder Americans.

The Republicans have blocked every attempt we have tried to address the deficiencies in our Nation's gun laws. Last December, Republicans blocked legislation that would close the so-called terror loophole, which allows suspected terrorists to enter a gun store and legally buy firearms or explosives or both. Republicans also blocked legislation that would close the gun show loophole, which allows criminals and terrorists to purchase guns without any background check. Remember what Al Qaeda's spokesman said:

You can go down to a gun show at the local convention center and come away with a fully automatic assault rifle, without a background check. . . .

That is what he said. This terrorist was talking about the gun show loophole. He was specifically pointing to a flaw in our Nation's gun laws that allows convicted terrorists to slip through, and it is a big, wide hole to slip through. Yet the Republicans refuse to respond to this crisis. Why? Because the National Rifle Association and the Gun Owners of America told them not to allow us to address this flaw in the law. This flaw in the law is leading to Americans being murdered.

By blocking sensible gun safety, Republicans are playing into the terrorists' hands. Republicans' failure to legislate has added a new chapter in the ISIS playbook. As we have seen in Orlando and San Bernardino, deranged individuals are using the terrorist play-

book. When terrorist groups are urging lone wolves to buy assault rifles and murder Americans, keeping guns away from terrorists is one of the most important steps we can take to protect Americans.

How many more people must be murdered by terrorists wielding assault weapons before Republicans stop their obstruction? How many more? Perhaps 49 is enough. Hopefully we will find out this week with a vote here. How much longer will Republicans allow killers to manipulate our laws and continue their campaign of terror? How much longer will Republicans fail to protect the American people by allowing these gun loopholes to remain? Democrats are going to wait no longer. We are going to demand solutions to our Nation's gun law epidemic every chance we get.

On Monday, I stated that we would demand a vote on the terror loophole, and we are going to do that. This is our obligation. We must try at every opportunity to say to the Republicans: The American people, not the NRA and not the Gun Owners of America, should be their obligation. There is no excuse for allowing suspected terrorists to buy guns. Guns are the problem. It may not be the only problem, but it is a problem, and it is a big problem.

#### DACA PROGRAM

Mr. REID. Mr. President, today marks the fourth anniversary of President Obama's Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals Program. Four years ago today, President Obama announced that young people—DREAMers—who do not present a risk to national security may become eligible for temporary protection from deportation. Since that day, over 730,000 DREAMers no longer live in fear of deportation. More than 12,000 of these young men and women are in Nevada, and they have been protected by this program. They are our newest college students, teachers, engineers, small business owners, and they have contributed enormously to our communities, making America better. Because of the President's program, the authorities can sensibly prioritize those who do present a threat to our safety and our country.

What a shame that Donald Trump and his Republican supporters in the Senate want to deport these kids who know no other country than the USA. In my morning briefing this morning, I heard that the House is going to do something really unique today. They have a measure not to allow these young men and women to serve in the United States military.

It doesn't matter what you do, you can't be mean enough using the Republicans' playbook. There have been efforts made, votes taken to rescind what the President did. There have been efforts made to make sure there is no money in the Immigration and Naturalization Service to expedite the processing of these young men and

women to become legitimate in the only country they know.

These are the same Republican Senators who last year were willing to shut down the Department of Homeland Security—stop it. Why? They wanted to stop this program. These are the same Republican Senators who insist on eliminating the Constitution's guarantee of birthright citizenship, ending family-based immigration and deporting hard-working families.

It is because of what has happened by Republicans in the Congress that we are now faced with Donald Trump. We are here because of what the Republicans in Congress have done. Look at the Senate. Who was the leader initially of birthright citizenship? President Obama was not born in America; he was born in Africa. Everybody should know that. He is an illegitimate President.

Republicans in Congress have made Donald Trump legitimate—to some, but not to us.

So I look forward to the day when programs like DACA are replaced with permanent, comprehensive immigration reform. It needs to be done. It is long overdue. I am hopeful the Supreme Court builds DACA's success when their opinion is rendered over the next few weeks, which could extend the same protection to the parents of DREAMers that the DREAMers have.

Mr. President, I would ask the Chair to announce the business of the day.

#### RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

#### MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will be in a period of morning business until 10:30 a.m., with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

The Senator from Wyoming.

#### 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FEDERAL CHARTER FOR THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, a few moments ago I got to speak to 45 students from 5 towns in Wyoming who are here for National History Day competition. So it is only fitting that I rise today to recognize a historic event, and that would be the 100th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America receiving a congressional Federal charter. On this day in 1916, President Woodrow Wilson signed the Federal Charter of the Boy Scouts of America, and I am submitting a resolution to commemorate that important event.

The congressional charter has helped the Boy Scouts to become one of the largest youth organizations in the United States. In fact, it is estimated

that more than 110 million Americans have served as members within its ranks.

Scouting offers those young people friendship, an opportunity to set positive goals, and outdoor experiences. But, above all, Scouting is about building character and service. That concept of service is based on a young boy in London who happened to guide an American through fog, and when the American tried to pay the boy, the boy said: No, that was my good deed for the day. The man brought that concept back to the United States and started the Boy Scouts. A few years later, in 1916, they got the Federal charter.

The service that Scouts perform is immeasurable, but there are many noteworthy moments I'd like to mention. During World War I, Scouts played an important role by collecting used paper and glass from homes. Scouts also sold Liberty Bonds valued at over \$147 million. That was a lot of money at that time.

President Roosevelt called on Scouts to help the needy during the Great Depression, and throughout World War II, the Scouts again collected materials and sold war bonds.

The call to service continues, and today Boy Scouts are doing projects all over this country, thousands of hours every year, to earn their Eagle award.

Another service opportunity will happen next year when the National Scout Jamboree takes place 13 months from now in West Virginia. Volunteers are needed for that effort. The jamboree dates back to 1937 when more than 27,000 Scouts camped on the National Mall, right out there. On July 19 of next year, 35,000 Scouts and Venturers will arrive at the Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia for the 18th National Scout Jamboree.

I went to a National Scout Jamboree at Valley Forge when I was in Scouts. It started with trains on the West Coast and picked up cars as it came through each State, heading east to Valley Forge. It was the largest civilian movement of people in the history of the United States. It was an opportunity to get together with people who were fellow Scouts from all over the United States, as well as from other countries. I remember getting to meet some Australian Scouts at that particular jamboree. We were having a campfire with them in the evening, and somehow a garter snake happened to come through the camp. They leaped up and hacked that snake to pieces.

We said: What is that all about?

They said: In Australia, we have 25 snakes and 23 of them are poisonous, so we try to kill them first and then identify them.

There are a lot of opportunities in Scouts. This jamboree will provide some outstanding experiences, adventures, and achievements for merit badges through a number of outdoor sports such as whitewater rafting, rock climbing, and zip-lining. In keeping with the Boy Scout slogan of "Do a

Good Turn Daily," there are also opportunities to participate in service projects near the reserve.

I am especially excited by next year's jamboree because Matt Myers, the Scout executive director from my home State of Wyoming, is the National Scout Jamboree director. But Matt can't do this alone. Thousands of volunteers have to work to make the jamboree a success by serving as first responders, media specialists, IT support, doctors, and more. An interesting thing about these volunteers is they have to pay their own way to the session, they have to pay the same fee as everybody who camps there, and they have to spend two weeks of their vacation volunteering. When they had the last jamboree 3 years ago, I think there were 8,000 of these volunteers that came and dedicated their time to the boys in Scouts.

Scouting has meant a great deal to me and my family over the years. Incidentally, there are 10 U.S. Senators who are Eagle Scouts. The normal percentage would be about 4 percent. In the Eagle Scouts you learn a lot of leadership skills and are also encouraged to participate in your community, your country, and the world. Scouts do that.

Incidentally, there are a whole lot more in this body who have been in Scouts. I remember one saying that he made it only to Life Scout, and he wanted me to know that they call it Life Scout because if that is as far as you get—if you don't make that next step to Eagle—you will regret it for life. But no matter what rank you go to in Scouts, no matter how long you are in Scouts, you will learn some things that you will not learn anywhere else.

Part of it is the merit badge system. We have a Scout in Wyoming who has earned all 132 of the merit badges—what a tremendous adventure in personal finance, safety, and career exploration. You can learn about just about any career working on a merit badge, and you can find out what is involved in it, what you have to know, how you get into that profession.

There have been some outstanding Scouts over the years. Richard Byrd, when he went to the South Pole, took a Boy Scout with him. That was the first Scout to visit the pole, and there have been opportunities for Antarctic Scouts at the South Pole ever since. Paul Siple was the first Scout who got to go because he earned the taxidermy merit badge. The expedition wanted to capture some of the animals to have specimens when they came back to the United States, so Siple was chosen.

A year and a half ago on the space station, there was a Boy Scout. He had been to an academy and had been a test pilot, but after he was selected and got to see his reviewed application, there was only one thing on the application that was circled, and that was "Eagle Scout." While he was up in the space station, they had a piece of equipment