

WOMEN'S SPORTS ARE UNDER THREAT

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, we are well aware that women's sports are under threat, and it is high time we actually finish the job and take a stand against the threat against them.

I am very happy to partner with Mr. STEUBE once again in supporting his bill, the Protection of Women and Girls in Sports Act, which is about fairness and ensuring that female athletes have the opportunity to compete on a level playing field, on their own playing field.

Title IX was designed to give women and girls equal opportunities in sports. Biological males competing on those same fields with them undermines that intent and puts these athletes at a disadvantage and a lot of discomfort.

This isn't about being exclusionary. It is really recognizing biological realities and protecting the integrity of women's and girls' sports. Female athletes should not have to compete against those with inherent physical advantages.

This bill ensures that women can continue to compete fairly, earn scholarships, earn medals, and achieve their athletic goals without being sidelined by unfair competition. We must protect these opportunities and rights.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support the Steube bill and ensure that in the future women's sports remain fair and competitive, especially for women. Misguided policies erase what has been built for female athletes all this time.

MAJOR DISASTER DECLARATION URGED FOR CALIFORNIA WILDFIRES

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

Mr. CISNEROS. Mr. Speaker, my heart goes out to all the Angelenos who have been affected by the wildfires in Los Angeles County. It has been heartbreaking to learn of those who lost their lives and to witness the devastation of entire neighborhoods.

I also want to extend my gratitude to the firefighters, first responders, and local officials who have been working tirelessly around the clock to combat the wildfires. Their heroism and bravery has been inspiring. I know that because of their efforts, these wildfires will soon be contained. There is no doubt that their swift action saved lives.

I join Senators PADILLA, SCHIFF, and 46 of my Democratic and Republican colleagues urging President Biden to grant Governor Gavin Newsom's request for a major disaster declaration.

Thankfully, the President approved the Governor's request, and California

has secured multiple fire management assistance grants from FEMA to ensure vital resources are available for local, State, and Tribal agencies. However, these grants are not enough.

I am also appalled by the recent calls from the other side to condition aid on a debt limit deal. Now is not the time to politicize this crisis.

I strongly urge House leadership to immediately bring a supplemental spending bill to California's efforts to combat this fire and make Angelenos whole again.

HONORING INGENUITY OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLE

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

Mr. MORELLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the inspiring work being done by the Rochester Museum & Science Center, led by curator Jamie Jacobs, to create a new permanent educational exhibit that showcases contemporary indigenous artists inspired by their ancestors.

This exhibit, titled: "Hodinosyo:nih Continuity/Innovation/Resilience," honors the ingenuity of the indigenous people of North America and explores the role museums have played in preserving indigenous cultural heritage.

At the heart of the remarkable project is curator Jamie Jacobs of the Tonawanda Seneca Nation. His leadership has honored the enduring legacy of the Hodinosyo:nih people and created a space for learning, reflection, and reconnection.

The community of Rochester, New York, celebrates this incredible achievement and extends our deepest gratitude to the Rochester Museum & Science Center and Jamie Jacobs for sharing these essential stories.

ELECTING MEMBERS TO CERTAIN STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. FLOOD. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Republican Conference, I offer a privileged resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 38

Resolved, That the following named Members be, and are hereby, elected to the following standing committees of the House of Representatives:

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS: Ms. Maloy (to rank immediately after Mr. Strong).

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE: Mr. Wilson of South Carolina, Ms. Foxx, Mr. Thompson of Pennsylvania, Mr. Grothman, Ms. Stefanik, Mr. Allen, Mr. Comer, Mr. Owens, Mrs. McClain, Mrs. Miller of Illinois, Ms. Letlow, Mr. Kiley of California, Mrs. Houchin, Mr. Rulli, Mr. Onder, Mr. Mackenzie, Mr. Baumgartner, Mr. Harris of North Carolina, Mr. Messmer.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY: Mr. McCaul, Mr. Higgins of Louisiana, Mr. Guest, Mr. Gimenez, Mr. Pfluger, Mr. Garbarino,

Ms. Greene of Georgia, Mr. Tony Gonzales of Texas, Mr. Luttrell, Mr. Strong, Mr. Brecheen, Mr. Crane, Mr. Ogles, Mrs. Biggs of South Carolina, Mr. Evans of Colorado, Mr. Mackenzie, Mr. Knott.

COMMITTEE ON RULES: Ms. Foxx, Chair, Mrs. Fischbach, Mr. Norman, Mr. Roy, Mrs. Houchin, Mr. Langworthy, Mr. Austin Scott of Georgia, Mr. Griffith, Mr. Jack.

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS: Mr. Stauber, Mr. Meuser, Ms. Van Duyne, Mr. Ellzey, Mr. Alford, Mr. LaLota, Mr. Finstad, Mr. Wied, Mr. Bresnahan, Mr. Jack, Mr. Downing, Mrs. King-Hinds, Mr. Schmidt.

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE: Mr. Crawford, Mr. Webster of Florida, Mr. Massie, Mr. Perry, Mr. Babin, Mr. Rouzer, Mr. Bost, Mr. LaMalfa, Mr. Westerman, Mr. Mast, Mr. Stauber, Mr. Burchett, Mr. Johnson of South Dakota, Mr. Van Drew, Mr. Nehls, Mr. Mann, Mr. Owens, Mr. Burlison, Mr. Collins, Mr. Ezell, Mr. Kiley of California, Mr. Fong, Mr. Wied, Mr. Barrett, Mr. Begich, Mr. Bresnahan, Mr. Hurd of Colorado, Mr. Shreve, Mr. McDowell, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Knott, Mrs. King-Hinds, Mr. Kennedy of Utah, Mr. Onder.

Mr. FLOOD (during the reading). Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be considered as read and printed in the RECORD.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Nebraska?

There was no objection.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

RANKING A MEMBER ON A CERTAIN STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. FLOOD. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Republican Conference, I offer a privileged resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 39

Resolved, That the following named Member be, and is hereby, ranked on the following standing committee of the House of Representatives:

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS: Ms. Maloy (to rank immediately after Mr. Strong).

Mr. FLOOD (during the reading). Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be considered as read and printed in the RECORD.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Nebraska?

There was no objection.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ELECTING MEMBERS TO CERTAIN STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. AGUILAR. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Democratic Caucus, I offer a privileged resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 40

Resolved, That the following named Members be, and are hereby, elected to the following standing committees of the House of Representatives:

(1) COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES.—Mr. Courtney, Mr. Garamendi, Mr. Norcross, Mr. Moulton, Mr. Carbajal, Mr. Khanna, Mr. Keating, Ms. Houlahan, Mr. Crow, Ms. Sherrill, Mr. Golden of Maine, Ms. Jacobs, Ms. Strickland, Mr. Ryan, Mr. Vasquez, Mr. Deluzio, Ms. Tokuda, Mr. Davis of North Carolina, Mr. Cisneros, Mr. Sorensen, Ms. Goodlander, Ms. Elfreth, Mr. Whitesides, Mr. Tran, Mr. Vindman, Mr. Bell.

(2) COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE.—Mr. Grijalva, Mr. Courtney, Ms. Wilson of Florida, Ms. Bonamici, Mr. Takano, Ms. Adams, Mr. DeSaulnier, Mr. Norcross, Mrs. McBath, Mrs. Hayes, Ms. Omar, Ms. Stevens, Mr. Casar, Ms. Lee of Pennsylvania, Mr. Mannion.

(3) COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND COMMERCE.—Mr. Menendez, to rank immediately after Mr. Carter of Louisiana.

(4) COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY.—Mr. Swalwell, Mr. Correa, Mr. Thanedar, Mr. Magaziner, Mr. Goldman of New York, Mrs. Ramirez, Mr. Kennedy of New York, Mrs. McIver, Ms. Johnson of Texas, Mr. Hernández, Ms. Pou, Mr. Turner of Texas.

(5) COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY.—Mr. Nadler, Ms. Lofgren, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Johnson of Georgia, Mr. Swalwell, Mr. Lieu, Ms. Jayapal, Mr. Correa, Ms. Scanlon, Mr. Neguse, Mrs. McBath, Ms. Ross, Ms. Balint, Mr. García of Illinois, Ms. Kamlager-Dove, Mr. Moskowitz, Mr. Goldman of New York, Ms. Crockett.

(6) COMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT AND GOVERNMENT REFORM.—Ms. Norton, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Krishnamoorthi, Mr. Khanna, Mr. Mfume, Ms. Brown, Ms. Stansbury, Mr. Garcia of California, Mr. Frost, Ms. Lee of Pennsylvania, Mr. Casar, Ms. Crockett, Ms. Randall, Mr. Subramanyam, Ms. Ansari, Mr. Bell, Ms. Simon, Mr. Min.

(7) COMMITTEE ON RULES.—Mr. McGovern, Ms. Scanlon, Mr. Neguse, Ms. Leger Fernandez.

(8) COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS.—Mr. McGarvey, Ms. Scholten, Mrs. McIver, Mr. Cisneros, Ms. Morrison, Mr. Latimer, Mr. Tran, Ms. Simon, Mr. Olszewski, Mr. Conway, Ms. Goodlander.

(9) COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE.—Ms. Norton, Mr. Nadler, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Garamendi, Mr. Johnson of Georgia, Mr. Carson, Ms. Titus, Mr. Huffman, Ms. Brownley, Ms. Wilson of Florida, Mr. DeSaulnier, Mr. Carbajal, Mr. Stanton, Ms. Davids of Kansas, Mr. Garcia of Illinois, Mr. Pappas, Mr. Moulton, Ms. Strickland, Mr. Ryan, Ms. Hoyle of Oregon, Mrs. Sykes, Ms. Scholten, Mrs. Foushee, Mr. Deluzio, Mr. Garcia of California, Ms. Pou, Ms. McDonald Rivet, Ms. Friedman, Ms. Gillen, Mr. Figures.

(10) COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS.—Ms. Brownley, Mr. Pappas, Mrs. Cherfilus-McCormick, Mr. McGarvey, Mrs. Ramirez, Ms. Budzinski, Mr. Kennedy of New York, Ms. Dexter, Mr. Conway, Ms. Morrison.

Mr. AGUILAR (during the reading). Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be considered as read and printed in the RECORD.

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

There was no objection.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PROTECTION OF WOMEN AND GIRLS IN SPORTS ACT OF 2025

Mr. WALBERG. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 5, I call up the bill (H.R. 28) to amend the Education Amendments of 1972 to provide that for purposes of determining compliance with title IX of such Act in athletics, sex shall be recognized based solely on a person's reproductive biology and genetics at birth, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 5, the bill is considered read.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 28

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Protection of Women and Girls in Sports Act of 2025".

SEC. 2. AMENDMENT.

Section 901 of the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. 1681) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"(d)(1) It shall be a violation of subsection (a) for a recipient of Federal financial assistance who operates, sponsors, or facilitates athletic programs or activities to permit a person whose sex is male to participate in an athletic program or activity that is designated for women or girls.

"(2) For the purposes of this subsection, sex shall be recognized based solely on a person's reproductive biology and genetics at birth.

"(3) For the purposes of this subsection, the term 'athletic programs and activities' includes, but is not limited to, all programs or activities that are provided conditional upon participation with any athletic team.

"(4) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to prohibit a recipient from permitting males to train or practice with an athletic program or activity that is designated for women or girls so long as no female is deprived of a roster spot on a team or sport, opportunity to participate in a practice or competition, scholarship, admission to an educational institution, or any other benefit that accompanies participating in the athletic program or activity.

"(e) The Comptroller General shall carry out a study to determine the meaning of the phrase 'any other benefit' as used in subsection (d)(4) by looking at benefits to women or girls of participating in single sex sports that would be lost by allowing males to participate. The study shall document the adverse psychological, developmental, participatory, and sociological results to girls of allowing males to compete, be members of a sports team, or participants in athletic programs, that are designed for girls, including displacement or discouragement from sports participation, deprivation of a roster spot on a team or sport, loss of the opportunity to participate in a practice or competition, loss of a scholarship or scholarship opportunities, loss or displacement of admission to an educational institution, deprivation of the benefit of an environment free of hostility based on sexual assault or harassment, or any other benefit that accompanies participating in the athletics program or activity. Further, the Comptroller General shall submit to the Committee on Education and the Workforce of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate a report that contains the results of such study."

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The bill shall be debatable for 1 hour, equally divided and controlled by the majority leader and the minority leader or their respective designees.

The gentleman from Michigan (Mr. WALBERG) and the gentlewoman from Oregon (Ms. BONAMICI) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. WALBERG).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. WALBERG. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and insert extraneous material on H.R. 28.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Michigan?

There was no objection.

□ 1215

Mr. WALBERG. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to speak in support of H.R. 28, the Protection of Women and Girls in Sports Act of 2025, authored by Representative Greg Steube.

This bill is about a promise. More than 50 years ago, this country made a promise to women and girls across America. That promise, Title IX, said women and girls would have equal opportunities, both in the classroom and in athletics.

For years, America has kept her promise. Prior to Title IX, only 300,000 women and girls participated in high school and college sports. By the 40th anniversary of Title IX's passage, the number was up to 3 million, and the numbers have continued to climb and grow ever since.

Today, female participation in sports has increased over 1,000 percent at the high school level and over 600 percent at the college level since Title IX went into effect. Unfortunately, these wins for women and girls ushered in by the promise of Title IX have been under attack.

The Biden-Harris administration pushed a radical rewrite of Title IX that would eliminate policies enacted by 26 States to protect equal athletic opportunities for women and girls. Even with last week's court order striking down the regulation and the Trump administration poised to undo the harm caused by it, nearly half of the States have no protections in place for female athletes.

Mr. Speaker, kicking girls off sports teams to make way for biological males takes opportunities away from these girls. This means fewer college scholarships and fewer opportunities for girls. It also makes them second-class citizens in their own sports and puts their safety at risk.

The Protection of Women and Girls in Sports Act of 2025 offers a new promise to America's women and girls. It will strengthen Title IX's protections for women, ensure a level playing field for female athletes, and protect the law