

and as in a bipartisan way as we have done to do our part—those of us on the Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee—to make sure that those moms and babies whom we are responsible for through WIC are getting all the support that they can to make sure they can sleep easy at night, except when the baby is crying, of course—to be able to sleep easy at night and know that somebody is going to work as hard as possible to make sure they have the baby formula they need.

I would defer to my friend and partner, Senator BOOZMAN.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Arkansas.

Mr. BOOZMAN. Again, I want to compliment Senator STABENOW for her leadership in this area and, as she said, getting this done in a record amount of time. We are facing an infant formula shortage across the country, as we all know. Moms and dads in the most prosperous country on earth should never have to worry about their ability to obtain something as vital as baby formula.

One of the most vital nutrition programs, the WIC program provides formula to families in need across the country. These shortages have disproportionately impacted these families as it makes it more difficult to find formula on the shelves.

This legislation will benefit every American family by ensuring that formula manufacturers and regulators are always prepared to respond to any shortages or supply disruptions and by providing more flexibilities to USDA and States in helping parents meet their children's nutritional needs.

Our bill has the support of the National WIC Association and more than 250 other groups across the country and, most importantly, the support of 100 Senators, which we are very proud of.

I want to, again, give a special shout-out, a special thanks to Senator STABENOW and her staff and my staff, who worked very hard to get this done, and then also to the majority leader Senator SCHUMER for, again, pushing this through.

As Senator STABENOW said, I think this truly is a record amount of time and great collaboration amongst the House and the Senate and really is a very, very good example as to how we need to collaborate more.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Missouri.

NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

MR. BLUNT. Mr. President, I rise today to honor police week and recognize the service and sacrifice law enforcement officers make every day to protect communities across my State of Missouri and my hometown of Springfield, right here in the Capitol that you and I benefit from every day, and all across the country.

When I came to the Senate 11 years ago with Senator COONS, we founded

the Senate Law Enforcement Caucus, and I have had the privilege of working closely with many of Missouri's police officers, sheriff's departments, local, State, and county-level police officials, and Missouri Highway Patrol. And, frankly, in the Rules Committee work, I have worked closely with the Capitol Police here, and it is something I am pleased to be able to do.

The men and women that serve us really do put their lives on the line, and I am going to talk about that a little bit today. They made the choice to put the safety of their communities first, and I, like many others, are grateful to all of those who wear the badge and stand in front of danger for us.

Tragically, in the last year, five of Missouri's officers lost their lives in the line of duty.

Officer Blaize Madrid-Evans of the Independence Police Department was killed by a violent suspect evading arrest. Officer Madrid-Evans was just 22 years old, engaged to be married. He graduated from the academy 2 months earlier.

His mother Shannon said he could charm anyone he met growing up. One of the staff members at Smithville High School remembered him as a young man who spent time serving his community. She said:

He wouldn't hesitate to help a fellow student or another person. He was a wonderful leader and a wonderful friend. I have no doubt his impact would have been far-reaching in the years to come.

Indeed, it will be, as it turned out, because the selfless person that he was, he made a decision to be an organ donor and save the lives of others. One of the people being helped by his decision is Springfield, MO, Police Officer Mark Priebe, who was severely injured in the line of duty in 2020.

Officer Priebe received a donated kidney and after successful surgery said he hoped to honor Officer Madrid-Evans and his family by the way he lives his life. The ability that these two families—two law enforcement families—had to come together and find a purpose in tragedy is a statement to the power of faith and an inspiration, I think, to all of us.

Officer Madrid-Evans is survived by his fiancée Victoria Atkinson, his mother Shannon Evans, his step-mom Sharon Braley, his mother Michelle Madrid, his sister Jordyn Evans, along with his grandparents, uncles, an aunt, and a cousin.

Detective Antonio Valentine of the St. Louis County Police Department was killed during a vehicular pursuit. Detective Valentine was a 14-year veteran of the department, had served in the U.S. Army, including a tour in Iraq, and was recently retired from the U.S. Air Force.

His Uncle Scott, a fellow law enforcement officer with the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department remembered him as a man who always put his family first. When he was a child, accord-

ing to his uncle, things were hard. His uncle said: "There is nothing like having to fight a roach for a cracker." But no matter what little the family had, Detective Valentine went without to be sure his siblings had what they needed.

As an adult, he often asked his uncle to make sure his kids, Jaylan, Alesha, Antonio, Jr., and Victoria were taken care of if something happened to him. I hope they will find strength in knowing how completely devoted their dad was to them and to all who benefited from his life of service.

Police Officer Lane Burns of Bonne Terre, MO, of that police department, was killed while responding to a violent disturbance. He was a 5-year veteran of the department. His fiancée Shannon Chasteen would often listen to the police radio while he was on duty, and she heard the call the night he lost his life that he responded to.

It is really a tragic reminder of how hard it is for families who never know when or where their loved one will be challenged and be in danger. And so those families are basically in danger all the time at someone's work, and they are wondering what that person may be facing at any moment.

Officer Burns is survived by Shannon and by his children Ivy Claire and Raiden Michael Burns, his parents Joe and Julie Burns, brothers Scott and Steve Burns, and his grandmother.

Officer Jake Reed and Corporal Benjamin Cooper, both of the Joplin Police Department, were fatally wounded responding to a disturbance. Officer Reed was a 5-year veteran of the department. Joplin Police Chief Sloan Rowland said: "Jake was the epitome of selfless service and sacrifice."

Like Officer Madrid-Evans, Officer Reed was also an organ donor, and he will continue to impact the lives of countless recipients and their loved ones who—thanks to his selflessness—will have more time together and a better quality of life.

Chief Rowland said of Officer Reed his "fervent hope is that some day those individuals will learn of this remarkable man and honor him with a life well lived. A life full of love and compassion, caring, and humor, just like Jake lived."

It completes the chief's quote about Jake but obviously doesn't complete his interest in Jake or the lives he saved or the people that Jake cared about, and that included his wife Bayley, with whom he would have celebrated his first anniversary earlier this month, as well as his parents, Robert and Melissa Reed, his brother Sam Reed, his in-laws, and a nephew.

CPL Benjamin Cooper was a U.S. Army veteran. He initially joined the Joplin Police Department in 2003 and returned in 2013 after spending time as a K-9 officer in Colorado.

His funeral brought together former colleagues from all over the country. His friend and former colleague, Rev. Brian Henderson, remembered him as an officer who didn't pull any punches

but “always had your back no matter what.”

Reverend Henderson also said despite his tough exterior, Corporal Cooper, or “Coop,” had a sneaky sense of humor he would share in the squad room to lighten the mood before shifts.

He is survived by his wife Roxy, two daughters, Tiffany Boyer and Ashley Cooper, his parents Steve and Joyce Cooper, sister Robyn Jensen and her husband, and two nephews.

These five people—and I wish I wasn’t here reading the names of five people today. These five people represent the determination of all of our Nation’s brave law enforcement officers to go above and beyond for their communities.

Three of these officers were lost in a span of roughly a week in March—Officer Burns, Officer Reed, and Corporal Cooper. Their loss was certainly a gut punch to the Missouri law enforcement community, and I was proud to join my colleague Senator HAWLEY in introducing a resolution to honor their service and sacrifice, which was adopted by the full Senate on May 10.

There are few jobs in this country as difficult, as dangerous, and as demanding as being a law enforcement officer or one of their family members. The challenges they face today are growing, as local departments struggle with staffing shortages caused by record-high departures and difficulty filling open positions. So everybody has to work harder than you would hope they would work at a job that is already hard enough.

This is all happening against the backdrop of a crimewave afflicting communities of all sizes all across the country.

This is, unfortunately, the predictable result of a movement that has

villainized law enforcement. And as co-chair of the Law Enforcement Caucus, one of my priorities has been to ensure law enforcement officers have the support and resources they need to do their jobs as safely and effectively as possible.

Ensuring Americans can live, work, and raise their families without fear should not be a partisan issue. We can all agree that there should be a zero-tolerance policy for police misconduct, and anyone who engages in that conduct should be held accountable. But we can’t allow the millions of outstanding public servants who put their lives on the line to question whether they have our full support and gratitude for the work they do. I know I do, and many of us every day thank the Capitol Police that we see multiple times during the day.

And I want to thank all of our Nation’s law enforcement officers for leaving their houses today or later tonight, as they do every day, to patrol and protect their communities. I offer my sincere prayer that each and every one returns home to their families safe and sound.

For all those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in Missouri and across the country, I offer my deepest condolences to their families.

We must never forget their bravery and their service, even as we hope that next year there will be fewer names of the fallen to share.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Michigan.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME, EN BLOC—H.R. 350, S. 4261, H.R. 7688, AND H.R. 7790

Ms. STABENOW. Mr. President, I understand that there are four bills at the

desk, and I ask for their first reading en bloc.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will read the bills by title for the first time.

The bill clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 350) to authorize dedicated domestic terrorism offices within the Department of Homeland Security, the Department of Justice, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation to analyze and monitor domestic terrorist activity and require the Federal Government to take steps to prevent domestic terrorism.

A bill (S. 4261) to suspend duties and other restrictions on the importation of infant formula to address the shortage of infant formula in the United States, and for other purposes.

A bill (H.R. 7688) to prevent consumers from price-gouging of consumer fuels, and for other purposes.

A bill (H.R. 7790) making emergency supplemental appropriations to address the shortage of infant formula in the United States for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2022, and for other purposes.

Ms. STABENOW. I now ask for a second reading, and I object to my own request, all en bloc.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection having been heard, the bills will receive their second reading on the next legislative day.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 4:07 P.M.
TODAY

Ms. STABENOW. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate adjourn until 4:07 p.m. today.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 4:06 p.m., adjourned until Thursday, May 19, 2022, at 4:07 p.m.