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Senate

The Senate met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore (Mr. HATCH).

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Father, we come to You, the source of our hope and strength. We have recently celebrated America's independence, but each new day seems to bring reminders of how our Nation and world are buffeted by winds of instability and danger. We continue to be reminded that freedom is not free.

As our lawmakers seek to pay the price for freedom in unstable times, may they not forget that You are not intimidated by any of the divisive and evil forces we face. May our Senators remember that their best blessings come from You, the One who has been our help in ages past and remains our hope for years to come. Give them the wisdom to find creative solutions to the many problems we face, trusting You to direct their steps.

We pray in Your great Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The President pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. COTTON). The majority leader is recognized.

MEASURE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR—S. 3110

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I understand there is a bill at the desk due for a second reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will read the bill by title for the second time.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 3110) to provide for reforms of the administration of the outer Continental Shelf of the United States, to provide for the development of geothermal, solar, and wind energy on public land, and for other purposes.

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, in order to place the bill on the calendar under the provisions of rule XIV, I object to further proceedings.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

The bill will be placed on the calendar.

LEGISLATION BEFORE THE SENATE

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, last week's passage of responsible, bipartisan legislation on Puerto Rico shows what is possible when we keep our focus on serious solutions. That is where we should keep our focus again during the coming work period.

We knew that doing nothing was not an option on Puerto Rico. So Senators of both parties worked to pass responsible legislation to help the Puerto Rican people and prevent a taxpayer bailout.

We also knew that doing nothing was not an option on Zika, yet Democrats blocked over a billion dollars in new funding for women's health and pregnant mothers, as well as record funding levels for veterans. As I have said before, the Senate will revisit this important issue over the current work period.

We will give Democrats another opportunity to end their filibuster of funding that is critical to controlling Zika and supporting our veterans. We will also address other important issues.

Senators will have the opportunity to support proposals designed to help

keep Americans safer in their communities, to help strengthen our military, and to help prevent families from unnecessarily paying more for the food they purchase.

Let me remind colleagues of the four bills on which I filed cloture just before the Fourth of July State work period: the Stop Dangerous Sanctuary Cities Act, Kate's Law, the biotechnology labeling compromise, and the Defense appropriations bill. I will have more to say about each of those measures in just a moment.

First, we will consider Senator TOOMEY's Stop Dangerous Sanctuary Cities Act and, then, Kate's Law from Senator CRUZ. Senator TOOMEY's Stop Dangerous Sanctuary Cities Act aims to deter extreme and unfair so-called sanctuary city policies in the first place. Senator CRUZ's Kate's Law will help protect the public even when cities insist on maintaining these dangerous policies.

Senator TOOMEY's bill would support jurisdictions that cooperate with Federal law enforcement officials and redirects funds to them from those places that refuse to do so. It would also support law enforcement officers who put their lives on the line every single day, protecting them from having to live in constant fear of being sued for simply doing their job.

It is no wonder that this bill has such broad support from the law enforcement community, including the Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association, the National Sheriffs' Association, and the National Association of Police Organizations. Senator TOOMEY's bill, in conjunction with Senator CRUZ's bill, aims to prevent more families from experiencing the heartache that Kate Steinle's family has been forced to endure.

It has been a year since Kate was tragically murdered in San Francisco by a convicted felon who had been deported five times. What makes this tragedy even more heartbreaking is

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