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Senate

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

PRAYER

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

Let us pray.

Eternal God, the author of unity, remind our lawmakers that people accomplish laudable goals more through unity than division. May our Senators remember that all of us are more effective than any one of us.

As our legislators pursue effectiveness in their work, give them the wisdom to forge alliances that make the difficult become easy and the impossible become probable. In their search for common purposes, inspire them with the conviction that nothing is impossible for those who believe.

We pray in Your omnipotent 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.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. LOEFFLER). Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

The Senator from Iowa is recognized.

Mr. GRASSLEY. Madam President, I ask to speak in morning business for 1 minute.

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

CORONAVIRUS

Mr. GRASSLEY. Madam President, people often think of prisons as places only to send criminals and then forget

about them. But as I have noted here before, most inmates will one day be released.

Helping former criminals become productive citizens is very much an important function of our prison system. In recent weeks, inmates in the Iowa prison system have acquired what you might consider strange skills—but they are new skills—and even monetary allowances. They have done this by producing personal protective equipment, like face shields and masks. During this time of the virus pandemic, we all know what those are used for.

I commend these efforts by our prisoners and our prison system promoting this sort of training. They will help to protect the health and safety of the prisons and our State in the short term, but they will also help inmates in the long term.

These inmates are providing an essential public service, and for that they deserve our appreciation. It is an important contribution that I hope they will long remember and that will help them to be productive members of society when they finish their sentences.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

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

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The majority leader is recognized.

NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

Mr. McCONNELL. Madam President, normally during National Police Week, thousands of officers from across the country come here to our Nation's Cap-

ital to honor their comrades who have fallen in the line of duty. Obviously, the coronavirus has changed the logistics around these kinds of gatherings, but it has not made it any less important that we honor these brave men and women who gave the ultimate sacrifice for their neighbors.

Tonight's candlelight vigil for fallen officers will go on, as a virtual event. Our hearts will be united in remembering these heroes as their names are added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial.

I am thinking especially of two of my fellow Kentuckians, who will be among those memorialized.

Meade County sheriff's deputy Chris Hulsey answered the call of public service with a distinguished career that also included time as a firefighter and a paramedic. He was attacked while investigating a suspect and was pronounced dead hours later.

Chief Deputy Bobby Wayne Jacobs, of the Knott County Sheriff's Office, suffered a fatal heart attack following a tense call for service. Bobby's colleagues remember the lasting positive impact he made on so many.

Both of these deputies left behind children, loving friends, and a Commonwealth made safer by their service.

We also cannot let this year's National Police Week pass us by without reaffirming our gratitude for our very own U.S. Capitol Police. These men and women protect this institution with the greatest professionalism, no matter the challenge.

To all police officers—in Kentucky, here in the Capitol, and all across the country—your country thanks you.

FISA

Mr. McCONNELL. Madam President, speaking of keeping our Nation safe, the Senate has work of our own to do this week to ensure the safety and security of our Nation. In addition to fighting this historic pandemic, it is

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