

make these choices remains a winning issue.

Republicans may continue to attack women's rights and freedoms, but these unpopular, dangerous policies will catch up with them.

Let's not be naive. From trying to outlaw medication abortion—even in States where abortion is legal—to challenging a Federal law that requires access to reproductive care in emergencies is a reality.

Antiabortion activists continue trying to chip away at women's reproductive rights and healthcare, and they are not going to stop. That is why we must pass the Women's Health Protection Act, enshrining the woman's right to choose into Federal law. It is the right thing to do.

I urge my colleagues to swiftly stand up for women in this country.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The majority leader is recognized.

SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, over the weekend, Senate Democrats and Republicans and the White House continued negotiations on the national security supplemental. We have come a very long way since talks began 2 months ago, and Democrats remain committed to working in good faith on reaching an agreement. President Biden has also made clear he is willing to work with Republicans in a big way—in a big way—on border security.

All of us on the Democratic side are serious about getting something done. I remained in contact with the negotiators throughout the weekend. We remain hopeful, but it is certainly not a done deal yet. There are a handful of issues that have not yet been agreed to. On something as complicated as the border, it is not just what we do that matters; it is how we do it. So negotiations are not done yet. Nevertheless, Democrats remain serious about finishing the job.

Senators don't need to be reminded about what is at stake in this negotiation. The future of the war in Ukraine hangs in the balance. The security of our Western democracy hangs in the balance. The safety of our friends in Israel, our partners in the Indo-Pacific, and more humanitarian aid for innocent civilians in Gaza all hang in the balance.

Ukraine is already running low on armaments and munitions that were, in large part, provided by the United States. A mere month from now, the tide of the war could turn greatly in Russia's favor, to the detriment of the

West and, in all probability, for many years to come. If America comes up short, if we abandon Ukraine in their fight against Putin, the consequences will reverberate for years. Make no mistake. Putin will not be satisfied with merely taking Ukraine. His military influence in Europe will expand westward. The costs to NATO to hold Putin at bay will increase greatly.

And, if we fail, our adversaries in Iran, in North Korea, and in the Chinese Communist Party will conclude that America no longer has the resolve to defend democracy in its hour of need. They have always bet on the fact that we would lose resolve.

On our side, here on the Democratic side, we are not losing resolve. We want to get this done, and we know a good number of our Republican colleagues want to join us. We hope there will be enough. We cannot afford to go down a dark and ominous road where we abandon Ukraine and the consequences roll before us. The eyes of the world are watching closely what we do and how we respond.

Sadly, it is clear there are some in this Congress and beyond who wish to prevent bipartisan action on the border and on our national security challenges. Whether they are blinded by naked partisanship or cowed by political pressure, these minority voices are cynically working to stymie bipartisan cooperation. In the Senate, both sides must make sure these voices are in the minority.

For the sake of our national security, for the sake of our friends in Ukraine, for the sake of America's interests around the world, we must stay the course. Senate Democrats remain committed to finishing the job on the supplemental, and, if presented with the opportunity to pass a national security supplemental here on the floor, we intend to act as quickly as possible. We are not there yet, but we will keep going.

ROE V. WADE

Madam President, now, on the anniversary of Roe v. Wade, today, January 22, 2024, should have marked 51 years of Roe v. Wade. The anniversary of Roe should be a joyous day for America, a day when the Supreme Court officially recognized a woman's right to make her own decisions about her body. But for decades, the hard right has made it their mission to overturn Roe and dismantle a woman's fundamental right to choose. And, in 2022, tragically, alarmingly, outrageously, the hard right succeeded when a 5-4 majority of extremist Justices on the Supreme Court overturned Roe, inflicting the greatest restriction of rights on Americans in over 50 years.

It has just been a year and a half since the disastrous Dobbs decision, but it has already proved to be one of the worst, most damaging decisions for Americans in modern history. Since the hard right's Roe reversal, one in three Americans has lost abortion access; 21 States have enacted draconian,

near-total bans. Republicans in Florida just introduced a ban on nearly all abortions, even—even—in the case of rape and incest. And, earlier this month, the Supreme Court allowed an extreme abortion ban denying women critical emergency care to go back into effect.

Make no mistake about it. The hard right won't stop there. They will keep going until a Federal abortion ban is the law of the land.

Let me say that again. The hard right will keep going until a Federal abortion ban is the law of the land.

Because of the hard right's policies, women and girls today are growing up in a world with fewer liberties than previous generations. My granddaughter will have fewer rights than her grandmother. These extreme bans have caused chaos and inflicted irreparable harm on thousands and thousands of women whose stories we will never hear.

Democrats will not accept this new MAGA status quo, and neither will the American people. Since the Dobbs decision, people in States like Ohio and Kentucky and Kansas and Michigan have defeated efforts at the ballot box to restrict abortion access and protect a woman's right to choose.

The message from the American people to MAGA extremists has been loud, clear, and unmistakable: Back off our fundamental rights. And make no mistake. A woman's right to choose will remain a defining issue for Americans as this year progresses.

So we still have a long way to go, but the Democrats will never stop fighting for a woman's right to choose.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Ms. BUTLER. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

REMEMBERING DEXTER SCOTT KING

Ms. BUTLER. Madam President, just last week, we honored the legacy of Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on what would have been his 95th birthday. Today, misfortune touches the King family again with the passing of Reverend King's youngest son, Dexter Scott King. America will forever be indebted to the sacrifices of the King family, and our prayers remain with them in this challenging time of loss.

ROE V. WADE

Madam President, I rise on this day that, 51 years ago, the Supreme Court issued its ruling in the landmark Roe v. Wade decision, a legal victory that granted millions of women in every corner of this Nation the right to make decisions about their own bodies—a decision that gave them the right to decide their own future. Today, this anniversary now serves as a reminder for

over 25 million women that there are those who believe that their futures are not for them to decide.

Make no mistake, the Supreme Court's decision in June 2022 to overturn Roe and dismantle nearly 50 years of precedent was a direct attack on freedom. We now live in an era where our children, including my 9-year-old, are less free than their mothers and grandmothers before them.

The Supreme Court's decision in Dobbs will indeed have repercussions that will be felt for generations to come. It is shameful that current and future generations are being saddled with fighting the same battles that their grandparents fought, the very battles that their parents thought were already won. The American spirit once meant that each generation was determined, if not obligated, to advance freedom and opportunity for the next. Yet, at this moment, we are failing—passing them the baton of a nation that is less free day by day.

I stand not just concerned but furious at the dangerous attacks on reproductive freedom. Extremist lawmakers have championed a draconian anti-abortion agenda that stunts our progress and drags our country backwards. These legislators are responsible for the ban of some or all abortion care in 21 States, leaving 1 in 3 women without the ability to get the care they need where they live. They have introduced bills laden with harmful restrictions, even going so far as to criminalize our doctors and other essential healthcare workers providing life-saving care.

The impacts of these restrictions are not felt equally. Women of color and women of lower socioeconomic status are disproportionately burdened by these restrictions. Many face the financial barriers and carry the scars of shame that leave them without access to care in state and being forced to remain pregnant while our Nation is already combating a devastating maternal mortality crisis.

These intentionally harmful policies have targeted women. They have targeted healthcare providers. They have become tools of division, dismantling the trust between colleagues and neighbors afraid to seek support or advice for fear of retribution—all in an effort to send the undeniable message that there are those who will stop at nothing to cut off a patient's right to decide for themselves.

But just as these policies serve to undermine our democracy and right of people to make decisions about our own bodies, the American people have shown that they stand on the side of freedom. Ever since the Dobbs decision, Americans all over the country and of varied political parties have spoken at every opportunity they have had in staunch opposition to these attacks on their reproductive freedom. In States like Ohio, Kentucky, and Montana, people have stood up and turned out in favor of reproductive rights. In my

home State, Californians overwhelmingly decided to amend the State constitution, enshrining the right to abortion care into State law.

Standing with the majority of the people in my State and States all across this country, I join my colleagues as a proud cosponsor of legislation like the Right to Contraception Act, the Freedom to Travel for Health Care Act, and numerous other policies that would safeguard reproductive freedom. That includes the Women's Health Protection Act, which would ensure access to comprehensive reproductive health care options, including abortion, across the country.

In closing, the American people have been clear: Their doctor's offices and their healthcare decisions are a freedom they will stand to protect. So I invite my colleagues to stand on the right side of history by supporting critical legislation that protects access to reproductive care. The next generation is counting on us to ensure that they inherit a future with the same rights as generations before them, so today and every day, I stand ready to do just that.

I yield the floor.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Massachusetts.

Mr. MARKEY. Madam President, today is the 51st anniversary of Roe v. Wade. We should be standing here celebrating more than five decades' worth of access to essential reproductive health care—healthcare that is central to well-being, life, liberty, equality, and economic and social freedom for everyone; healthcare that is essential to equity for women, LGBTQ, Black, Brown, indigenous, rural, immigrant, low-income, and disabled Americans. But instead of celebrating, we are fighting—fighting for Americans' freedom. We are fighting to protect the right to abortion.

Since the rightwing, extremist Supreme Court majority's Dobbs decision, women and millions of people across America have watched as States strip away their freedom to make decisions—decisions about their own bodies and their own families.

Taking Dobbs as a clarion call to rip away Americans' freedoms, rightwing Republicans across the country have marched forward to strip away the right to abortion State by State, with calls to expand that to a Federal ban on abortion. These politicians are more obsessed with interfering in the lives and decisions of the American people and their healthcare providers than actually fixing the healthcare system of our country to make sure that every American can get the care they need when and where they need that care. They are more obsessed with pretending they know more about the healthcare workers trained to support patient decision making than actually representing the American people who want to see their right to abortion being protected.

Americans across the country have suffered horrific pain and hardship,

like Massachusetts resident Kate Dineen, who drove 500 miles to receive an abortion after her son experienced a catastrophic stroke in utero. This suffering especially affects those who do not have the means or the resources to travel across State lines. Tens of millions of Americans live in States where their reproductive health care is banned or restricted.

These rightwing extremists aren't finished. Dobbs was but a preview of coming atrocities by this Supreme Court and by rightwing Governors and State legislators all across our country. They have threatened the right to contraception. They have blocked access to birth control for teenagers at federally funded clinics. They have suspended emergency contraception payments for survivors of sexual assault. They will not stop at overturning Roe v. Wade.

On this anniversary of Roe, we must recommit to taking decisive action to protect millions of Americans' access to abortion care, remove unnecessary limits on reproductive freedom, and protect against coming attacks from rightwing Republicans and this extremist Supreme Court. We must abolish the filibuster, a Jim Crow-era relic impeding the will of the American people. We must pass the Women's Health Protection Act to restore Roe v. Wade as the law of the land, protect patients' rights to an abortion, and protect healthcare workers providing these services. We must guard against coming attacks on our freedom by passing my Right to Contraception Act and pass the Judiciary Act to expand the Supreme Court and bring balance and fairness back to the Supreme Court before they make more and more decisions that overturn precedents that have been protecting the American people for generations.

We have a moral duty to act. There is no more time to waste. Supreme Court Justices may serve lifetime appointments, but we cannot wait a lifetime to right injustices. Congress can step in to protect the American people from the overreach of this radical Supreme Court majority. We must rise up and meet this moment with everything we have.

I ask my Senate colleagues what other rights Americans must lose before we act. What vulnerable communities in their States will be left without healthcare, without autonomy, without freedom? There can be no justice without healthcare justice in our country, and there can be no health justice without reproductive freedom in the United States of America being once again restored.

I yield the floor.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Massachusetts.

Ms. WARREN. Madam President, I want to start by saying a very special thank-you to Senator BUTLER for calling us here today.

Today should have been the 51st anniversary of Roe v. Wade; instead, too

many people can't get the medical care they need when they need it, where they need it. Students who are desperate for help get the runaround. Poor women face impossible hurdles. Children who have survived rape and become pregnant are frightened and confused. Fertility clinics are abandoning services, and families who hoped for a baby face excruciating heartache when a pregnancy goes wrong and doctors are barred from helping. At every turn, we see a new form of hell brought to us by an extremist Supreme Court and a powerful band of Republican lawmakers determined to obliterate reproductive freedom across the country.

To every person watching these events unfold and feeling hurt, I see you, I am with you, and I grieve alongside you.

But I do more than grieve, more than complain; I fight back, and I am asking you to fight back too because, right now, this is our moment to act and, if we don't, we might not get another opportunity for a long, long time.

Roe wasn't overturned by some accident. We are here because Republican extremists have been waging a decades-long war to take down Roe. They have poured billions of dark money into our politics to chip away at our rights. They handpicked judges with proven anti-abortion records. They took over State and local governments. They built an anti-Roe coalition right here in Congress. And the very second—the very second—that the Supreme Court gave them the green light, they jumped into action enacting the most severe restrictions possible on abortion access.

The result: Over the last year and a half, over 20 States have banned or severely restricted abortion access; passed laws criminalizing doctors who perform abortions; or threatened access to pregnancy care, miscarriage care, fertility assistance, and more.

Well-organized and well-funded extremists have brought lawsuits to further restrict access, hoping to undermine access in States that are firmly pro-choice. The result has been cruel and frightening. Some people have given in to despair, but I don't see it that way.

To me, the end of Roe marked a new era in the movement for abortion rights. Yes, an era that has been harrowing for people across the country, but also one that marks the end of a plan Republicans hatched 40 years ago to reverse Roe and the beginning of a new chapter. And in this new chapter, we are leading the way.

Together, we have made clear that an overwhelming majority of Americans support reproductive freedom and individuals' rights to make decisions about their own bodies. Across this country, millions of Americans have come together and said they are with us. Not just in places like California and New York, but in Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, and Ohio.

The Biden-Harris administration has stepped up to vigorously protect repro-

ductive freedom from defending medication abortion from baseless lawsuits to preserving access to care for service-members and veterans to strengthening protection for patients' sensitive health information.

Republicans know that the majority of Americans oppose overturning Roe, but they aren't letting up. Instead, overturning Roe is not enough for them; they want more. They have introduced legislation to ban abortion nationwide, and if they can't pass it through Congress, they will use a Republican President to dust off a 19th century anti-obscenity law, instead, to try to get the job done.

We cannot let that happen. We have the energy; we have the numbers; and we know what we need to do. President Biden has called on Congress to act. We need to pass the Women's Health Protection Act to protect our human rights and to roll back the extreme abortion bills that radical rightwing legislatures have enacted across this country, and we need to get in the fight right now to secure the Congress that we need to get this job done.

This won't be easy, but important fights never are. I know our strength; I have seen it in the millions of people marching in the streets for abortion rights. I have seen it in the thousands of calls made to Congressional offices. I have seen it in the resolve of people standing up for Kate Cox in Texas and Brittany Watts in Ohio. And that is how I know that even when it gets hard, we will persist.

From this moment on, what happens is up to us. Together we have the power to restore Roe and to protect our right to make our own decisions about our own bodies and our own futures. I am in this fight all the way. The stakes are too high not to be.

I yield the floor.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Texas.

BORDER SECURITY

Mr. CORNYN. Madam President, President Biden, last Friday, garnered a lot of attention for his comments on the border crisis.

When asked by a reporter if the border was secure, the President didn't hesitate; he didn't equivocate. He said, "No, it's not."

"No, it's not."

On its own, that statement is not particularly shocking because it is actually true. What is shocking is that it represents a 180-degree flip from the position taken over and over and over by the Biden administration, from the President to the Vice President to the Secretary of Homeland Security, on down.

The fact of the matter is that under President Biden's leadership, the Federal Government has shattered virtually every record on the books when it comes to illegal border crossings. In the last 3 years, Customs and Border Protection has logged more than 6.7 million—6.7 million—border crossings. At the same time, the cartels have

trafficked record amounts of fentanyl across the southern border, fueling the overdose epidemic.

Gang members, dangerous criminals, and potential terrorists—people on the Terrorist Watchlist—have used the chaos on the border to attempt to sneak into the United States. And 1.7 million of them, the so-called "got-aways," that were detected on cameras and other various sensors simply have evaded law enforcement, and the Biden administration can't tell you who these people are, what they are doing, and what their intentions are while they are here.

Communities across the country, not just in my State—in Texas—but across the country have been forced to carry the burden of caring for thousands of immigrants who cross our border every day.

No, the border is not secure, not in the least. Anyone who has been paying attention for the last 3 years could have told you that.

But it took the President 3 years to finally be willing to speak the truth, because for President Biden, this is a shocking reversal. After all, as I said, the senior most leaders of the administration have spent the last 3 years trying to convince the American people that there is no such thing as the Biden border crisis.

The White House press secretary has said, "The border is secure." Secretary Mayorkas, the Secretary tasked with the border security responsibilities, the Department of Homeland Security, he said, "The border is secure."

Vice President HARRIS, the anointed border czar for President Biden, said, "The border is secure."

This is the same line that has been parroted over and over and over by leaders throughout the Biden administration. And it is not true. It is not true.

On Friday, President Biden not only admitted that the border is not secure, he went on to say he believes it hasn't been secure for the last 10 years. That means every single attempt by his administration to assure the American people that the Biden administration was performing its responsibilities by enforcing the laws to secure the border has been untrue.

I don't know how to say this charitably. I don't easily accuse a President of the United States for intentionally telling an untruth, but it appears that that is absolutely the case. By his own account, President Biden has known all along the border was not secure, but he chose to gaslight the American people with untrue assurances that everything was just fine.

Sort of like the story goes: "Don't believe your lying eyes," when the American people see caravans of migrants coming up to the border, because they know that President Biden has laid out the welcome mat and will release them into the interior of the United States. That is a huge magnet, not only for people coming from Mexico, but around the world.