

We filed a resolution here within a few days of that leak last month. Forty-five Members joined me in that resolution. We called upon the Department of Justice to enforce 18 U.S.C. 1507, to enforce the law that makes it a crime to picket or parade to influence a judge. Do you know what? Crickets. The Department of Justice hasn't done anything.

Can you imagine if a threat was made to one of the liberal Justices? Can you imagine the outcry? The mainstream media and the Democrats here, the radical left, they would be demanding action. But if it is a conservative judge, hey, fair game, apparently. It is open season on conservative judges. That is what we have now.

We also filed, last month, the Leaker Accountability Act that would make it a crime to knowingly share confidential information from the Supreme Court. I authored that legislation. I think it ought to be punishable by a fine or up to 5 years imprisonment.

We have to send a message. This behavior, the leak, the violence that has ensued because of it, is unacceptable. The idea, again, that our colleagues would vote against protection for the children of these judges is, to me, unconscionable and an unforgivable vote.

Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from California (Mr. LAMALFA), my good friend.

Mr. LAMALFA. Madam Speaker, I thank my colleague from Louisiana for leading these important topics here.

There is such a broad range of things we can be talking about, but one of the key issues that finally we got action on was the issue with the crazy radicals that have illegally protested outside of the Supreme Court Justices' homes, threatening them, going so far as even implicating that they are going to have an assassination attempt on a Supreme Court Justice.

What kind of system of government will we have if they have to worry about whether they are going to be assaulted or even killed over doing their job?

After weeks of twiddling their thumbs as this violence escalated, finally, we were able to pass the Supreme Court Police Parity Act.

Meanwhile, inflation rates have skyrocketed for months, and prices on everything are going up dramatically because of supply chain issues that could be fixed if the administration and this Congress were focused on the American people instead of pie-in-the-sky things like the Green New Deal or others.

We have seen little action from the left on these issues. It looks like we will be too busy to bring to the floor these solutions that we have been working on in the Committee on Agriculture and others. Instead, we get the soap opera, complete with prime time and production from ABC News executives, otherwise known as the January 6th Select Committee. Select what?

The hearings are being broadcasted in prime time, although the ratings are

actually going in the toilet for that, as reruns from other programs are outstripping them, including the TV show called "Young Sheldon," which is actually kind of entertaining, I guess. What it really shows is that viewers would rather watch paint dry than watch a bunch of lawmakers using teleprompters in their made-for-TV drama.

We didn't need a whole partisan production when BENNIE THOMPSON objected to the 2004 Presidential election, and we had a Senator join in on that, to bring that to a vote. I guess that all is different when it is a Republican coming in.

We need to look into the security failures of the day, on January 6, and ask the real questions that need to be asked. The select committee is, instead, doctoring evidence, texts, and other things to make it look like a one-sided deal. If we had balance on the committee, we would actually be getting to ask the real questions and get down to real solutions.

With many reviews conducted of the security vulnerabilities in the Capitol, we have a lot to do in order to make it more secure and something that people can have confidence in, in the process we are supposed to have here, including on that day, January 6, when we were supposed to constitutionally complete our work, though I had colleagues saying: "Are we going to actually go back in there and complete it?" Yes, we have to do our job. We have those duties on January 6 following each Presidential election.

Is it politics or is it solutions? Soaring gas prices; baby formula shortages, for crying out loud; sky-high inflation; rising crime rates; illegal aliens flooding across our border.

The only thing the Dems really want to run on is bashing President Trump. Well, he is not President anymore. Even though he is living rent-free inside their heads, we need to move on to something else, getting the work done, the job done, for the American people, who are suffering right now because of the policies and the inattention to the details that would help them.

Let's get to work on the real things.

Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, I thank my friend for faithfully coming to this floor and speaking to his constituents and the American people about these very serious issues that face us as a country. His voice is an important one.

I am grateful to him and our many colleagues for joining us tonight to discuss all of these crises facing our country that are taking a back seat to the Democrat reality show and the most radical set of domestic and foreign policies that America has ever seen.

As we close, I remind everybody—we heard it last night—the President exclaimed in his now infamous speech, he said: "We are changing people's lives." You saw that?

Mr. LAMALFA. Yes.

Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana. There is zero doubt about that, Mr. President. Lives are being devastated under your policies.

I will just say this, as we conclude: November cannot get here soon enough.

Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

#### RECOGNIZING CHILDREN'S WEEK

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 4, 2021, the Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from California (Ms. JACOBS) for 30 minutes.

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. JACOBS of California. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the subject of my Special Order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from California?

There was no objection.

Ms. JACOBS of California. Madam Speaker, I am proud to be here during Children's Week, alongside a number of my colleagues, to elevate the ongoing need to invest in and support kids.

This year, Children's Week comes at a time when we are facing critically important policy decisions that could lift millions of kids out of poverty. Over the last 2 years, Congress made the most significant investment in kids in decades. Legislation passed during the pandemic, including the expanded and improved child tax credit, which I was proud to for vote in the American Rescue Plan, increased the share of Federal spending on children by nearly 50 percent.

But as emergency measures expire, children are experiencing a backslide. More than 3 million children have been pushed back into poverty since the expiration of the child tax credit. More than 6 million children are poised to lose Medicaid or CHIP coverage when the public health emergency is revoked. Thousands of school meal providers could be forced to shut down if child nutrition waivers expire at the end of this month, leaving millions of kids without healthy meals this summer.

The expiration of these provisions comes at a time when children are navigating incredible challenges, including an epidemic of gun violence, a wave of anti-LGBTQ-plus legislation, and a mental health crisis. These examples serve as a reminder that every issue is a kids issue.

As a member of the Select Committee on Economic Disparity and Fairness in Growth, ending child poverty has been one of my top priorities. Children are currently the poorest demographic group in the United States, and our child poverty rate remains shockingly high compared to our economic peers. Even in some of our

wealthiest States, like California, which I am proud to represent, and in some of our wealthiest areas, like my district in San Diego, more than 40 percent of kids were in families experiencing poverty before the pandemic.

America's kids deserve better, and the good news is that we know what works. The expanded child tax credit showed how much progress we can make when families have the cash they need to make ends meet. Child poverty fell by nearly 30 percent, and families overwhelmingly used these funds to pay for food and other basic needs.

Since the start of the pandemic, the number of kids receiving vital health coverage has soared, and over 10 million more students have received free school lunches, saving families from completing complicated applications that can isolate children from their peers.

There is so much more to do to support children and their families, including expanding access to affordable, accessible childcare. I am proud to be leading a letter, alongside Representatives Bonamici, Castro, Houlahan, Himes, and McEachin, in support of including childcare in any future reconciliation package.

As a country, we also need a clear national goal to reduce child poverty, and we need data to inform our decisions and make sure no child is falling through the cracks. That is why I am proud to be an original cosponsor of the Child Poverty Reduction Act and why I was proud to lead a letter, alongside Congresswoman DELBENE and Congresswoman JAYAPAL, calling for funding in the 2023 appropriations bill to improve our measures on child poverty and family material hardship.

Investing in children isn't just the right thing to do to give kids and families a strong start. It is also the fiscally responsible thing to do.

Child poverty costs our economy up to \$1.1 trillion a year in lost economic output, increased healthcare spending, and more. The investments we make in kids pay off across a lifetime.

A study from Harvard's Opportunity Insights found that the investments we make in kids consistently have the highest returns. For every \$1 we invest in high-quality early childhood education, we save \$6 down the road.

While some of my colleagues might say we can't afford to invest in kids, the fact of the matter is, we can't afford not to. The case for prioritizing kids is so strong, and I look forward to working with my colleagues not just this week but every week to improve outcomes for kids and build a better future.

Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. FOSTER).

Mr. FOSTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to speak as a father and a new and excited grandfather to advocate for a country that is dedicated to helping all of its children thrive.

As a scientist, I recognize that one of the most important issues our children

face is the fragility of children's brain development. Early brain development in children lays the foundation for their success in adulthood. During the first few years of life, millions of new neural connections are formed every second. It is during this time that the brain is the most flexible but also the most vulnerable to the environment around it.

Polluted environments, chronic stress, extreme poverty, or repeated abuse are toxic for brain development, and this has a lasting negative impact on a child's success in life.

It is important to continue research on the impact of children's environment on early brain development and then to take action to provide early intervention services for children whose brain development is at risk.

In fact, as Representative JACOBS mentioned, early childhood intervention has one of the highest returns on investment of any investment that our country can make.

Although my grandson is growing up in a supportive, loving, and hopefully chemically nontoxic environment, I recognize that many children in the United States are not. But I remain hopeful that we will continue to combat the challenges that all of our children face and continue to provide them with the best future possible.

Ms. JACOBS of California. Madam Speaker, I congratulate the gentleman on the birth of his grandchild.

Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, it is very meaningful that we are holding this special order today in honor of the First Focus Children's 4th Annual Children's Week.

I would like to thank Congresswoman Sara Jacobs for leading today's effort, which serves as a reminder that we must always be mindful of the needs of our nation's children in all our efforts.

As a mother and grandmother, I am intimately invested in First Focus Children's invaluable work to bring awareness and attention to the needs of our nation's children, and I applaud recognition provided by the 4th annual Children's Week.

This week, we celebrate the successes made in the fight to improve the lives of children across the country and lament the many heavy burdens still weighing on the shoulders of our youth.

I have been fighting on Capitol Hill for the rights and needs of children and families for over 25 years.

Why are we still fighting for so many of the same things we were fighting for in 1995?

Why in one of the richest countries in the world are children still going to bed hungry? Why are families begging for affordable childcare? Why are mothers and fathers choosing between making rent and keeping the lights on?

I speak to you today with a heart full of grief, anger, and still unrelenting hope.

Hope, because what are our children if not the promise of a better tomorrow—if we can only be watchful stewards of today?

Frederick Douglas once said that "it is easier to build strong children, than to repair broken men."

As the founding Chairperson of the Congressional Children's Caucus, I overwhelmingly urge Congress—let us work together in bipartisan action. Let us build strong children.

When passing the American Rescue Plan, Congress demonstrated its commitment to keeping children fed, cared for, and supported.

The bill provided direct housing assistance and nutrition assistance for 40 million Americans, expanded access to safe and reliable childcare and affordable health care, extended unemployment insurance so that 18 million American workers could pay their bills, and supported 27 million children with an expanded Child Tax Credit.

As a direct result of this legislation, 7.8 million children were prevented from falling into poverty.

Importantly, the American Rescue Plan made the provision of safe and affordable childcare a priority.

At the age of 5 most American children are ushered into schools where they and their families will be provided with community and supports.

And yet children under 5, who have as many if not more needs than their older counterparts, have no such universal resources available to them.

How is a caregiver expected to work to provide for their family if they have a young one at home?

Each of us, whether a parent or not, has a stake in the success of child care in this country.

High-quality, accessible, affordable childcare will allow our early learning system to provide opportunities for self-reliance, agency, and personal growth for millions of caregivers—ultimately leading to the success of our children and our national economy.

I had the pleasure of congratulating a class of exemplary high school graduates in Texas over the weekend.

Before receiving their accolades, regalia, and diplomas, these young scholars had to overcome many obstacles—obstacles that many of my fellow Congressmen did not face in our childhoods.

I implore us today to absorb the impact of the First Focus Children's 4th Annual Children's Week.

Let us remember the core of our responsibility to our nation, to create and preserve a future in which our country's children can flourish.

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#### THE PGA TOUR

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 4, 2021, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas (Mr. ROY) for 30 minutes.

Mr. ROY. Madam Speaker, it is always good to be here in a nice empty Chamber, the definition of debate here in the people's House. But such is the way of our current process of debate.

I always try to remind the American people that as they are no doubt all gathered around their living rooms watching C-SPAN, sitting around talking about the issues of the day that there are two Members of the House of Representatives here, and that this is somehow what debate looks like.