

Klobuchar
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The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote, the yeas are 81, the nays are 15.

The motion is agreed to.

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Iain D. Johnston, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Arkansas.

HEALTHCARE HEROES

Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. President, healthcare workers have long been regarded as some of our Nation's most critical and courageous servants. During this time of challenges and uncertainty, this has never been more accurate.

Each day, our healthcare professionals make tireless sacrifices to protect and serve our country, even when it means risking their own lives to take care of others. People like Jennifer Campbell, a registered nurse from White River Health System, are a great example. She is recognized as the in-house expert for all COVID-19 testing. She has taken ownership of the community drive-up testing and worked with the Arkansas Department of Health to organize community testing.

In Malvern, Vickie Robbins, a registered nurse at Baptist Health-Hot Spring County, has volunteered to work extra hours, offered to operate drive-through screening, and volunteered to treat COVID-19 patients. Also, Lora Turknett, a registered nurse at Baptist Health-Conway, has been dependable and flexible with the hours she works to support the needs of different shifts. She provides compassionate care with a positive attitude.

During visits to medical facilities across Arkansas during the in-State work period, I was honored to personally thank frontline workers like them and so many others for the critical care they are providing. The work of these frontline workers and their colleagues has become much more difficult. We are grateful for all they do and represent.

Congress overwhelmingly supported the men and women of the medical community who are treating COVID-19 patients and are working to find a cure to address the public health crisis with the passage of the CARES Act. This critical relief was a necessary lifeline for hospitals to continue providing services to meet the demands of the communities and helping our doctors, nurses, and other medical professionals stay safe while providing care and treatment for patients.

There is more that we can do to support healthcare and ensure that pa-

tients get reliable care. Listening to the needs of hospitals is incredibly important in many efforts to assist these vital facilities, protect the jobs they create, and empower their ability to serve communities and patients all across Arkansas. Insight from the healthcare community is a valuable resource that helps shape the policies that directly impact their mission.

Along with continuing to provide critical resources like PPE, here are three things Arkansas healthcare professionals recommend we can do to improve services. First of all, we can expand broadband so more patients can take advantage of telehealth; make expanded telehealth services to Medicare permanent; and, finally, provide certainty for the 340B drug discount program.

Telehealth has become vital to providing effective care for patients during this public health emergency. Access to medical providers without leaving home offers convenience and safety against potential exposure to COVID-19. Having the option for virtual doctors' visits can be a challenge, particularly for rural areas, where broadband connectivity is limited.

This emergency has amplified the need for this connection, but, too often, providers in rural communities are unable to meet the increased demand for telehealth services. So my colleagues and I have introduced legislation to help healthcare providers expand telehealth benefits and improve access to broadband.

The Healthcare Broadband Expansion During COVID-19 Act would bolster funding for providers in rural areas to increase connectivity. This bill would help more patients get the care they need.

We have a unique opportunity to see how the modifications and updates we made to health programs during this health emergency can be beneficial in the long term.

The CARES Act provided the Department of Health and Human Services with the authority to waive telehealth requirements for Medicare during this emergency. Providers and patients have adapted expanded telehealth opportunities. We can continue to strengthen this access by making these services permanent.

Earlier this summer, I joined a bipartisan group of Senators to urge our Nation's top health agencies to make the permanent changes to telehealth requirements for Medicare that Congress authorized in the CARES Act.

Last month, President Trump issued an Executive order to improve healthcare in rural America by expanding telehealth resources and services. The President's action included a proposal to parts of Medicare's telehealth coverage. This is a step in the right direction. I look forward to working with the administration to implement a rule that will enhance the delivery of healthcare to Medicare patients.

When Arkansas hospital administrators shared their concerns over future

eligibility in the 340B program, I signed on to support Senator THUNE's bill to provide certainty to current participants. As hospitals paused elective procedures and as admissions decreased for Medicare and Medicaid patients, administrators' concerns that their hospitals would no longer be eligible for the 340B program increased. These are among the key metrics used to determine acceptance into the program. The 340B drug discount program has provided flexibility to Arkansas hospitals to help lower drug prices. Extending eligibility so they can care for low-income patients is critical.

These are three measures we can take to help patients continue to get quality, reliable care. We must remember that, like our valued healthcare workers, we play an important role in fighting the virus. By following the guidance and recommendations laid out by our public health officials, we can help our medical heroes and make a positive impact to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Democratic whip.

DACA

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, it has been exactly 90 days since the Supreme Court rejected President Trump's effort to end deportation protection for Dreamers. Dreamers, of course, are young immigrants who came to the United States as children, toddlers, or infants and who grew up in this country believing they were part of America, only to learn when they were old enough to be told, as teenagers, that they were undocumented through no fault of their own.

In an opinion by Chief Justice John Roberts, the Supreme Court held that the President's attempt to rescind the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, known as DACA, was "arbitrary and capricious."

It was 10 years ago that I joined with then-Republican Senator Dick Lugar, of Indiana, on a bipartisan basis, to call on President Obama to use his legal authority to protect Dreamers from deportation. President Obama heard our call. He responded by creating the DACA Program. DACA provides temporary protection to Dreamers from deportation on a 2-year basis, which is renewable if they register with the government, pay a fee, and pass criminal and national security background checks. More than 800,000 Dreamers came forward to sign up for DACA.

DACA unleashed their full potential, and they could see there might be a future. They began to contribute to our country as soldiers, teachers, and small business owners. More than 200,000 DACA recipients are essential critical infrastructure workers. That is not my choice of words. It is the definition of President Trump's Department of Homeland Security. More than 200,000 DACA recipients are essential critical infrastructure workers. Among these

essential workers, 41,700 DACA recipients are in healthcare. They are doctors, intensive care nurses, paramedics, and respiratory therapists.

Despite this incredible story of these innocent children coming to the United States while not having legal status in this country but having fear of deportation and still being determined to be part of America's future, as well as the fact that they would serve our country as essential workers and healthcare workers, on September 5, 2017, President Trump repealed DACA. Hundreds of thousands of Dreamers faced losing their work permits and being deported to countries they may not even remember.

The Federal court stepped in and ordered the Trump administration to continue DACA for Dreamers who had already received this protection. However, Dreamers who had not already received DACA were blocked from applying from this protection for nearly 3 years while the case languished in court. The Center for American Progress estimates that approximately 300,000 Dreamers had been unable to apply for the program because the case was in court.

On June 19, the day after the Supreme Court rejected President Trump's repeal of DACA, I led a letter from 43 Democratic Senators to the President. We called on the President to follow the law, to immediately comply with the Supreme Court's decision and reopen DACA for those who were eligible to apply. It has been 3 months now. We haven't received any response from President Trump, and the Trump administration refuses to reopen DACA.

In July, a Federal judge issued an order for the Trump administration to begin receiving new applications for DACA. Instead, Acting—and let me underline “Acting”—Department of Homeland Security Secretary Chad Wolf has issued a memo saying that the DHS will “reject all initial requests for DACA.”

Let's be clear. The Supreme Court of the United States rejected President Trump's repeal of DACA. That means DACA returns to its original status, and the Trump administration, under Court order, must reopen the program, and it must do it now. Instead, Mr. Wolf is saying the DHS will turn away 300,000 applicants who are Dreamers who are eligible for DACA but who have not had a chance to apply.

It is important to note that the non-partisan Government Accountability Office has concluded that Acting Secretary Wolf is illegally serving. This calls into serious question any legal authority he claims in issuing a memo to refuse to reopen DACA.

This administration, which is telling America it is dedicated to law and order, is in open defiance of the Supreme Court. The stakes are high both for the rule of law and, just as importantly, for the lives of Dreamers. To ignore this is to ignore a legitimate

order of the highest Court in the land. Republicans and Democrats in Congress should come together to compel this President to follow the law and immediately comply with the Supreme Court's mandate.

On June 4 of last year, the House of Representatives passed H.R. 6, the American Dream and Promise Act. This legislation would give Dreamers a path to citizenship—my goal for years. It passed on a strong bipartisan vote. It has been pending in the Senate, sitting on the desk of Republican leader MITCH MCCONNELL, for more than 12 months.

After the Supreme Court decision, I sent a letter, signed by all 47 Democrats, calling on Senator MCCONNELL to immediately give us a vote on the Dream and Promise Act. It has been 3 months. Still no reply.

The Dream and Promise Act would also provide a path to citizenship for 400,000 immigrants who have been living in the United States on temporary protected status. More than 90 percent of them are originally from El Salvador, Honduras, and Haiti. Most of them have lived in the United States for over 20 years.

As with DACA, TPS recipients must register with the government, pay a fee, and clear criminal and national security background checks. Like DACA recipients, TPS recipients are making important contributions to America. More than 130,000 TPS holders are essential critical infrastructure workers, and 11,600 are healthcare workers.

My friend, the Senator from Arkansas, just came to the floor and lauded our healthcare heroes across America in the midst of this pandemic. I have given that same speech. I think we all have, and we mean it. Yet did you ever stop and think how many of those healthcare workers are the DACA recipients, Dreamers, TPS holders—the so-called immigrants—whom we want to reject and remove from this country? We praise them on one hand, and we tell them to get the heck out of the United States on the other. How can that be consistent?

Two years ago, I negotiated bipartisan legislation with a path to citizenship for DACA and TPS recipients. President Trump profanely dismissed our bill in an Oval Office meeting that has now become infamous. Instead, the President is trying to rescind TPS protections and deport hundreds of thousands of immigrants from our country.

A Federal judge concluded that the President broke the law and blocked his effort to end TPS. Earlier this week, in a divided decision, two Republican-appointed judges ruled the other way and lifted the injunctions. This decision makes it even more important that the Senate immediately consider the Dream and Promise Act.

Over the years since I introduced the DREAM Act, I decided the only way to tell the story of this bill was to tell the story of the Dreamers. I have come to the floor 125 times to tell the stories. Today will be the 126th. I want to tell

you the story of these two people. I will start with Esmeralda Tovar-Mora. In this photo, she is with her husband, whom I will talk about more in just a moment.

Esmeralda is the 126th Dreamer's story I have told in the Senate, and it is a good one. She came to the United States from Mexico at the age of 2, so she obviously had no voice in that decision. She grew up in Hutchinson, KS.

She sent me a letter, and here is what she said about growing up:

Growing up in the United States has been the only thing that I've known. Pledging allegiance to the American flag and singing the national anthem on a daily basis made me believe that I was truly American.

She was a good student—no, she was excellent. In high school, she was a member of the National Honor Society and president of the Key Club. She sang in her church choir and played on the tennis team. She graduated magna cum laude.

Esmeralda's experiences in the Key Club visiting nursing homes convinced her she wanted a career in healthcare.

Thanks to DACA—thanks to DACA—Esmeralda was able to work as a waitress to support herself through college. She is now a case manager at a mental health center and a medication aide in an Alzheimer's ward in Hutchinson, KS.

She is married to Michael Mora, seen in this picture. Specialist Mora serves in the Kansas National Guard and recently returned from a 9-month tour in the Middle East—National Guardsman, 9 months in the Middle East—serving a country that will not recognize his wife as a citizen.

Let me introduce you to someone else. This is special. This beautiful little girl is Esmeralda and Michael's daughter Rose. She just turned 4.

Esmeralda is on the frontlines of the coronavirus pandemic, and here is what she said:

We've been on lockdown since March 30. Since family members can't visit, my patients are scared and lonely. Many have started asking me to call them Grandma or Grandpa, a little crumb of comfort at a time when the world around them is going crazy. I'm happy to be their adopted granddaughter. It eases the pain of scrubbing my hands until they're raw and the anxiety that I could infect my beautiful family. It also makes me happy to know that I am appreciated here in Hutchinson, because right now I've got an added stress: The U.S. government wants to deport me.

I want to thank Esmeralda for her service. She is truly a health hero—an immigrant health hero. She is a DACA health hero. She is putting herself and her family at risk every day to protect others—Americans—loving members of families, and it may be their last day on Earth. She should not also have to worry about whether she is going to be deported and her family torn apart. Isn't it enough that her husband is serving our country to prove how much this family loves America?

Would we be stronger as a country if we tell Esmeralda Tovar-Mora to leave

or if she becomes an American citizen and continues to work on the frontlines of the COVID-19 pandemic? I don't think the answer is even hard. I think it is clear.

Esmerelda and hundreds of thousands of other Dreamers and TPS holders are counting on those of us in the Senate to solve this crisis that President Trump created.

I am sorry that Senate Republicans are ignoring President Trump's defiance of the Supreme Court and refusing to bring the Dream and Promise Act to the floor.

As long as I am a U.S. Senator, I will be coming to this floor to fight for Esmerelda Tovar-Mora and all immigrants. It would be an American tragedy to deport this brave and talented healthcare worker in the midst of this pandemic. We must ensure that Esmerelda and hundreds of others of our essential workforce are not forced to stop working when we need them more than ever, and we must give them a chance—just a chance—to earn their way to citizenship.

Mr. President, it has been my honor to represent Esmerelda and the hundreds of thousands of Dreamers over the years. They have never disappointed me—never.

Many times we brought to the floor of the Senate the Dream Act, bills containing the Dream Act. We have managed to pass them a few times but never at the same time as the House, so they have never become law. So for decades—literally for decades—these young people have waited for their chance. They have done everything they can possibly do to prove they love this country. What will it take to convince my colleagues? What will it take to convince them that losing this beautiful young woman, with this pretty little girl, Rose, and telling this man, who served our country in the Kansas National Guard in a 9-month tour of duty in the Middle East—what will it take to convince my Senate colleagues that these are worthy people to become American citizens?

Some of us just lucked out; we were born here. There was never a moment where we made a decision; we were Americans from the start. But for others, they have had to prove their way into this country. Hasn't this wonderful young woman proved her way into America? Hasn't she told us why she should be given the right to become—a great honor—a citizen of the United States of America?

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

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

UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUEST—S. RES. 697

Mr. SCOTT of Florida. Mr. President, the brave men and women of our law

enforcement are facing an onslaught of violence, harassment, and abuse. They deserve better. These selfless individuals are true heroes who put their lives on the line every day to protect our communities.

Right now, as Hurricane Sally moves across Florida's panhandle and Alabama, causing massive flooding and storm surge, law enforcement officials are working tirelessly to keep people safe. They are going out in these extremely dangerous conditions to rescue those in need.

We can never truly repay them for their service and their sacrifice. Throughout my 8 years as Governor, we lost 51 members of law enforcement in the line of duty, and you wouldn't believe the bravery of these individuals and the strength of the families and communities who support them.

As Governor and now Senator, supporting and investing in our law enforcement has always been a top priority. Because of our efforts, Florida has a 49-year low in our crime rate. Americans are moving to Florida in droves, not just for low taxes and great weather but because we have safe communities, and that is thanks to our hard-working law enforcement. That is why it is so disturbing to see the harassment, the insults, and the abuse from the liberal mob.

I remember what it was like for American soldiers coming back from Vietnam. Whether you agreed or disagreed with that war, the abuse and insults directed at our military men and women were disgusting and disgraceful. We are seeing the same thing today directed at our men and women in blue. It is just as disgraceful.

The radical left wants to defund the police—the most dangerous policy idea of my lifetime. Think about that for a minute. If you defund the police, who do you call when your house gets broken into? Who is going to patrol the streets to prevent drug trafficking and violence? Who is going to investigate murders and rapes and assaults and robberies? Who is going to protect our schools? We only have to turn on our TVs for the answer.

Over the past several months, rioters and thugs, filled with hate inspired by this goal of defunding the police, have turned their words into violent action in cities across this great country—throwing homemade bombs at officers and setting fire to police stations.

We have watched Democratic mayors and Governors turn their backs on law-and-order and try to pretend that these violent demonstrations are somehow peaceful, and their partners in the media have helped.

This past weekend, we saw another horrific act of senseless violence as two sheriff's deputies in Los Angeles were ambushed by a deranged gunman. In the evening, rioters surrounded the hospital where the deputies were fighting for their lives and chanted "We hope they die." We hope they die? We should all be denouncing this heinous

act—all of us—and praying for the speedy and full recovery of the deputies. We should all be denouncing the cruel, heartless, and frankly pathetic disregard for human life that was clearly evident from these protesters.

This anti-police mentality is raging in American cities and threatening the future of America as we know it. Our law enforcement officers dedicate their lives to protecting our communities, and we can't let these acts of violence continue.

We can all agree that reforms need to be made. That is why it is so unbelievable that my Democratic colleagues refuse to even debate the police reform bill led by Senator SCOTT of South Carolina. Instead of actually doing something and having a chance at providing healing to our Nation, Senate Democrats turned their backs on our law enforcement.

But we can't let the radical left use the crimes of a few bad actors to demonize good, hard-working police officers—officers like Sergeant Adrian Rodriguez and Sergeant James Henry of the Lakeland Police Department. They began the department's Neighborhood Program over 6 years ago and lead two outstanding teams of officers who do everything from reading at the local kindergarten classes to assisting a SWAT team with the service of high-risk drug warrants. No matter the assignment, their teams work nonstop to build community pride in the citizens' police department.

Officer Jimmie Bizzle of the Tampa International Airport Police Department is dedicated to bettering his community and supporting individuals who experience homelessness. He trains his colleagues on how to connect homeless individuals with the resources and services they need.

Corporal Margo Fergusson of the Tampa Police Department spent years of her career defending and protecting children by investigating crimes in the department's Sex Crimes and Child Abuse Unit, working tirelessly to hold offenders accountable. During the pandemic, she has been working with her fellow officers and local schools to disbursing food to families who might need a helping hand.

Detective Michelle Mahoney of the Clearwater Police Department is part of the department's Refuse to Lose Program, which engages the faith-based community with youth offenders to help them succeed and stay on a good path, offering services like tutoring, employment, and mental health help. She is known for her empathy, understanding, and compassion for her community.

Instead of attacking and defunding the police and starving these hard-working men and women of the resources they need to do their job, we need to do the opposite. We need to fund the police. We need to recognize and support the individuals who have worked so hard to make our Nation the safe America we know and love. We