

SMITH FAMILY CELEBRATING 400 YEARS IN AMERICA

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Smith family ahead of their 400th anniversary of arriving to the United States.

In 1622, William Smith traveled across the ocean from England and made landfall just north of Plymouth. Mr. Smith, like so many of the original Pilgrims, left England in search of a new life as a result of religious persecution. Being Methodist in a mostly Puritan colony meant he and his family were considered strangers and outsiders in their English community.

The Smith family eventually made their way to Jefferson County, Pennsylvania, in 1816, which they have now called home for more than 200 years.

Madam Speaker, this weekend, the Smith family will gather in Clarion, Pennsylvania, to mark 400 years in the United States in the form of a family reunion. Their uniquely American story deserves to be celebrated, and I want to extend my sincerest congratulations to the Smith family for their longstanding history in the United States.

LET'S REPAIR THE WORLD

(Ms. DEAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. DEAN. Madam Speaker, we all feel horror, sadness, and anger as we learn more about the horrific shooting in Uvalde, Texas, and the police officers' lack of response.

I wondered, what were they afraid of? One part of the answer is clear: semi-automatic weapons.

For the sake of us all, we must pass the assault weapons ban, just as we did in 1994.

Let us remember, the ban was backed by three former Presidents: Gerald Ford, Jimmy Carter, Ronald Reagan. And it was supported by police leadership then as it is today.

Republicans in 1994 had the courage to stand up to the gun lobby, and yet Republicans in 2022 cannot find such courage. I don't know why. Instead, they blame DAs and mayors and really anyone but themselves, ourselves.

We are Members of Congress with the power to ban weapons that civilians are using to murder neighbors, strangers, children, and even police officers.

No more decapitated children.

No more slaughtered shoppers or parade goers.

Let us find the courage to act. Tikun olam, as the Jewish tradition teaches. Let us repair the world.

VETERANS-TO-CLASSROOMS PROGRAM

(Mr. BUDD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BUDD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend the much-needed pay raise for our military, passed yesterday in a bill that provides critical resources to confront the national security threats from China and from Russia.

I would also like to highlight one of my amendments. Simply put, my amendment provides funding to help veterans pursue careers in education—as teachers and as school resource officers.

The House passage of this amendment is a win for everyone:

For veterans who want to pursue a career in education.

For schools who need more qualified teachers and resource officers.

And for students who will be able to learn from worthy role models about service, sacrifice and patriotism.

The Veterans-to-Classrooms program will be an excellent opportunity for veterans to continue to serve our country.

SAFEGUARDING WOMEN'S RIGHTS

(Ms. MANNING asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. MANNING. Madam Speaker, in the Supreme Court decision to overturn Roe v. Wade, Justice Thomas wrote an alarming concurring opinion explicitly calling for the reconsideration of the constitutional right to contraception.

Republican State lawmakers have attempted to restrict birth control for years, and this concurring opinion serves as a rallying call to escalate attacks on access to contraceptives.

I will not stand idly by and watch extreme politicians obstruct women's private healthcare choices and diminish reproductive freedom. Access to birth control is key to achieving gender equality, improving health outcomes for women, bolstering educational and economic opportunities for all, and ensuring people are in control of their family planning.

That is why this week I introduced the Right to Contraception Act. My bill would codify the right to access birth control into Federal law and put a stop to violations of Americans' right to this essential reproductive healthcare.

I urgently ask my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to support my legislation to protect birth control and safeguard women's right to make their decisions about their own bodies and futures.

REMEMBERING ARTEZ BENTON

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

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of

the life of a young man from my alma mater, Artez Benton.

A talented baseball player at Young Harris College, Artez tragically lost his life this past month while in Atlanta.

Born in Scottdale, Georgia, Artez was a star on the Druid Hills High School baseball team. He chose to continue his athletic career at Young Harris as an infielder for the Mountain Lions.

Artez was wise beyond his years, hardworking, and was working to become a certified electrician with dreams of owning his own home. He would begin his days at 4:00 in the morning, studying for his apprenticeship, and despite his busy and long days, Artez was sure to make time to help his father with his landscaping company and to teach his young nephew the sport he loved so dearly.

This tragedy has rocked the Young Harris community and has stolen a bright future from a young man and his family. My heart aches for the Benton family, and my prayers reside with them in this terribly difficult time.

ABORTION RIGHTS MUST BE CODIFIED

(Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, 1973 Roe is decided. From that day forward, Republicans have been desperate to overturn it. Twenty-one days ago, a rightwing majority on the Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade.

Make no mistake, these rightwing extremists are not pro-life, but pro-controlling the bodies of women, girls, and anyone who can become pregnant.

Abortion is now illegal in 16 States, and anti-abortion legislators are following suit, threatening to make abortion inaccessible for roughly 33 million women across America. And they are not done. Republicans have been clear they will not stop until abortion is banned nationwide.

Later today, the House will pass an updated version of the Women's Health Protection Act, which would establish a Federal statutory right to abortion. The Senate must follow suit and abolish the filibuster, and we must secure pro-choice majorities in the House and Senate. Our lives depend upon it.

MEXICAN CARTELS GROWING MARIJUANA IN CALIFORNIA

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Madam Speaker, the Biden administration's open border policies are wreaking havoc across our Nation, causing crime to spike, even in my home district in northern California.

Hidden under the cover of our magnificent, forested wildlands, Mexican

cartels are using our porous borders as easy access to Federal lands to grow illegal marijuana crops.

Even though cannabis products are legal under California law, truly they are still illegal under Federal law. These illegal grows are dangerous and cause irreversible harm to the landscape and animals.

These grows are guarded by dangerous cartel members with illegal weapons that they smuggle across the border. This puts local residents, foresters, and outdoor recreationists at grave risk if they accidentally come across or near a grow.

Butte County in northern California, my home county, is designated now as a Federal high-intensity drug trafficking area. Thanks a lot.

These illegal farmers use toxic pesticides that are outlawed by the U.S. and unavailable to American growers anymore. These chemicals run off into nearby water sources, poisoning the animals and killing off plant life. They cut off water from other farmers and rivers and cause much damage to the environment.

This drug trafficking must be stopped.

WE CANNOT GO BACK

(Ms. GARCIA of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. GARCIA of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise in outrage at the cruel attacks extreme Republicans have launched on women and their rights.

Because of these MAGA Republicans, our daughters will have less freedom than their mothers for the first time in American history.

This has been their plan all along. As this graphic behind me shows, women

have been fighting Republican attacks for decades, and it has been a tough fight. But House Democrats won't give up. We cannot go back. We won't give up because we trust women.

Today, we will pass two bills to protect women, their rights, and their freedoms—the Ensuring Women's Right to Reproductive Freedom Act and the Women's Health Protection Act—for the second time.

Democrats are the party that stand with women. Without them, we cannot be a better America. We always have and always will be with women. We trust women.

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MORE SPENDING IS NOT THE SOLUTION FOR INFLATION

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

Mr. ROSE. Madam Speaker, consumer prices climbed another 1.3 percent last month, bringing the Nation's total annual rate of inflation to 9.1 percent. The cost of making goods shot up, too. The producer price index hit a whopping 11.3 percent. It is costing Tennesseans and all American families an extra \$5,000 a year.

There seems to be a growing consensus that we are heading toward a recession. I continue to believe that it didn't have to be this way. The Fed wouldn't have to raise interest rates had President Biden and Congressional Democrats resisted the urge to borrow and spend trillions and trillions of dollars we did not have and couldn't afford to spend.

What is their solution for getting us out of this mess? Even more spending.

But only increasing domestic production of our natural energy resources can get us back on track. President Biden appears to prefer the destruction of our country's fossil fuel energy industry rather than using it to bring the price of gasoline and diesel back down.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The House will resume proceedings on postponed questions at a later time.

FORMULA ACT

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 8351) to amend the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States to suspend temporarily rates of duty on imports of certain infant formula products, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 8351

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 "Formula Act".

SEC. 2. TEMPORARY DUTY SUSPENSIONS FOR INFANT FORMULA.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter III of chapter 99 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS) is amended by inserting the following new subheadings in numerical sequence:

“		Infant formula, put up for retail sale:			
	9903.19.19	Provided for in subheading 1901.10.16, 1901.10.26, 1901.10.36 or 1901.10.44	Free	No change	No change
	9903.19.20	Provided for in subheading 1901.10.29 or 1901.10.49	Free	No change	No change
		Infant formula:			
	9903.19.21	Provided for in subheading 2106.90.97	Free	No change	No change
	9903.19.22	Provided for in subheading 2106.90.99	Free	No change	No change
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(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by subsection (a) shall apply with respect to goods entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption on or after the date of enactment of this Act and before the close of December 31, 2022.

(c) WAIVER OF OTHER DUTIES OR SAFEGUARDS.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, during the period described in subsection (b), articles of infant formula that are classifiable under any subheading added by the amendments made by subsection (a) shall not be subject to—

(1) any additional safeguard duties that may be imposed under subchapter IV of chapter 99 of the HTS; or

(2) any other import quotas, tariff-rate quotas, additional duties, or any other duties, fees, exactions, or charges that otherwise would apply to such articles.

(d) ENTRY REQUIREMENTS.—In seeking to enter articles of infant formula duty-free under this Act, importers shall provide the applicable tariff classification for such articles under chapter 19 or chapter 21 along with the anticipated tariff classification

under subchapter III of chapter 99 (as added by subsection (a)) on applicable customs entry documents.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Oregon (Mr. BLUMENAUER) and the gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. SMITH) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Oregon.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. BLUMENAUER. 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 bill under consideration.

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

There was no objection.

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

The news about supply chain disruptions have filled the news, but none is more compelling and urgent for communities across America than facing challenges due to the infant formula shortage. This is an urgent issue for our families.

Between supply chain issues due to the pandemic and the closure of a Michigan infant formula plant, out-of-stock rates have reached perilous levels. The out-of-stock rate was 31 percent in mid-April and rose to 90 percent in 10 States by the end of May. In my State, Oregon, we faced an out-of-stock rate higher than 85 percent.

While these numbers alone tell a horrific story, there is no number that can capture the fear and frustration felt by families who are searching for formula to serve their babies. As a parent and grandparent, I can assure you that there is nothing as anxiety- and anger-