

THE WICKER REPORT

By: United States Senator Roger Wicker



Wicker Renews Work on Immigration Enforcement

Bills to End Sanctuary Policies Are Reintroduced in New Congress

President Trump has promised much-needed immigration reform during his administration. His proposals have included stronger border security, the proper enforcement of immigration law, and the protection of American jobs. The President has nominated Gen. John Kelly to head the Department of Homeland Security, which will oversee the implementation of our nation's immigration policies. During his recent confirmation hearing in the Senate, Gen. Kelly reiterated his commitment "to preserve our liberty, enforce our laws, and protect our citizens."

I am glad the Senate has reinvigorated its efforts to promote these aims in our nation's im-

migration policies. I am a co-sponsor of four bills that have been reintroduced to put an end to America's "sanctuary cities," jurisdictions where local authorities do not cooperate with the federal government to uphold immigration law.

Respecting the Law of the Land

I strongly believe we should close these glaring gaps in immigration enforcement, and I remain a steadfast opponent of sanctuary policies that undercut federal law. Truly achieving immigration reform demands an adherence to the law of the land – something the Obama Administration tried to circumvent with its executive actions for amnesty.

My support for the Senate's bills to end "sanctuary cities" is not a newfound priority. During the past two Congresses, I backed legislation to withhold federal funding from "sanctuary cities." I have also consistently supported legislative efforts to detain those who engage in criminal activity while unlawfully residing in the United States.

Bills Would Put Public Safety First

We cannot ignore the senseless tragedies caused by criminals who are here illegally. Last year,

surveyor. In 1960 he attended barber school in Jackson until he set up shop in Lexington in 1962.

a drunk driver killed 21-year-old Sarah Root in Omaha, and a year earlier a convicted felon who had been repeatedly deported shot 32-year-old Kate Steinle in San Francisco. Two pieces of legislation named in honor of Sarah and Kate would try to prevent these heartbreaking crimes from happening again. "Sarah's Law," authored by Sen. Joni Ernst (R-Iowa), would require that illegal immigrants who hurt or kill Americans be detained. Under "Kate's Law," authored by Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Texas), illegal immigrants with aggravated felony convictions or multiple unlawful entries into the United States would receive a mandatory five-year sentence.

The drunk driver responsible for Sarah's death remains at large, when he should have been taken into custody by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Instead, he fled after posting bail. Sen. Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa) has sought to change this protocol with a bill requiring the detainment of illegal immigrants who have been charged with drunk driving.

These bills are just a few examples of how the new Congress is working to strengthen immigration enforcement. I am hopeful it will lead to real progress during the Trump Administration, which has repeatedly promised major reforms, such as securing the border.

America is a country built on the rule of law. Not following the law, as "sanctuary cities" continue to do, impedes sensible, good-faith efforts to fix our broken immigration system and protect public safety. These loopholes should be closed immediately.



Collin Parkinson of Durant and John White of West recently served as pages for the Mississippi House of Representatives. Pages generally run errands for officials and House staff. Collin (holding gavel) and John are pictured with Speaker of the House Philip Gunn and Representative Jason White who sponsored their visit. Collin is the son of Jeff and Juanita Parkinson, and John is the son of Jason and Jolynn White. Both boys attend Winona Christian. When asked about the week, Collin said, "Being a page was an awesome experience. I loved being with the other pages and enjoyed talking to the representatives. Everyone was very nice." Jason agreed. "I enjoyed my week at the Capitol," he said. "I also enjoyed meeting other pages from all over the state. I would love to do it again."

(Photo by Clancy Smith)

*Murder

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Zeigler's pick-up truck that was at the residence. We're thinking that (Jones) brought it in with him, that why we're charging him with capital murder. It appears that it was pre-meditated. He had time to think about it, if he walked from the area he walked from and then come up in there with a weapon, you've got intention to do something."

"All the evidence we obtained pointed to (Jones) and he knew all the details of the crime scene, there was no doubt in my mind that he was the suspect," Kirklin said.

IN AND AROUND LEXINGTON

BY LEONA (LENA) FIELDS

Mrs. Mary Hodges is still home bound. Mrs. Jean Nette Johnson is also sick and home bound. Give these bodies and others that are home bound a visit or at least call them and cheer them up.

Mrs. Flora Steigler, the district manager for the North Central District Planning Feeding Program, came to visit the Lexington site on Thursday, January 19. Even though it was raining she came to visit the se-

nior citizens that go to the feeding program. She invited them to the annual district program which will be held in May. She promised the seniors that there would be food, prizes, fun and games.

This writer and two friends went to Grenada for dinner after church on Sunday, January 15. After dinner, was shopping, a good time was had by all.

To get your news in to this writer call 662-834-1489.

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