

I believe we are very close to concluding our business for tonight.

Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

MORNING BUSINESS

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to a period of morning business with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each.

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

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

HONORING OUR ARMED FORCES

ARMY FIRST SERGEANT AARON JAGGER

Ms. STABENOW. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to the men and women in uniform serving the United States around the world, and observe a somber milestone in Michigan's contribution to Operation Iraqi Freedom.

In August, the 100th member of the U.S. Armed Forces from Michigan made the ultimate sacrifice while serving in Iraq. U.S. Army 1SG Aaron Jagger of Hillsdale died when a roadside bomb detonated near his vehicle in Ramadi, Iraq. Sergeant Jagger was serving his second tour in Iraq. I offer my heartfelt condolences to Sergeant Jagger's family.

As of the first week of September, 104 members of the U.S. Armed forces with ties to Michigan have lost their lives while serving in Iraq. I will ask that a list of their names be printed in the RECORD at the end of my statement.

No words can express our country's gratitude for the dedicated service and ultimate sacrifice of Sergeant Jagger or the other Americans who have lost their lives. I am also thankful for the sacrifice all the men and women in the U.S. military have made for their country while serving in Iraq. They are selfless patriots that give their time and too often their lives to preserve the freedoms we hold so dear.

I know that condolences offered to these brave families and words spoken on the floor of the Senate cannot possibly make up for their loss. But it is important that they know we remember them and that our prayers and thoughts are with those that have lost loved ones, and those that still have family and friends serving in harm's way.

I will remain committed to honoring their memory and ensuring that their families and their comrades who return from battle receive the support and respect they deserve.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the list to which I referred be printed in the RECORD.

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

Major Kevin Nave, Union Lake; Private Brandon Sloan, Fraser; Sergeant Todd Robbins, Pentwater; Sergeant Michael Pedersen, Flint; Private First Class Juan Garza, Jr., Temperance; Private First Class Jason Meyer, Howell; Staff Sergeant Scott Sather, Clio; Specialist Richard Goward, Midland; Sergeant Sean Reynolds, East Lansing; Master Sergeant William Payne, Otsego; Staff Sergeant Brett Petriken, Flint; Specialist Corey Hubbell, Holly; Captain Paul Cassidy, Laingsburg; Sergeant Trevor Blumberg, Canton; Specialist Donald Wheeler, Concord; Specialist Artimus Brassfield, Flint; Staff Sergeant Paul Johnson, Calumet; Staff Sergeant Mark Vasquez, Port Huron; Staff Sergeant Paul Neff, II, West Branch; Private First Class Damian Bushart, Waterford.

Private First Class Jason Wright, Luzerne; Staff Sergeant Thomas Christensen, Atlantic Mine; Staff Sergeant Stephen Hattamer, Gwinn; Private First Class Holly J. McGeogh, Taylor; Specialist Richard Trevithick, Gaines; Sergeant First Class Bradley Fox, Adrian; Private First Class Richard Rosas, St. Louis; Sergeant Aaron Elandt, Lowell; Sergeant David Hartman, Fairgrove; Specialist Craig Frank, Lincoln Park; Private First Class Nicholas Blodgett, Wyoming; Specialist Dana Wilson, Hudsonville; Specialist Donald McCune, Ypsilanti; Staff Sergeant Donald Davis, Saginaw; Sergeant Carl Thomas, Inkster; Private First Class Mark Barbret, Shelby Twp.; Specialist Don Clary, Flint; Private First Class Dennis Miller, Jr., La Salle; Lance Corporal Justin Reppuhn, Hemlock; Lance Corporal Justin Ellsworth, Mt. Pleasant.

Lance Corporal Michael Hanks, Gregory; Corporal Gentian Marku, Sterling Heights; Corporal In Kim, Warren; Staff Sergeant Jason Lehto, Warren; Lance Corporal Allan Klein, Clinton Township; Lieutenant Commander Edward Jack, Detroit; First Lieutenant Adam Malson, Rochester Hills; Captain Sean Grimes, Southfield; Staff Sergeant Ricky Kieffer, Ovid; Corporal Michael Lindemuth, Pellston; Specialist Randy Stevens, Swartz Creek; Captain Stephen Frank, Farmington Hills; Captain Ralph Harting, III, West Bloomfield; Sergeant Brad Wentz, Gladwin; Specialist Joshua Brazee, Sand Creek; Sergeant Charles Drier, Unionville; Specialist Eric Burri, Wyoming; Corporal Andrew Kilpela, Fowlerville; Specialist Adrian Butler, Detroit; Specialist Brian Derks, White Cloud.

Staff Sergeant Brian Morris, Centreville; Major Gregory Fester, Ada; Captain Lowell Miller, II, Flint; Sergeant First Class Casey Howe, Kimball; Corporal Nicholas Cherava, Ontonagon; Private First Class Nicholas Greer, Monroe; Staff Sergeant Vincent Summers, Bangor; Staff Sergeant Lewis Gentry, Detroit; Sergeant First Class Michael Hodshire, North Adams; Major Gerald Bloomfield, II, Ypsilanti; Specialist Timothy Brown, Cedar Springs; First Lieutenant Justin Smith, Lansing; Master Sergeant Anthony Yost, Millington; Private First Class John Dearing, Hazel Park; Lance Corporal Craig Watson, Union City; Lance Corporal David Huhn, Portland; Sergeant Spencer Akers, Traverse City; Specialist Anthony Cardinal, Muskegon; Specialist Dane Carver,

Freeport; Lance Corporal Jason Little, Climax; Specialist Walter Howard, II, Rochester; Corporal Ross Smith, Wyoming.

Sergeant Curtis Howard, II, Ann Arbor; Private First Class Allan Morr, Byron; Sergeant Joshua Youmans, Flushing; Private Joshua Powers, Kentwood; Corporal Nyle Yates, III, Eagle; Specialist Andrew Waits, Waterford; Sergeant First Class Richard Herrema, Hudsonville; Sergeant Matthew Webber, Stanwood; Corporal Alexander Kolasa, White Lake Twp; Corporal Brock Bucklin, Caledonia; Lance Corporal Brandon Webb, Swartz Creek; Staff Sergeant Raymond Plouhar, Lake Orion; Specialist Joseph Micks, Rapid River; Sergeant Duane Dreasky, Novi; Sergeant Al'Kalla Floyd, Grand Rapids; Staff Sergeant Michael Dickinson, II, Battle Creek; Specialist Dennis Smason, Jr., Hesperia; First Sergeant Aaron Jagger, Hillsdale; Sergeant Gabriel DeRoo, Paw Paw; Chief Petty Officer Paul J. Darga, Alpena; Staff Sergeant Eugene Alex, Bay City; Sergeant Ralph Porras, Merrill.

FAMILY HUMANITARIAN RELIEF

Mr. BROWNBACK. Mr. President, next week marks the fifth anniversary of the attacks of September 11. On this solemn occasion, we reflect upon the lives of those who were lost and the families they left behind. Images of the planes hitting the two massive towers filled with innocent Americans are emblazoned in our minds and stir our conscience. Heroic tales of firefighters, police officers and first responders falling in the line of duty evoke deep pangs of sadness yet fill our hearts with great pride for our country.

It is important that during this time we remember the families of these victims of terror. They have suffered greatly, and we continue to mourn for their loved ones and honor their memories. But there are some families whose grief is also mixed with fear. The victims for whom they grieve were immigrants working in the World Trade Center, and the families that are left behind face potential deportation. Thus, in addition to the already incalculable loss inflicted upon them by the terrorists, these relatives face yet another hardship.

It is in the context of this situation that I wish to recognize the work of Debra Brown Steinberg. For the past 5 years, Ms. Steinberg has tirelessly sought to undo this injustice and allow these relatives to grieve alongside the thousands of other victims' families without fear of arrest and removal. Ms. Steinberg has dedicated her time—pro bono—to this cause and has been recognized time and again for her efforts.

My colleagues and I introduced legislation, known as the September 11 Family Humanitarian Relief and Patriotism Act, which would provide the necessary relief for these families. Now that a year has passed since the bill's introduction, and as we approach the fifth anniversary of 9/11, it is time to bring closure for the sake of the families and for the sake of honoring the memories of those killed.

Our tradition teaches us to have compassion for the widow, the orphan,