

AND STILL I RISE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas (Mr. GREEN) for 5 minutes.

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Madam Speaker, and still I rise. And I rise today, Madam Speaker, to defend a woman's right to choose, to defend the law of the land, to defend Roe v. Wade. And I rise to do so because it is the woman's choice, not the man's.

I happen to be a male. It is not my choice. I defend a woman's right to make that choice, whatever it may be, and Roe v. Wade has to be a part of it, or the right to choose should be a part of it.

So, today, I would like to share a brief vignette to make my point. Let us assume that you are a person of means. You have resources, and you are adamantly, vehemently, totally, and absolutely opposed to abortion.

Let us assume that abortion is banned across the land, and let us assume that your daughter is raped—ban on abortion, your daughter is raped. You are vehemently, adamantly, totally, and completely opposed to abortion.

But you have the right to change your mind, and you have the right to use your resources to go to some distant place on vacation, take a road trip, and come back after you have exercised your right to choose, or your daughter has exercised her right to choose.

No woman who is raped should be forced to bear the child of the rapist. Have we no sense of what a woman goes through?

We should not allow ourselves to be put in a position where poor women without resources will not have the opportunity to exercise the right that wealthier, resourced persons will exercise.

So, I support maintaining the right to choose, and I support maintaining peaceful protest. I believe that John Kennedy was right when he proclaimed: "Those who make peaceful revolution impossible will make violent revolution inevitable."

I don't like having people protest me as I leave the plane. I don't enjoy having people protest as I walk into supermarkets. But I accept it because I understand that this is a means by which they can express themselves without having to express themselves by more violent means.

John Kennedy is the person who said it: "Those who make peaceful revolution impossible will make violent revolution inevitable."

Let's accept peaceful protest. I do not accept any violence in protest. But peaceful protest, as much as it may disturb me, and as much as I may dislike it, I accept it because I understand what the alternative is.

CONTEMPLATING SNAP

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from

Pennsylvania (Mr. THOMPSON) for 5 minutes.

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, last month, the Agriculture Committee welcomed Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services Deputy Under Secretary Stacy Dean to a long-overdue hearing.

Until last month, the agency of the United States Department of Agriculture that occupies more than 80 percent of the Agriculture Committee's spending had gone unchecked for nearly 4 years.

Each section of title IV, the nutrition title, of the 2018 farm bill made nominal changes to a program that has since exploded to serve more than 42 million individuals, at a current cost of roughly \$9 billion per month.

Now, we need to contemplate SNAP through four principles, particularly as we shift from emergency spending and administration to more targeted and informed programming.

First, we need to further explore how to serve recipients through innovation and flexibility. If the pandemic has taught us one thing, it is there is no one way to serve families in need.

Second, we must think about the best ways to guide recipients to independence through employment, education, and training. While waivers related to work under the former administration were logical, they are now clearly keeping employable individuals idle and disengaged. It is time to talk about reemployment, with a specific focus on those who have left the labor force.

The third principle: We cannot deny program integrity has been compromised. I want to work with the Department to return to and maintain the virtues of SNAP. This includes normal modes of data collection and normal modes of analysis and dissemination of information to ensure the responsible use of program funds.

Last, and perhaps most importantly, we must come together to improve access and promote healthy foods and improved nutrition. Employment, healthcare costs, and general longevity are highly dependent on the foods that we consume. Together with modernized nutrition education initiatives, the nutrition research funding secured in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, and the existing library of research on healthy eating, USDA is uniquely positioned to improve the nutrition of millions of households, not just those deemed healthy.

I think my colleagues across the aisle can agree with each of these four principles. Where we diverge is how to preserve the program for those in actual need, without regulatory loopholes and fuzzy interpretations of the law, both of which exploit the very intent of the program. Where we diverge is the reality that this one title will cost taxpayers nearly \$1 trillion over the next 10 years.

With this exorbitant spending increase—namely, because of the less-

than-transparent and questionable Thrifty Food Plan update—the Biden administration and the current majority consciously put a colossal financial and political target on any future farm bill, compromising not only the nutrition title but the 11 other titles which support and protect every farmer, every rancher, and every forester, and rural community.

While my colleagues and I will continue to debate this attempt at executive overreach, I asked one thing of Madam Deputy Under Secretary and, frankly, the whole Department, USDA: Be more forthcoming. As the ranking member of the House Agriculture Committee, I prefer to learn directly from the administration, not from lobbyists, not from reporters, not from the internet.

More recently, the White House announced a conference on hunger, nutrition, and health in September. Now, this could change how we think about health and nutrition, including in the farm bill, but it must be nonpartisan and engage community leaders nationwide. This should be a platform for innovation, objective research, and local approaches.

That hearing should be the first of many that allows the Agriculture Committee to have an honest conversation about what is working and what is not and how we move forward toward the 2023 farm bill.

FIGHT FOR WOMEN'S
REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. GARCIA) for 5 minutes.

Ms. GARCIA of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise to urge that now more than ever is the time for us to come together and fight for reproductive rights for women.

Recently, through a leaked Supreme Court opinion, we learned that the progress we have made on a woman's right to choose over the last 50 years is in serious jeopardy.

The Nation learned that the almost 50-year settled law of Roe v. Wade is in danger of being undone at the hands of radical Republican Supreme Court Justices. Even worse, the Republican Party has made it clear its goal is to criminalize—I repeat, criminalize—abortions.

In short, Republicans seek to punish women and providers of abortion for women exercising their basic human rights to control their own bodies. This is terrifying.

For the first time in our history, our daughters will have less freedom than their mothers. This is unacceptable and un-American.

Republican State legislators across the Nation are already seeking to arrest doctors for offering reproductive care, and some also want to ban all abortions with zero exceptions—nada, zero.

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In Texas, we have essentially been living life without Roe since the passage of S.B. 8, one of the most horrific abortion laws in the country. We have been basically already working with an abortion ban. Some women have already been charged with murder for making reproductive decisions, like Lizelle Herrera from my home State of Texas.

If Roe v. Wade is criminalized, it will criminalize abortion to trigger a law in Texas that a provider could be charged with a Federal felony, subject to even a lifetime in prison. Lizelle Herrera, having been stripped of her reproductive rights, this innocent woman, was pitted into such a desperate corner by Republicans in Texas that she was forced to carry out a self-induced abortion.

Shockingly, to make matters worse, a hospital she visited following the abortion called police to report her. She was then arrested and faced a severe murder charge. This poor woman was forced to carry out one of the most personal choices a woman can make in an unsafe manner. On top of that, she faced public humiliation and legal backlash for acting on her own in desperation.

Ultimately, the district attorney dropped the charges and admitted Lizelle should never have been arrested. Madam Speaker, there was actually an exemption in our Texas Penal Code on this issue. Frankly, I have no idea why it was even filed.

I agree with the DA. It never should have been filed.

Madam Speaker, 7 out of 10 Texans believe laws in our State should be less strict. However, the damage has been done. She was publicly humiliated, experienced a traumatic experience at the hands of draconian Republican policies, and was subjected to public humiliation and shame and intense media attention. My heart breaks for Lizelle and other women around the country who have or may experience this.

My colleagues, we must not go back. We cannot go back. We must not allow our country to fall back into those dark days before Roe v. Wade when there were—yes, we don't want to talk about it—back-alley abortions, perhaps unsafe illegal abortions, we know. We cannot go back. We must make sure that we do not criminalize abortion.

At the hands of Republicans, my home State, Texas, has given us a glimpse of what it may come to if this leaked Supreme Court opinion is finalized, and it is not pretty. We must do all we can to protect a woman's right to choose.

If the Republican-appointed Supreme Court Justices have it their way, women will be pitted into desperate corners—just like our Texas resident, Lizelle Herrera was. This is wrong. It is cruel. I won't be quiet about this.

This House has already passed a law putting Roe v. Wade in statute. I urge my Senate colleagues to do the same

and make sure that Roe v. Wade is the law of the land as it has been for 50 years, and that we protect a woman's right to make a very personal healthcare decision for herself and her family and her future. We must not go back.

LEADERSHIP ARKANSAS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. WOMACK) for 5 minutes.

Mr. WOMACK. Madam Speaker, the entrepreneurial spirit of Arkansas has always been one of our greatest strengths. Forward-thinking and smart and visionary minds have helped shape the growth of our communities—I am proud to pay tribute to the next generation of emerging leaders.

I extend my hardest congratulations to the latest class of Leadership Arkansas. This unique program brings together the best and brightest from across Arkansas to encourage growth and opportunity. From government and education to business and industry, diverse backgrounds and minds are assembled to cultivate the future of the Natural State.

For the last year, these highly motivated Arkansans have diligently worked to further enhance the economic outlook and development of our Natural State. The example of leadership and excellence they have displayed on all fronts is noteworthy.

Madam Speaker, I am submitting the names of the 48 graduating members to be added to the RECORD this morning.

I also salute the Arkansas State Chamber of Commerce, many members who are currently visiting the District of Columbia as I speak, and the Associated Industries of Arkansas for supporting this incredible program.

To the Leadership Arkansas Class XVI, including my chief of staff, Beau Walker, congratulations, you joined the distinguished alumni before you, and I look forward to seeing how you shape the future of our great State and Nation.

Madam Speaker, the entrepreneurial spirit of Arkansas has always been one of our greatest strengths. Forward-thinking and smart minds have helped shape the growth of our region—and I extend my highest congratulations to community leaders empowering our great state.

Leadership Arkansas brings together our best and brightest from across Arkansas to encourage growth and opportunity. By assembling people with a diverse set of interests and backgrounds, this unique program drives dynamic interactions between cities, industries, governmental units, and the people they serve—generating innovative and novel ideas that will profoundly impact our future. First introduced in 2005 by the Arkansas State Chamber of Commerce and Associated Industries of Arkansas, the initiative has continually grown.

The 48 members of Leadership Arkansas Class XVI are all distinguished and respected leaders within their communities and professions. The 2022 graduates include: Duncan

Bellingrath, John Burkhead, Randy Bynum, Chrissy Chatham, Kyle Coggins, Steve Crowell, Lisa Davis, Michelle Dodroe, Jennifer Douglas, Amy Fallon, Bert Finzer, Adam Flock, Mary Kate Harrison, Chad Hearne, Kelly Hellbusch, James Hopper, Katie Parsons, Andrew Huntsinger, Paul Jara, Harrison Johnson, Bruce Jones, Daveante Jones, Megan Lahay, Candice Lawrence, Justin Lieber, Neil Linebarrier, Erin Marcussen, Shanna Mears, Nycole Oliver, Paul Parnell, Dillon Patterson, John Peterson, Rachael Potter, Tyson Reimer, Ava Roberts, DeWayne Rose, Clint Schaff, Carlos Silva, Elizabeth Small, Anita Smith, Sandy Starnes, Courtney Strickland, Heather Talley, Beau Walker, Kellie Wall, Matt Westbrook, Tande White, and Keli Wylie.

These highly-motivated Arkansans have worked diligently over the past several months to further enhance the economic outlook and development of the Natural State. I honor their commitment and thank them for their example of leadership and excellence on all fronts. To Class XVI, congratulations. I look forward to seeing how they shape the future of Arkansas and America.

NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Virginia (Ms. SPANBERGER) for 5 minutes.

Ms. SPANBERGER. Madam Speaker, today, at the start of National Police Week, I stand here to remember the lives of Virginia's fallen law enforcement officers.

As the daughter of a retired law enforcement officer and as a former Federal agent, I know what it means to put on a badge. I know what it means to have a family member leave the house concerned as to whether or not they will return. And for far too many, that fear is realized when a loved one dies in the line of duty.

This week, all across the Commonwealth, Virginians will reflect on the sacrifice of the men and women who serve our neighbors and keep our communities safe. They will honor those who continue to wear the uniform and they will remember those who never returned home from their patrol.

For Virginia's spouses, siblings, parents, and children who have lost a loved one in the line of duty, this week is particularly difficult. Today, on the House floor, I am honored to remember the officers who have fallen in 2021, and so far this year in 2022.

Sergeant Frederick Henry "Butch" Cameron, Jr., of Fairfax Sheriff's Office; Police Officer Dominic Jared Winum of Stanley Police Department; Sergeant Jose Rivera of Suffolk Police Department; Police Officer George Gonzalez of the United States Department of Defense, Pentagon Force Protection Agency; Police Officer Bonnie Nicole Jones, Danville Police Department; Corporal Charles Wayne Catron, Carroll County Sheriff's Office; Captain James Anthony Sisk, Culpeper County Sheriff's Office; Police Officer Michael D. Chandler, Big Stone Gap Police Department; Sergeant Malek Majzoub,