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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. CORREA).

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
June 23, 2022.

I hereby appoint the Honorable J. Luis CORREA to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

MORNING-HOUR DEBATE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 10, 2022, the Chair will now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning-hour debate.

The Chair will alternate recognition between the parties, with time equally allocated between the parties and each Member other than the majority and minority leaders and the minority whip limited to 5 minutes, but in no event shall debate continue beyond 11:50 a.m.

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PASSAGE OF TITLE IX

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Ms. FOXX) for 5 minutes.

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, today is the 50th anniversary of the passage of Title IX, legislation that revolutionized women's sports and women's access to education.

Since the Education Amendments of 1972 passed, women's participation in sports has skyrocketed. Mr. Speaker, 50 years ago, only 1 out of every 27

women participated in college-level sports. Today, that number is one in five.

Title IX granted women equal access to educational opportunities, including college admissions and teaching positions at postsecondary institutions. Because of this, more women are going to college today than ever before.

While this monumental legislation has strengthened our country and our workforce beyond belief, it is under threat today. Expanding this legislation to include other designations like sexual orientation and gender identity goes beyond the intent of Congress.

It also dilutes protections for women, and in some cases, threatens their safety.

We already knew Democrats were willing to weaponize Title IX when they used it to deny due process to students accused of sexual assault on college campuses.

The rights of due process should not end simply because someone is a student, but, thankfully, the Trump administration set things right on this front.

Now, new threats are emerging. While the advancements made under Title IX have been numerous, the Biden administration is attempting to use this legislation to further a progressive social agenda.

For example, the Biden administration is threatening to hold school lunches hostage if K-12 schools do not agree to a slew of controversial gender-neutral policies.

One of these policies will likely be forcing schools to allow biological males to compete in girls' sports, something already happening at many schools across the country.

The results are in: It erases women. Let me say that again: It erases women.

Ignoring the biological differences between the male and female body is a catastrophe for women, especially in

sports. It destroys a level playing field and makes women second-class citizens in their own sports.

Even the international stage has begun to take notice as the International Swimming Federation voted to restrict many transgender women from competing in international swimming competitions. We have already seen women's records in swimming and track obliterated by biological males.

Athletes give their all to be the best they can be. It is cruel to take the chance of success away from women, especially when it could mean losing out on a college scholarship or other important opportunities.

Perhaps even more concerning is the threat these policies pose to women's safety. It is completely irresponsible to take away a woman's right to privacy and security by mandating gender-neutral spaces.

Allowing biological males, even if they identify as a woman, into women's locker rooms, bathrooms, jails, and domestic violence shelters poses a threat to the safety of women.

I shouldn't have to spell this out for you. It is common sense. Today should be a day of celebration, one where we marvel at the gains women have made in sports and in education, but the Biden administration's actions have certainly put a damper on this momentous anniversary.

It is time for Democrats to regain their senses, and, once again, commit to protecting—protecting—the integrity of women's sports and the safety of women. This political agenda is destructive and unbecoming of a country dedicated to equal opportunity for all.

SLASHING THE FEDERAL DEFICIT

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

Ms. GARCIA of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate President

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Biden's massive accomplishment of slashing the Federal deficit by more than any other President in the first 16 months.

Mr. Speaker, this is huge. But even better news: Biden is on track to double down on building a better America for generations to come.

This year's deficit is on track to fall by \$1.7 trillion which is the single largest 1-year reduction in American history. I repeat: This is the single largest reduction in American history.

In contrast, the Trump administration increased the Federal budget deficit. Every single year in office, it went up.

I can't say I am surprised, however. This accomplishment of the President is not coincidence. It is the result of a well-designed and well-managed recovery plan from the pandemic.

It is a result of President Biden and Congress passing key legislation like the historical American Rescue Plan which got people back to work, kids back in school, and families healthy again.

It is the result of a President who puts people first—not politics, people.

But on another note, it is no secret that the recent price hikes that have been caused by the war criminal Putin are burdening hardworking families. In fact, Putin's price hike has increased gas prices by \$2 a gallon in many places since Russian troops began to threaten Ukraine, and families are seeing higher prices in the grocery aisles, too.

Sadly, Putin is increasing inflation, not only here in America, but also throughout the globe. House Democrats and President Biden won't stand for this. My colleagues and I are working side by side with the President to lower costs for working people at the gas pump, at the grocery store, and across the shelves.

That is why House Democrats passed critical bills like the Lowering Food and Fuel Costs Act, Ocean Shipping Reform Act, and the Consumer Fuel Price Gouging Prevention Act.

These key bills will strengthen our supply chains, create more maritime jobs in communities like my home district, and lower both gas and goods prices.

Just yesterday, Mr. Speaker, the President announced that he is in favor of taking a pause of 3 months on the Federal gas tax. He has challenged Congress to pass that, to put a pause on the Federal gasoline tax for 3 months.

Now, our tax is 18 cents. That would be 18 cents per gallon every time someone fills up. He challenged all of the Governors to do the same.

Some Governors, like the Governors of Florida and Georgia and others, have already done this. In my State of Texas, that means an additional savings of 20 cents. Added together, that would be 38 cents a gallon.

That is huge. That is a huge savings in cutting prices down. For an average tank of 15 gallons, that would be a savings of \$5.70 every time they fill up.

So I hope that our Governor does like Florida and Georgia and rises to the challenge that the President has made yesterday and puts a pause on Texas' gasoline tax.

House Democrats are taking strong steps. We are joining hands with the President to make sure that we lower rising prices caused by Putin's cruel war in Ukraine. I call on all my Republican colleagues across the aisle to join us.

Most Republicans voted against all those bills that I just mentioned. It is time to act. Enough is enough. I urge them to fight with us for hardworking American families. Together, we can build a better America for today and for generations to come.

HONORING THE LEGACY OF COTTON ROSSER

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with deep, deep regret and sadness over the loss of a local legend, Cotton Rosser, who was 93 years old.

Known as a top rodeo man all over the north State and even all over the country, he is known for winning so many awards and accolades in his job as a rodeo man.

He used to open for the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas at least 10 years in a row. He had the Flying U Company, a rodeo company that traveled all over the Western States, bringing his show.

He was always, always improving the show, making it into something spectacular. He would bring ideas from ice skating and others to make the show even more spectacular. He was innovative in that.

He was recognized in 2019 as a Legend of ProRodeo, 1995 ProRodeo Hall of Fame inductee, 1985 PRCA Stock Contractor of the Year, over 60 years doing shows, and over 70 years in rodeo.

He was truly a good man, a nice man, and his family is his legacy, the good people they are, that he leaves behind.

The legacy with the Red Bluff Round-Up and taking stock up there and Colusa Western Days, I have participated in all these things as an observer, the Marysville Stampede. It has just been such a rich part of northern California and the West and, indeed, the whole country.

I will leave you with a quote from him. You know, he was 93, so in recent years, having had to retire somewhat, he said, "I am just the PR man now. I never imagined my rodeo career would be like this. I am the richest guy in the world with memories and friends. I loved every minute of the rodeo business, and I would do it all over again." Such a great memory, indeed.

A good friend of mine; hard to deal with. We are very proud of Cotton Rosser in northern California.

SECURITY FOR OUR SUPREME COURT JUSTICES

Mr. Speaker, any day now, the Supreme Court is expected to make an of-

ficial announcement on their decision in the Dobbs v. Jackson case.

Ever since the draft opinion was leaked, radical leftists have tried to intimidate, threaten, and harass the conservative Justices on the Court.

There have been multiple attacks against pro-life and pregnancy centers across the whole country. A deranged individual was caught plotting to assassinate Justice Brett Kavanaugh and his family at their home.

He was caught carrying a handgun, two clips of ammunition, a tactical knife, pepper spray, a crowbar, a nail punch, duct tape, a hammer, and a screwdriver outside their home.

The White House refused to condemn this heinous crime. The pro-abortion group, Ruth Sent Us, publicly threatened Justice Amy Coney Barrett's children, as well. They tweeted the exact location of the children's school and church, along with the schedules of when they would be there. These radicals are jeopardizing the lives of our Justices' families.

It took a month for congressional Democrats and Senate Leader SCHUMER to bring the Supreme Court Police Protection Act to the floor for a vote. This bill offers security to family members of the Supreme Court Justices, which is more critical than ever.

While unnecessarily delaying the bill, Speaker PELOSI even had the audacity to claim, "Nobody is in danger over the weekend because of our not having a bill." There was an assassination plot. Of course, people were, in fact, in danger.

Despite the slew of threats, I pray that the Court does the right thing for our Nation's unborn and upholds our Constitution.

Overturning Roe does not ban abortion but rightly returns the abortion debate back to Congress and to the State legislatures. In our Republic, those elected by the people should be the ones to create laws and balance tradeoffs, not judges.

In the nearly 50 years since Roe became the law of the land, over 63 million unborn children have been killed due to judicial activism.

Life begins at the moment of conception, and an overwhelming number of Americans believe in protecting babies still in the womb. In order to preserve our judicial system, we cannot allow these intimidation tactics to win the day. The Court must be allowed to do its job unfettered while not actively legislating from the bench.

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CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF PELL GRANTS

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

Mr. EVANS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mark the 50th anniversary of the Pell Grant Program.