

Donald Trump touches fails. This guy has a reverse Midas touch: Trump casinos, Trump University, Trump Steaks, Trump Vodka, Trump Hotels, and now the Trump Republican Party.

We can't let him destroy our democracy or this institution. As my mother says, it is never too late to do the right thing.

Mr. Speaker, I urge a "no" vote on this ridiculous, pathetic rule.

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

Mr. ROY. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time.

We are here today not actually talking about the botched exit from Afghanistan that my friend from Florida rightly raises as a massive criticism of this administration, nor the Biden crime family syndicate that we are now dealing with with the son of the President of the United States. Nor are we dealing with the weaponization of government against the American people, including Scott Smith in Loudoun County for daring to stand up in defense of his daughter. Nor are we talking about energy production getting killed, leaving people stranded with high inflation and the inability to afford energy and unable to carry out their lives and prosper.

We are here talking about the border. We are here talking about a dereliction of duty.

We are here talking about the violation of the fundamental first principle of the executive branch of the Federal Government of the United States led by the President to actually secure and defend the United States of America.

"All obstructions to the execution of the laws, all combinations and associations, under whatever plausible character, with the real design to direct, control, counteract, or awe the regular deliberation and action of the constituted authorities, are destructive of this fundamental principle and of fatal tendency."—Washington's Farewell Address.

"Energy in the executive is . . . essential to the protection of the community against foreign attacks; it is not less essential to the steady administration of the laws; to the protection of property against those irregular and high-handed combinations which sometimes interrupt the ordinary course of justice."—Hamilton, Federalist No. 70.

"Let every American, every lover of liberty, every well-wisher to his posterity, swear by the blood of the Revolution, never to violate in the least particular, the laws of the country; and never to tolerate their violation by others."—Lincoln, Lyceum Address, 1838.

We are here precisely because the Constitution contemplated separation of powers, which is being violated every single day by an executive branch undeterred.

Our job in the House of Representatives is, in fact, to deter the overreach and abuse of authority by the President of the United States refusing to

carry out the laws of the United States in detriment to the well-being, security, and lives of the people of this country.

That is our job in the House of Representatives. That is why we are here. That is why I support this rule. That is why I support this resolution. That is why I support this inquiry. We are just beginning.

The material previously referred to by Mr. McGOVERN is as follows:

AN AMENDMENT TO H. RES. 529 OFFERED BY
MR. McGOVERN OF MASSACHUSETTS

At the end of the resolution, add the following: I21SEC. 2. Immediately upon adoption of this resolution, the House shall proceed to the consideration in the House of the resolution (H. Res. 178) affirming the House of Representatives' commitment to protect and strengthen Social Security and Medicare. The resolution shall be considered as read. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the resolution and preamble to adoption without intervening motion or demand for division of the question except one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means or their respective designees.

SEC. 3. Clause 1(c) of rule XIX shall not apply to the consideration of H. Res. 178.

Mr. ROY. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time, and I move the previous question on the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on ordering the previous question.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this question are postponed.

CONDEMNING THE USE OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL FACILITIES TO PROVIDE SHELTER FOR ALIENS WHO ARE NOT ADMITTED TO THE UNITED STATES

Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 524, I call up the resolution (H. Res. 461) condemning the use of elementary and secondary school facilities to provide shelter for aliens who are not admitted to the United States, and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. LEE of Florida). Pursuant to House Resolution 524, the amendments to the resolution and the preamble recommended by the Committee on Education and the Workforce printed in the resolution are adopted and the resolution, as amended, is considered read.

The text of the resolution, as amended, is as follows:

H. RES. 461

Whereas sheltering aliens who are not admitted to the United States in school facilities will divert educational resources from children already suffering from historic learning loss;

Whereas, on May 16 and 17, 2023, about 300 such aliens were sheltered in current or former public school gymnasiums in New York City, and Mayor Eric Adams announced plans to use as many as 20 public school gymnasiums as overflow housing for such aliens;

Whereas turning schools into housing centers for such aliens compromises schools' duty to educate enrolled children and keep them safe;

Whereas hosting such aliens on school campuses poses a significant safety risk to school children and compromises schools' ability to secure their own campus;

Whereas using school gymnasiums as housing for such aliens may impede children's access to safe recreation and physical education, may force children to spend their entire school day with little exercise, and may disrupt the ordinary routines of the school day;

Whereas a public elementary or secondary school should be ineligible to receive Federal financial assistance if it is used to shelter, house, or otherwise serve as a sanctuary for, aliens not admitted to the United States;

Whereas the Biden administration has created these problems with a failed border security strategy that has encouraged illegal aliens to cross the border, tallying more than 10,000 a day ahead of the May 11, 2023, expiration of the public health emergency relating to COVID-19, declared under section 319 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d), and of the concomitant power of the President, under section 362 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 265), to prohibit entries of persons into the United States from certain countries or places; and

Whereas the school children in the United States should not bear the burden for the disastrous immigration policies of either the Biden administration or local leaders: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives condemns the use of public elementary or secondary school facilities that serve students to provide shelter for aliens who are not admitted to the United States.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The resolution, as amended, shall be debatable for 1 hour, equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Education and the Workforce or their respective designees.

The gentlewoman from North Carolina (Ms. FOXX) and the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. SCOTT) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from North Carolina.

Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 461, a resolution condemning the use of elementary and secondary school facilities to provide shelter for aliens who are not admitted to the United States.

Round condemnation of adult, illegal migrants sharing facilities with schoolchildren would be supported by both sides of the aisle but for one simple reason. It would require Democrats to confront the tragedy of their own making at the southern border.

The rhetoric from the left deploys flowery language to address the flooding of migrants into our country. It is a scam.

Democrats must confront reality. There are real human consequences to losing operational control of our southern border. Democrats have plunged our southern border into chaos, trafficking, and bloodshed.

Last year, 2.76 million migrants illegally crossed our southern border. Over 800 of them died making the journey.

Customs and Border Protection also seized 14,700 pounds of fentanyl in fiscal year 2022. In a year in which 110,000 Americans fatally overdosed on drugs, each pound of fentanyl missed by Customs and Border Protection has the potential to kill over 200,000 people.

The encounters, the deaths, and the trafficking are a three-, four-, and five-time increase over the last year of the Trump administration. We have a deadly opioid epidemic, a human trafficking epidemic, and an overall humanitarian epidemic at our southern border, all stemming from the Biden administration's policies.

H. Res. 461 is a crystal-clear rebuke of the chaos at the border.

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It applies to K-12 institutions because, make no mistake, Democrats are making elementary, middle, and high schools a battleground for chaotic border policies.

In New York City, Mayor Eric Adams planned to house migrants in up to 20 current and former public school gymnasiums. In Chicago, local leadership is reportedly considering housing hundreds of illegal immigrants in a shuttered high school.

Housing migrants in public schools is not a new occurrence. CNN, CBS, and the New York Post have all uncovered instances of this already happening across the country. For Mayor Adams and Governor Hochul, these plans are a mere formalization of their unwillingness to enforce the law. This is what Republicans mean when we say every State is a border State and every town is a border town.

Moreover, the collateral of this broken policy are America's schoolchildren. It is completely unacceptable. Turning schools into housing centers for illegal immigrants distracts schools from their mission.

Schools should be focused on helping students recover from devastating pandemic-era learning loss. We know that children are suffering in the wake of the pandemic. Math and reading scores have plummeted to their lowest level in years. Forcing schools to shelter illegal immigrants will not help with that.

Additionally, hosting illegal immigrants on school campuses poses a significant safety risk to schoolchildren and compromises schools' ability to secure their own campuses.

Furthermore, using school gymnasiums as housing for illegal aliens may impede children's access to safe recreation and physical education. It may force children to spend their entire school day with little exercise and may disrupt the ordinary routines of the school day.

As always with the Republican Party, threatening the safety of our children is a nonstarter. We are voting on a resolution today to condemn the threat posed to our children.

Our resolution condemns the breakdown of law and order at the southern border. It condemns the lawlessness perpetuated by blue cities and States like New York.

I hope the entire body votes for the passage of H. Res. 461 and sends a message to America that there is no substitute for a secure border.

Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, I rise in opposition to H. Res. 461.

Like clockwork, we are here, yet again, taking up another proposal that, among other things, purports to improve school safety but does nothing to address gun violence in schools or improve students' mental health.

So far this Congress, the Republican priorities for K-12 education have focused almost entirely on so-called culture wars. First, the House Republicans passed legislation to ban books. The House then advanced legislation targeting trans students.

We just debated an impeachment resolution, and now the House is considering a proposal that would encourage taking away funding from schools whose facilities are used to temporarily house refugees and immigrants.

Schools are routinely used to temporarily house people in emergencies like hurricanes or earthquakes. So now I guess they are suggesting that we check citizenship papers before we let people in.

The resolution falsely implies that temporarily using school facilities to house immigrants leads to learning loss, but there is no evidence to support that claim.

Addressing learning loss and helping students make up for lost time in the classroom is what we did last year, without a Republican vote, when we made historic investments in the American Rescue Plan to help schools make up for lost time by funding after-school, summer mentorship programs, and other initiatives to actually make up for lost time.

But we cannot continue to meaningfully address learning loss or meet students' mental health needs if all we are talking about is taking away Federal funds from schools.

Moreover, any conversation about school safety that does not meaningfully address gun violence, is not a serious conversation. This is a haphazard proposal and another distraction. Since it is a nonbinding resolution, it doesn't actually do anything the supporters of the resolution say need to be done.

It does nothing to improve immigration policy. It doesn't even stop the use of schools to house immigrants. This is a nonbinding resolution.

If my colleagues are serious about addressing learning loss, we should be talking about evidence-based strategies that meet the needs of our students. There is nothing in the resolu-

tion that addresses learning loss or mental health.

If my colleagues were serious about school safety, we should be confronting what is actually killing them. Parents, teachers, and students are demanding that we take up meaningful legislation to address gun violence. There is nothing in the resolution to address gun violence.

I strongly urge my colleagues to oppose H.R. 461.

Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, I yield 2½ minutes to the gentlewoman from Iowa (Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS), the author of this resolution.

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Madam Speaker, I thank my colleague, Chair FOXX, for yielding me time.

I rise today in support of my resolution, H. Res. 461, which bans the Biden administration from using schools to house illegal aliens.

As a mother and a physician, I do not see how my colleagues on the other side of the aisle can let this stand.

Using school facilities as shelter for illegal aliens, instead of as schools, as they were intended, creates a host of issues ranging from safety hazards for young children to a free fall of security issues as a result of not providing adequate accommodations or security screenings. At a minimum, it deprives students of their space for recess and physical education and imposes financial burdens on schools for cleaning and housing.

Municipalities such as New York City are using school gymnasiums as overflow housing for illegal aliens and setting troubling precedents for the future. It is easy to be a sanctuary city when you are not affected by the border until the Biden administration opens those borders.

Diverting educational resources to illegal aliens, or any demographic, and not in a natural disaster—and in most cases we have little or no background information upon these individuals—provides an avoidable and incredible security risk.

We must protect America's children and save our educational systems from being robbed of their purpose.

The Biden administration's open border policies have turned every State into a border State. And a broken immigration system, paired with the lack of responsibilities and execution of border security, is simply not good enough.

Speaking of the minority's comments on useless resolutions, last Congress, the Democrats introduced a total of 982 resolutions, of which only 176 passed.

H. Res. 461 sends the Biden administration a clear message that their open borders and broken immigration system will not stand, and I urge all of my colleagues to support this legislation.

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. GARCÍA).

Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today to speak against

the latest Republican attempt to vilify and scapegoat immigrants. A few weeks ago it was H.R. 2, the child deportation act, and now it is H. Res. 461.

It is Republicans spending time and taxpayer dollars to trot out stereotypes of migrants as dangerous and dirty and who knows what else.

Republicans are spewing anti-immigrant rhetoric in this resolution to demonstrate that they are standing up for students. But we know it is not true. Perhaps they are using this resolution to distract from the continued attempts to ban books, to take food assistance from needy families, and to block child tax credits which could help families across the country.

Let's remember what Republicans are targeting with this language. They are targeting migrants, many of them asylum seekers, who risked their lives to come to this country and to our cities seeking safety and stability.

They are targeting migrants trafficked by GOP Governors as a political stunt. This resolution is part of the same stunt, designed to sell fear and hatred, to make prime-time slot pieces on FOX News. It is dangerous for immigrants like me and the communities that I represent. I urge my colleagues to reject this resolution.

Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from New York (Mr. WILLIAMS), a member of the Education and the Workforce Committee.

Mr. WILLIAMS of New York. Madam Speaker, for the past 2 years, every State has become a border State, and each has felt the pressures of illegal immigration. This past month, 10,000 migrants have illegally entered our country per day.

A nation's borders mark the boundaries of its laws and sovereignty. This violation of both our laws and our sovereignty must stop.

Representative MILLER-MEEKS and I brought forward H. Res. 461 because it is necessary and urgent. Our resolution sends a clear and decisive message that everyone in this Chamber and across the country must hear: Congress will not tolerate officials at the State and local level using taxpayer-funded schools and facilities to play cleanup for President Biden and the Progressive left's broken border policies.

In my State of New York, our Governor offered up State-funded college campuses to house illegal immigrants. In New York City, Mayor Adams proposed repurposing public school gyms to house them.

During this last school year, 5,500 migrant students strained New York City's public school resources. Time and time again, we are seeing classrooms overflowing and understaffed and our school taxes ever rising. This problem is not just in New York. It spans across each and every community in our Union.

This resolution makes three distinct points. First, housing illegal immigrants in our schools diverts critical resources away from students.

Second, housing adult, unvetted, illegal immigrants in our public schools poses a safety risk to our children.

Third, schools are not to be the sacrificial lamb for the failed progressive policies of this administration.

Just last week, my colleagues on the other side of the aisle repeatedly justified the housing of illegal immigrants in public schools, comparing it to the response to natural disasters like hurricanes, earthquakes, and fires.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The time of the gentleman has expired.

Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, I yield an additional 30 seconds to the gentleman from New York.

Mr. WILLIAMS of New York. Just last week, my colleagues on the other side of the aisle repeatedly justified the housing of illegal immigrants in public schools, comparing it to the response to natural disasters like hurricanes, earthquakes, and fires.

I couldn't agree more. The President's border policies are a disaster, though man-made. I stand to put our children first. Vote to support H. Res. 461.

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentlewoman from Illinois (Mrs. RAMIREZ).

Mrs. RAMIREZ. Madam Speaker, today I stand here opposing the GOP's hateful resolution to condemn the use of schools as shelter for immigrants. For years, schools have sheltered people during emergencies, and we know people in our own districts who have had to go into these places because of climate crisis, hurricanes, tornadoes, and the list goes on.

Well, sanctuary cities like Chicago and New York are in emergencies created by Republican Governors who continue to dehumanize asylum seekers and cruelly bus them to sanctuary cities like Chicago.

This resolution does nothing to solve the crisis, and it certainly isn't protecting our children's education. It is just another way to criminalize asylum seekers.

Now, I believe to my core that seeking asylum is not a crime. In fact, welcoming them into our arms, regardless of their origin or their status, is a biblical teaching, a humane act, and it is part of our Nation's fabric and our Nation's values.

How can we say we care about families or that you are the party of families and values? How can you say you care about children and then threaten to cut funding for their schools if they dare to shelter children who are seeking asylum?

That is hypocritical. There is dissidence there, and we should look up that description in the dictionary. It is time we end this senseless war against immigrants and stand up for what is right and for what is just.

Madam Speaker, I will absolutely be voting "no" on this resolution, and I urge all my colleagues to do the same.

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Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the distinguished gen-

tleman from New York (Mr. D'ESPOSITO).

Mr. D'ESPOSITO. Madam Speaker, I thank the chairwoman for yielding.

Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 461, legislation that formally condemns the use of public elementary and secondary schools as shelters for illegal migrants.

The safety and security of America's children should be the number one priority of lawmakers here in Washington, and placing illegal migrants within earshot of students presents serious threats to the safety of our children and the safety of our communities.

In New York, when Mayor Eric Adams attempted to house migrants in nearly 20 public schools, everyday New Yorkers stood up to city hall, rejected this attempt to threaten our students, and stopped the mayor from housing migrants in schools. Instead of learning from his mistakes and ending New York's sanctuary city status, Mayor Adams then decided that housing migrants in an abandoned warehouse at JFK Airport would be a better alternative. Placing migrants at a dilapidated warehouse in the heart of one of the largest transportation hubs in this country is both inhumane and presents a serious national security threat.

I keep hearing over and over again about trafficking and about being inhumane. You are correct. Seeking asylum is not illegal, but we ask that they come through the front door, and I would be confident that no asylum seeker comes to this country to live in a vacant warehouse at JFK Airport with no bathrooms and no showers.

We cannot allow politicians like Eric Adams to sacrifice the safety and security of this Nation to uphold their radical sanctuary city policies and compensate for President Biden and Secretary Mayorkas' failing border security initiatives and their dereliction of their duties.

Our Nation's public schools should be places of learning for local students, not housing illegal migrants. I strongly urge my colleagues to support this measure to block illegal migrants from being housed in school facilities.

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. JACKSON LEE).

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman and, of course, the chairwoman, as well, for their leadership.

Madam Speaker, just a few minutes ago, we were on the floor discussing an impeachment of the President of the United States for protecting and doing his job for the American people. I think we fail to understand that the Statue of Liberty is still in the New York Harbor—bring your forlorn and depressed—and that this is a Nation of laws and immigrants.

From the very beginning of ages, this Nation was founded by those who came from somewhere else. They crossed the

waters to come. The indigenous people were here, but that was all, and certainly we know the history of slavery.

I am stunned by, first, the impeachment order, if you will, attempting to impeach for differences of positions in policies. Now I come to try and understand a misconstrued, misdirected, and really painful resolution—as the gentleman from Virginia said “non-binding”—and it seems that what we are doing is showing dislike and contempt for children.

I believe in children, and what is being done by local government is to find relief for children. Find relief. These schools in New York—I know them well—are large. They are old and large. They have many different sectors and segments that a city executive can utilize safely for children.

This is about children, and for those who just made profile press conference trips to the border, I have been to the border at night, in the day, in the morning over the years. I have held babies in my arms that have gotten off buses.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The time of the gentlewoman has expired.

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I yield an additional 1 minute to the gentlewoman from Texas.

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, I have seen children wanting their parents. I have seen the Trump era of snatching children away. This is wrongheaded.

This is not dangerous to the children in the schools, and our local jurisdictions should be allowed to make determined decisions in response to what is a migrant fever, if you will.

However, let me add something that the government should be looking at, which is why the State of Texas has taken over the seventh largest school district, that all the parents, board members, teachers are against? Houston Independent School District is suffering. Is there anyone here or my friends on the other side of the aisle willing to address that ridiculous, ludicrous takeover undermining teachers' and parents' will?

I thought we were for parents. Houston Independent School District should not be taken over, and it is a consternation in our community. Because of that, I believe we are doing the wrong thing here. The underlying bill should be opposed, and we should be standing with the people of Houston who refuse to have a takeover of a very effective school district, the Houston Independent School District. Madam Speaker, let's do the right thing on the floor and support our children.

Madam Speaker, I rise today in opposition of H. Res. 461, condemning the use of elementary and secondary school facilities to provide shelter for aliens who are not admitted to the United States.

This resolution condemns using the facilities of a public elementary or secondary school that serves students to provide shelter for non-U.S. nationals who are not admitted into the United States.

As a Member on the Homeland Security committee, and more specifically the Border Security and Enforcement subcommittee, I interact with those at the border and migrants frequently.

I believe that a comprehensive approach is needed to solving the current immigration crisis.

However, I think it is essential that migrants are brought and allowed into the country through legal immigration.

I am a strong proponent of humanitarian aid efforts in the immigration context, from preventing the breakup of individual families as a result of a wrongful deportation to ensuring that victims of civil wars and national disasters around the globe receive a temporary protected status under the U.S. immigration laws.

We should not condemn the use of public elementary or secondary schools provide shelter for non-U.S. nationals who are not admitted into the United States.

I acknowledge that school are places of learning and development for students, but there are time periods when school campuses are not being used, such as during school breaks.

Because of this, the space could be used for humanitarian aid purposes, such as allowing migrants to stay there while they wait for legal processing and paperwork to conclude.

Other exceptions need to be reviewed, such as whether migrants could stay at schools when school is in-session, but humanitarian aid should not be overlooked in the immigration context.

As a leading country on the global stage, it is our duty and responsibility to assist who we can in a legal manner.

Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the distinguished gentlewoman from New York (Ms. MALLIOTAKIS).

Ms. MALLIOTAKIS. Madam Speaker, I thank the chairwoman for yielding me some time.

Madam Speaker, as a Representative in New York City, I am all too familiar, unfortunately, with this situation. Quite frankly, this is a problem that was created by two people. First, our President decided it was a good idea to open our borders and allow millions of individuals to come in without the proper vetting, without knowing exactly what their intentions are.

Some, yes, are applying for asylum, but they should still be doing so through the proper channels. They should be doing so from the next safe country, not coming to the southern border.

With that said, we look at court documents and we see that roughly 60 percent of those individuals are having those court cases denied under this administration, which tells you that the majority of people coming over our southern border are not legitimate asylum seekers.

Secondly, I blame the problem in New York City on my mayor, Mayor Eric Adams, because he is misinterpreting New York City's right-to-shelter law. That was a court decree under Mayor Ed Koch that was agreed to to address the issue of homeless New Yorkers.

It was always intended to provide support and housing for homeless New Yorkers, citizens of New York, not individuals who just strolled over the border last week.

Think about this: By the mayor's logic, everyone in New York City is entitled to shelter whether they are a citizen or not. If all 6 million people who came over our border came to New York City, they would be entitled to free shelter.

If 8 billion on the planet came to New York City, they would be entitled to free shelter. Clearly, the mayor's interpretation is nonsensical.

The mayor has now resorted to using all sorts of facilities meant for our citizens, including our children, to be used to house these migrants.

Now, first of all, I think it is clear—and I see that there is bipartisan opposition to schools and their gymnasiums being taken away from children who suffered under COVID. They lacked physical education. They lacked socialization. Now, to take away their gym for this housing is absolutely ridiculous.

The mayor has reversed course on that after there was so much opposition from the people in the city of New York, but he is still using old schools. Facilities that were previously Catholic schools that have closed that were perhaps going to be utilized as public schools, that has now stopped because the mayor is choosing instead to house migrants in those old schools.

Now, the greatest plan or, I should say, the most ridiculous plan we have heard to date is now he is going to use taxpayer money to pay New Yorkers to house individuals in their homes. We are talking about billions and billions of dollars a year. Hardworking taxpayers are getting pummeled in New York City, because property taxes are increasing year after year. People can't afford their own rent. They can't afford their own roofs. He is saying you have to pay for individuals who cross into our country illegally.

It is a disgrace. We should be stopping it and make sure not another Federal dollar, not a penny, goes to fund the expansion of this program. The mayor needs to comply with the actual laws and tell the President to secure the border and stop this nonsense.

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentlewoman from Oregon (Ms. BONAMICI), the ranking member of the Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education Subcommittee.

Ms. BONAMICI. Madam Speaker, I thank the ranking member for yielding.

Madam Speaker, I rise in strong opposition to H. Res. 461, a harmful resolution that condemns public schools for showing humanity in helping vulnerable people.

Listening to this debate, it sounds like my colleagues are interested in working on some bipartisan migration reform. We would welcome that—policies that would help our immigration

system run more smoothly and effectively—but that is not what we are doing here today.

Throughout this Congress, I have heard my colleagues on the other side of the aisle claim that American education is in crisis. Are there needs in our public schools? Absolutely. We need more mental health counselors, we need resources to address mislearning and policies to address gun violence, but is that what the majority is focusing on? No.

When my Republican colleagues felt threatened by the accurate teaching of history, they passed legislation that provides a blueprint for book bans. When my Republican colleagues felt threatened by the Biden administration's inclusive interpretation of Title IX, what did they do? They passed legislation to ostracize trans students and allow discrimination in sports. When my colleagues felt uncomfortable about reducing the crushing debt burden faced by students who choose to go to college, they passed legislation to wipe out relief and plunge more borrowers into financial distress.

What is their focus today? Picking on desperate people who are fleeing war, violence, and abject poverty in search of a better life for themselves and their children.

Now, the Republicans are threatening Federal funding to schools. That is funding that is intended to support all students. I won't support the harmful scapegoating of migrants and repeated attacks on marginalized communities, and I won't support actions that delegitimize our public schools.

These are the only schools that have an obligation to serve all students and families, regardless of race, ethnicity, disability status, ability to pay, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, or any other characteristic. Our public schools are for everyone.

What I will support and what I repeatedly expressed an eagerness and enthusiasm to work on are substantive, positive evidence-based solutions that make schools safer, improve opportunities for students from all backgrounds, and enhance the quality and frequency of parents' and families' involvement in their children's education.

Madam Speaker, I welcome those conversations. I am disappointed that we keep finding ourselves engaged in culture wars with the majority putting politics over people instead of passing policies that help students, their families, and our communities.

At a time when we have an opportunity to demonstrate compassion and empathy, this resolution takes us in the wrong direction. I strongly urge all of my colleagues to reject this resolution. Let's put humanity first. Let's focus on what really truly helps public education.

GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and in-

clude extraneous material on H. Res. 461.

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

There was no objection.

Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

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Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time.

Madam Speaker, it is unfortunate that House Republican priorities for K-12 education are focused entirely on distractions. Instead of devising ways to meaningfully address learning loss or gun violence in schools, here we are, threatening to withhold Federal funds from K-12 schools that do not adhere to the extreme MAGA agenda.

The reality is that H. Res. 461 does nothing to address the real issues confronting students today. This is a non-binding resolution, so it does nothing to fund education. It doesn't even prevent schools from being used to house undocumented immigrants.

One thing that we have to come to grips with is complaining about a problem doesn't solve the problem. Complaining about immigration policy doesn't solve the problem. Complaining about schools doesn't address any of the underlying problems. It doesn't fix anything. What this resolution is, is an opportunity to complain, but it doesn't do anything.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to oppose the resolution, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time.

Madam Speaker, to sum up the debate, H. Res. 461 does four things. It sends a clear message about our values. It condemns lawbreaking where Democrat politicians have failed to do so. It tells parents that we are on their side. Most importantly, it reiterates that public school facilities should be used for educating children, not housing illegal immigrants, because the academic success and safety of America's students must be put first.

Therefore, I urge the House of Representatives and Congress to pass H. Res. 461, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. All time for debate has expired.

Pursuant to House Resolution 524, the previous question is ordered on the resolution and the preamble, as amended.

The question is on adoption of the resolution.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Madam Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this question are postponed.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 33 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1330

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. WEBER of Texas) at 1 o'clock and 30 minutes p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Proceedings will resume on questions previously postponed.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

Ordering the previous question on House Resolution 529;

Adoption of House Resolution 529, if ordered; and

Adoption of H. Res. 461.

The first electronic vote will be conducted as a 15-minute vote. Pursuant to clause 9 of rule XX, remaining electronic votes will be conducted as 5-minute votes.

RELATING TO THE CONSIDERATION OF H. RES. 503, IMPEACHING JOSEPH R. BIDEN, JR., PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, FOR HIGH CRIMES AND MISDEMEANORS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the vote on ordering the previous question on the resolution (H. Res. 529) relating to consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 503), impeaching Joseph R. Biden, Jr., President of the United States, for High Crimes and Misdemeanors, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on ordering the previous question.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 214, nays 206, not voting 14, as follows:

[Roll No. 284]

YEAS—214

Aderholt	Biggs	Carter (GA)
Alford	Bilirakis	Carter (TX)
Allen	Bishop (NC)	Chavez-DeRemer
Amodei	Boebert	Ciscomani
Armstrong	Bost	Cline
Arrington	Brecheen	Cloud
Babin	Buchanan	Clyde
Bacon	Buck	Cole
Baird	Bucshon	Collins
Balderson	Burchett	Comer
Banks	Burgess	Crane
Barr	Burlison	Crawford
Bean (FL)	Calvert	Crenshaw
Bentz	Cammack	Curtis
Bergman	Carey	D'Esposito
Bice	Carl	Davidson