

and first responders afford college by making them eligible for the maximum Pell grant available, now roughly a little more than \$6,000—almost \$6,100.

Every day, each of us has a part to play in working to make sure that law enforcement officers are safer and also to play a role in supporting the families of the fallen. I hope we can recommit ourselves to this goal during Police Week as we honor those who have lost their lives in the line of duty, recognize their sacrifices and their families' sacrifices, and express our gratitude to the men and women in uniform who keep us safe every day.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. RUBIO). The Senator from Iowa.

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, there is no more noble sacrifice than laying down your life in the service of others. Every year, more than a million law enforcement officers work to keep our country safe and to serve the needs of our communities. Our law enforcement officers put their lives on the line as they fight crime, and each year, law enforcement officers die in the line of duty. Many of these deaths occur while these officers are investigating crimes and enforcing our laws. Some are even the result of targeted violence against police officers. Other deaths involve tragic accidents, such as Sheriff's Deputy Julie Bridges and Sergeant Joseph Ossman—two police officers who were killed in a traffic accident while working to help their communities weather the onslaught of Hurricane Irma.

On Friday, I spoke at the Iowa Peace Officer Memorial Ceremony in Des Moines, where we honored six law enforcement officers from Iowa who lost their lives in the line of duty. It was my honor to pay tribute to these brave Iowa heroes, along with their families.

Losing members of our law enforcement leaves a hole in families and communities that no one else can fill, but we can honor them and remember them and work to support the efforts of other law enforcement officers who carry on their mission, officers who, despite the risks and the rigors of their work, work tirelessly to protect and serve their communities.

Yesterday, in memory of those who have fallen in the line of duty over the past year, I was proud to submit a resolution designating this week "National Police Week." This resolution is cosponsored by 76 of my Senate colleagues.

I am also working to clear the Project Safe Neighborhoods Grant Program Authorization Act through my Judiciary Committee so that the bill can be sent to the floor for consideration of the full Senate. This bill authorizes a nationwide partnership between Federal, State, and local law enforcement and prosecutors dedicated to the reduction of violent crime. This partnership will use evidence-based and data-driven approaches to policing. It emphasizes initiatives designed to build trust and collaboration with com-

munity leaders and organizations addressing violent crime. A companion bill is working its way through the House of Representatives, and I look forward to voting to support it.

In addition, I have been a long-standing supporter of the Public Safety Officers' Benefits Program, which provides death and education benefits to survivors of fallen law enforcement officers, firefighters, and other first responders. It also includes disability benefits to officers catastrophically injured in the line of duty. I introduced a bill to strengthen the Public Safety Officers' Benefits Program, and that bill was signed into law last year. We worked hard on oversight efforts of this program to make sure that beneficiaries' claims don't linger forever but are timely paid.

Today, as I stand here on the Senate floor, my thoughts turn to my own home State of Iowa, where on March 1, 2017, Sheriff's Deputy Mark Burbridge went to work for his employer, Pottawattamie County. He and fellow deputy Pat Morgan were assigned to transport a man to prison who had just been sentenced to 45 years for voluntary manslaughter. On the way from the court to the prison, the prisoner assaulted Deputy Burbridge with a homemade knife, grabbed one of the deputy's guns, and shot both deputies. Deputy Morgan was seriously wounded in the attack. Deputy Burbridge was critically injured and died an hour later. The prisoner fled the scene, making it as far as Nebraska. Other brave law enforcement officials tracked him down and brought him to justice.

Deputy Burbridge was a family man who loved to work on cars and motorcycles. He also loved to fish and tell jokes. He is survived by his wife Jessica, daughter Karley, son Kaleb, and stepdaughter Kelsey Brant. We mourn his loss and remember his legacy of sacrifice and service this week.

Our law enforcement officers in Iowa deal with many of the same problems facing law enforcement officers throughout the United States. They work every day to stop violent crime, and they are on the frontline of the fight against illegal drugs and the opioid addiction crisis that every State faces. To help law enforcement officers in Iowa and in the rest of the country, we need to optimize our justice system so it puts resources where they are needed most.

Law enforcement should target the worst offenders, like violent criminals, major drug traffickers, and criminal masterminds. We should do more to help those who have done their time re-enter society in productive ways so they don't backslide back into a life of crime. A bill I introduced this Congress—the Sentencing Reform and Corrections Act—does just that, and I appreciate Senator DURBIN standing with me on its introduction. It is a vastly bipartisan bill that improves fairness in sentencing, while permitting law enforcement to devote resources to tack-

ling their top priorities. It also increases incentives for criminals to cooperate with police and to put into place tougher criminal penalties for fentanyl distribution, for crimes of terrorism, and for crimes of domestic violence.

In addition, the Grassley-Durbin bill provides for recidivism-reduction programs to prepare inmates to leave prison and live a productive, law-abiding life. On that point, I give particular credit to Senator CORNYN and Senator WHITEHOUSE for their work on that part of the bill. Similar sentencing and prison reform initiatives at the State level have closed prisons, reduced crime, and increased public safety.

On a final note, I would like to take a moment to thank the Capitol police who serve right here in the Halls of Congress. The President, the Vice President, Cabinet Secretaries, and thousands of visitors from around the country visit the Senate every year. We Senators come and go several times a day with our staff. It is easy to take our feelings of safety and security for granted in this Capitol Complex, but we are able to carry out our duties because of the continued hard work of these Capitol Hill police officers. So thank you to the Capitol police for your dedication and your service. Our law enforcement officers deserve our respect, surely our support, and our admiration for putting their lives on the line.

We honor all law enforcement officers this week—especially those who died in the line of duty in the past year. We thank their families for their sacrifice, and we will remember the values of public service, of diligence, and the bravery they stood for.

Mr. President, I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

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

#### ORDER OF PROCEDURE

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that at 12 noon tomorrow the Senate resume legislative session and Senator SCHUMER or his designee be recognized to offer a motion to proceed to S.J. Res. 52; further, that following disposition of S.J. Res. 52, the Senate resume consideration of the Zais nomination; that any remaining time be yielded back and the Senate vote on the nomination with no intervening action or debate; and that if confirmed, the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table and the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

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

## LEGISLATIVE SESSION

## MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate resume legislative session for a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

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

## VOTE EXPLANATION

Mr. NELSON. Mr. President, I was necessarily absent for the May 14, 2018, vote on Executive Calendar No. 780, confirmation of Michael Scudder, of Illinois, to be a judge for the Seventh Circuit. I would have voted yea.

(At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the following statement was ordered to be printed in the RECORD.)

## VOTE EXPLANATION

• Ms. DUCKWORTH. Mr. President, I was necessarily absent for vote No. 92 on May 14 on the confirmation of Executive Calendar No. 780, Michael Y. Scudder, of Illinois, to be United States circuit judge for the Seventh Circuit. On vote No. 92, had I been present, I would have voted yea on confirmation.

I was also necessarily absent for vote No. 93 on the confirmation of Executive Calendar No. 781, Amy J. St. Eve, of Illinois, to be United States circuit judge for the Seventh Circuit. On vote No. 93, had I been present, I would have voted yea on confirmation.●

(At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the following statement was ordered to be printed in the RECORD.)

## CONFIRMATION OF MICHAEL SCUDDER

• Ms. DUCKWORTH. Mr. President, I supported the nomination of Michael Scudder, of Illinois, to be a United States circuit judge for the Seventh Circuit.

Mr. Scudder is a dedicated public servant with a distinguished legal career. Upon graduating from Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law, Mr. Scudder served as a clerk for a Supreme Court Justice, clerked on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit and worked as an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York. Later in his career, Mr. Scudder served as general counsel to the National Security Council, counsel to the Deputy Attorney General of the United States, and senior associate counsel to the President.

In the private sector, Mr. Scudder managed complex civil litigation and white-collar defense for more than a decade. He also serves as an adjunct professor at his alma mater and a lecturer at the University of Chicago Law School. Mr. Scudder's commitment to pro bono work was recognized by the

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. Mr. Scudder also volunteers for the Federal Defender Program, which provides free legal representation to individuals accused of Federal crimes.

Mr. Scudder's experience, expertise, and devotion to his community and access to justice makes him well prepared to serve as a United States circuit judge for the Seventh Circuit.●

(At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the following statement was ordered to be printed in the RECORD.)

## CONFIRMATION OF AMY ST. EVE

• Ms. DUCKWORTH. Mr. President, I supported the nomination of the Honorable Amy St. Eve, of Illinois, to be a United States circuit judge for the Seventh Circuit.

Judge St. Eve hails from Belleville, IL. Since her 2002 confirmation by voice vote in the U.S. Senate, Judge St. Eve has made Illinois proud with her service as a Federal judge on the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois.

Judge St. Eve possesses extensive experience in the public and private sectors. Her diverse legal career includes serving as senior counsel of Abbott Laboratories in Illinois, working as an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, and serving as an associate independent counsel for the Office of Independent Counsel conducting the Whitewater investigation.

In addition to an accomplished professional career, Judge St. Eve is active in our community, serving on the board of directors of the Chicago branch of the Federal Bar Association and as a member of the American Bar Association, the Chicago Bar Association, the Illinois State Bar Association, and the Women's Bar Association in Chicago. Judge St. Eve is also an adjunct professor at Northwestern Law School where she teaches trial advocacy.

Judge St. Eve has established a reputation as being an efficient and fair jurist presiding over high-profile cases and is prepared to be an effective United States circuit judge for the Seventh Circuit.

## REMEMBERING JOSEPH BOYLE

Ms. HASSAN. Mr. President, 75 years ago over Brech, France, an American B-17 bomber was downed by hostile fire. The copilot of that bomber was Second Lieutenant Joseph Boyle, a proud Granite Stater. Lieutenant Boyle was one of four survivors out of a crew of 10, and while two of the crew escaped capture, Lieutenant Boyle and another aviator were captured and interned in Stalag Luft III, a notorious prisoner of war camp operated by the German Luftwaffe. For his service during the Second World War, which included 16 bombing raids over enemy-occupied territory, Lieutenant Boyle was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Purple Heart.

After he returned home, Mr. Boyle raised a family, opened a furniture business, and was active in his community. Mr. Boyle was a lifelong tennis player and golfer and cherished the time he spent with his eight grandchildren. Mr. Boyle passed away in 2009, after a life well-lived and full of love. He is missed by his family and all those whose lives he touched in New Hampshire and across the world.

In 2001, before his passing, the people and government of France enacted a monument to Mr. Boyle and the other members of his aircrew. Standing outside the town of Brech, this memorial displays the names of the Americans who were in that downed B-17. As this year marks the 75th anniversary of the day that Mr. Boyle and his crew were shot down, the people of Brech have invited Mr. Boyle's family to join them to remember the events of that day and the sacrifice that many Americans made so that the people of France could once again be free.

Ceremonies such as this one are so important, both to honor the service and sacrifice of the Greatest Generation and as a symbol of the enduring relationship between the United States and our oldest ally, France. It is critical that we remember all those who sacrificed in the fight against totalitarianism and helped keep our nations safe and free.

## ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

## TRIBUTE TO DR. SUSAN J. HUNTER

• Mr. KING. Mr. President, today I wish to honor Dr. Susan J. Hunter. Dr. Hunter, who currently serves as the president of the University of Maine, UMaine, at Orono, will retire from that position at the end of June. I want to recognize Dr. Hunter for her many years of work at the university not only as president, but also as a researcher, professor, vice chancellor of academic affairs, provost, and more.

Dr. Hunter became the university's 20th president in June of 2014 and was the first woman to lead the institution in its 150-year history. Dr. Hunter has led the university to many achievements, including advances in enrollment, fundraising, advocacy, and partnerships. During her tenure, UMaine has welcomed the largest incoming classes and largest number of out-of-State students in the university's history. The school has also seen a 22-percent increase in private giving to its annual fund. Dr. Hunter also continued the implementation of UMaine's innovative five-year strategic plan, which was developed during her tenure as Provost.

Dr. Hunter's influence is not limited to the halls on the Orono campus. On July 1, 2017, she also became president of the University of Maine at Machias. Dr. Hunter also served her community by serving on numerous boards of directors, including the Maine School of