

of any security to be achieved before the legalization occurs. The legalization occurs without condition, and then it is just a mere promise in the future to effectuate a legal system that we have not done for the last 30 years. Even the Wall Street Journal agrees with that analysis.

Indeed, nothing at all needs to happen for those eligible for the DREAM Act and for agricultural workers amnesty to receive it. Their process, which covers roughly 4 million people is not connected in any way to any trigger or enforcement measure whatsoever.

The American people reject such a policy. That is not what they have asked for. That is what the June 7 Rasmussen poll said. The Rasmussen report says this: The bill "legalizes the status of immigrants first and promises to secure the border later. By a 4 to 1 margin, voters want that order reversed."

That is the polling data, and I think that is a good response from the American people. They know the system has been manipulated before.

Madam President, I see our majority leader. I know he is a very busy man.

I say to Senator REID, I have some time left before 5 o'clock, but if you have something that needs to be done—

Mr. REID. At 4:30. The Senator can talk until 4:30. Go ahead and talk until 4:30.

Mr. SESSIONS. In a 2009 Department of Homeland Security report, prepared by the research arm for U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, it says this:

Virtually all immigration experts agree that it would be counterproductive to offer an explicit or implied path to permanent residence status (or citizenship) during any legalization program. That would simply encourage fraud and [encourage] illegal border crossings that other features of the program seek to discourage. In fact, for that reason and from that perspective, it would be best if the legislation did not even address future permanent resident status or citizenship.

This a government agency making a plainly commonsensical statement that is virtually undeniable. A grant of amnesty is going to be counterproductive, and it is the kind of thing that would incentivize actions that our policies are designed to discourage—illegal entry into the United States.

Indeed, increased illegal entries into our country are happening right now. The numbers are going up. Just on hearing that there is an amnesty plan afoot, immigration illegality is increasing.

According to the Border Patrol, so far in this year 90,000 people illegally crossing the border have been taken into custody. That is 50 percent more than the same time last year. And 55,000 of them—I would note for those who are interested in this and recognize the international nature of it—55,000 of the 90,000 are not Mexican nationals.

During markup, Senator GRASSLEY offered an amendment to require the

Secretary to certify to Congress that she had maintained effective control over the entire border for 6 months before amnesty begins, but it was rejected by a 12-to-6 vote.

We were told the bill would have the toughest enforcement measures in the history of the United States, potentially in the world, and would fix the illegal immigration problem once and for all. Would that not be great? That is one of the Gang of 8 members on national TV, "Meet the Press," recently. Would that not be good? I think that is something we should strive for. But does the legislation do this?

I see the majority leader. He approved my time this afternoon. I have only so much of it left. I am due to have the floor until 5. I see there is important business to be done.

I yield the floor.

WELCOMING SENATOR CHIESA

Mr. REID. Madam President, I welcome Senator CHIESA to the Senate. I congratulate him on his appointment to fill the seat of the late Frank Lautenberg. Senator CHIESA—I am sure we will struggle with that name for a little while until we get used to it, but I think I have done it just about right—has served as attorney general for the State of New Jersey.

As attorney general, he has done some very remarkable work. He has worked with law enforcement and the State legislature to combat human trafficking, to protect children from predators, to crack down on gang violence. He implemented a successful gun buyback program that took 10,000 weapons off the streets, including 1,200 illegal guns.

I commend him for his efforts to keep New Jersey's streets safe, protecting Americans from gun violence. As we all know, that was something that was very close to Senator Lautenberg's heart.

Prior to becoming attorney general, he served for 2 years as chief counsel to New Jersey Governor Christie, after leading the Governor's transition team. He spent 7 years in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of New Jersey and more than 10 years in private practice. He graduated from the University of Notre Dame, got his law degree from Catholic University in the District of Columbia and certainly because of that is familiar with the District of Columbia.

I am confident he will serve the people of New Jersey with honor. I welcome him to the Senate.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Republican leader.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I would just add, I had an opportunity to meet with JEFF CHIESA and his wife earlier today. I think the Governor of New Jersey has made a wise appointment. We look forward to working with him in the coming months.

CERTIFICATE OF APPOINTMENT

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair lays before the Senate a Certificate of Appointment to fill the vacancy created by the death of the late Senator Frank Lautenberg of New Jersey. The certificate, the Chair is advised, is in the form suggested by the Senate. If there is no objection, the reading of the certificate will be waived and it will be printed in full in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

STATE OF NEW JERSEY CERTIFICATE OF APPOINTMENT

To: The President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that, pursuant to the power vested in me by the Constitution of the United States and the laws of the State of New Jersey, I, Chris Christie, the governor of said State, do hereby appoint Jeffrey S. Chiesa, a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States until the vacancy therein caused by the passing of the Honorable Frank R. Lautenberg is filled by election as provided by law.

Witness: His excellency our governor, Chris Christie, and our seal hereto affixed at Trenton this 6th day of June, in the year of our Lord 2013.

By the governor:

CHRIS CHRISTIE,
Governor.

KIMBERLY M. GUADAGNO,
Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE

The VICE PRESIDENT. If the Senator-designee will now present himself at the desk, the Chair will administer the oath of office.

The Senator-designee, escorted by Mr. MENENDEZ, advanced to the desk of the Vice President, the oath prescribed by law was administered to him by the Vice President, and he subscribed to the oath in the Official Oath Book.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Congratulations, Senator. Welcome to the Senate. (Applause. Senators rising.)

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Senator from New Jersey.

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. President, I wish to join the distinguished majority leader and the Republican leader in welcoming my new colleague from the great State of New Jersey, JEFF CHIESA, and his family to the Senate. I look forward to working with him closely on the issues of importance to New Jersey and to the Nation.

We have heard some of his exemplary milestones in his career. He is a career attorney and someone who has served in public service. He certainly has the Governor's confidence, as is evidenced by the time he spent with him at the U.S. Attorney's Office, then in the Governor's transition, which he led, as well as being his chief counsel and the attorney general of the State of New Jersey, for which he has had some extraordinary opportunities to both protect