COMPREHENSIVE IMMIGRATION REFORM

(Mr. CARTWRIGHT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of comprehensive immigration reform.

In the Bible, it couldn’t be more clear:

When the Son of Man returns in all his glory, escorted by the angels, then He will take His seat on the thrown of glory. All the nations will be assembled before Him, and He will separate the people one from another, like sheep from goats. On the right hand, He will place the sheep; on the left, the goats. And to those on His right, he will say: Come accept the inheritance that is yours, that has been prepared for you since the foundation of the world. When I was hungry, you gave me food; when I was thirsty, you gave me drink; when I was a stranger, you made me welcome.

My fellow Members of this House, comprehensive immigration reform is not just the right thing to do; it is the righteous thing to do.

LEGACY OF SALLY RIDE

(Mr. FITZPATRICK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, 30 years ago today, on June 18, 1983, Dr. Sally Ride became the first American woman in space aboard the space shuttle Challenger, the first of her two flights as a mission specialist.

This former astronaut, physicist, educator, and space advocate left behind a legacy of accomplishments when she died last year at the age of 61. Her legacy continues to inspire and motivate young women with an interest in science, technology, math, and engineering, while the company she founded advances those interests.

We acknowledge Dr. Ride’s advocacy for young women in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and math, a precursor for the STEM programs we know are so important today.

As a strong proponent of STEM education and allied programs, I will continue to applaud Dr. Ride’s effort to encourage intelligence, and the technical fields by blazing a path for other women to follow.

REJECT PAIN-CAPABLE UNBORN CHILD PROTECTION ACT

(Ms. CASTOR of Florida asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Mr. Speaker, America faces so many challenges today: How do we create more jobs? How do we boost economic growth? How do we support middle class families and small businesses, build things in America again, improve our schools, and invest in our infrastructure?

So is Congress considering any of these important matters today? No. In fact, here in the middle of June, the Republican-controlled Congress has not scheduled any legislation on any of these important issues. Instead, their priority today is H.R. 1797, where the all-male House Judiciary Committee and the House Republican leadership intends to interject themselves into the private medical decisions of women and the health of the woman. They discount the private medical professionals, including the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, say is appropriate.

So I urge my colleagues to reject H.R. 1797. Do not obliterate our constitutional right to privacy. Do not take such personal decisions out of the hands of women and their doctors. Reject this extreme bill.

NATIONAL SMALL BUSINESS WEEK

(Mr. COLLINS of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. COLLINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, this week marks National Small Business Week.

America’s small businesses are the engines of job creation. According to the Small Business Administration, small businesses employ almost half of all private sector employees. And depending on the year, small businesses can account for 80 percent of all new jobs created.

As a small business owner myself, I understand firsthand the challenges and hurdles business owners face on a day-to-day basis. As a Member of Congress, one of my top goals is to continue to push hard for commonsense policies that create the right kind of economic environment for small businesses to grow and hire more people— the exact policies the GOP-led House continues to advocate and advance.

ATTACK ON WOMEN’S REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS

(Ms. TITUS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. TITUS. I rise today in opposition to H.R. 1797. This bill is not only a direct challenge to the Supreme Court ruling in Roe v. Wade, but it’s a dangerous new attack on women’s reproductive rights.

The proposed ban in this bill does not include an exception for the physical or emotional health of a woman; it fails to provide sufficient protections for victims of rape and incest; and it has a very narrow exception in cases when a woman’s life is in danger.

H.R. 1797 would significantly reduce the safe, legal options that women have and would prevent doctors from providing the most medically appropriate care for their patients.

Republicans have repeatedly demonstrated a lack—of understanding about basic women’s health care. And this bill is just one more example of their continuing attack on women’s rights. It is a step backward for women’s health and a distraction from the critical work we should be doing to pass legislation regarding immigration reform, strengthening our economy, and creating jobs.

I urge you to vote “no” on this unconstitutional legislation.

OPPOSITION TO THE PAIN-CAPABLE UNBORN CHILD PROTECTION ACT

(Ms. FRANKEL of Florida asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, my, my, my; talk about pain. There’s lots of pain in our country—mothers and fathers are out of work, homes, bills piling up, and here we go again: another day in Congress being squandered as we fight once more about women having access to the medical care we need, free from the long, invasive arm of government. And again, there’s a cruel unconstitutional ruling in Roe v. Wade, a woman in desperate need of a physician must instead call the police.

Mr. Speaker, the American people know that there’s a better way to protect life. Allow women to have access to the health care that we require to live full lives, and let’s work together in a bipartisan manner to get people back to work in this country.