

once again chosen to ignore our history and roll back our progress.

By banning affirmative action in college admissions, the Supreme Court has deprived us of a critical tool in our continued fight for equality and justice for all.

Not only is this decision a blatant attack on educational opportunity, it also upends nearly 40 years of precedent, undermining the sacred trust that the American people have placed in the Court.

From voting rights, to reproductive freedom, to educational opportunities, this Court has demonstrated time and time again that it is willing to ignore history, ignore precedent, and ignore common sense in order to strip away our freedoms and roll back our progress.

Mr. Speaker, we know that ignoring our past will not make it go away. In the words of Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson, "deeming race irrelevant in law does not make it so in life."

If we are going to address the injustices of the past, we must be intentional about leveling the playing field and providing opportunities to those who have been left behind.

After all, our entire nation benefits when talented students of diverse backgrounds get a fair shot at success.

Despite this shameful decision, we must not be deterred. Let this decision serve as a reminder that progress is elusive, and every generation must fight to preserve the progress of the past and advance it.

Now is the time to redouble our efforts and to hold this nation accountable to its highest ideals of equality and justice for all.

Until every American can enjoy the full promise of our democracy, our work continues.

Mr. HORSFORD. Mr. Speaker, thank you, Congresswoman SHEILA CHERFILUS-McCORMICK and Congressman JONATHAN JACKSON, for co-chairing tonight's Special Order Hour.

I rise today with my colleagues of the Congressional Black Caucus to address the recent Supreme Court ruling in *Students for Fair Admissions v. Harvard* and UNC.

The Supreme Court determined in a 6–3 vote that race-based affirmative action programs in college admissions processes violated Title Six of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as well as the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment.

The Supreme Court's decision to strike down decades of precedent set in the *Bakke* case in 1978, which gave students—regardless of their race or ethnicity—a better chance at equal admissions to our nation's top schools was a needless blow to America's promise of equal and fair opportunity.

We have to be clear on what this decision means for the legacy of the Court and what this decision will mean for race-conscious admissions policies across our country.

By delivering a decision on affirmative action so radical as to deny young people seeking an education equal opportunity in our education system, the Supreme Court has thrown into question its own legitimacy.

By imposing these radical changes to college and university race-based admission policies, the Court has made clear that it does not stand on the side of dismantling barriers to give our young people the opportunity at a better life, which will only stand to benefit the wealthy and well-connected.

Unfortunately, we have seen backlash to progress many times throughout our Nation's

history. During Reconstruction, we had a mere 12 years of Black achievement in policy, politics, the arts and sciences, and education that were followed by 70 years of state-sanctioned Jim Crow.

We didn't stop fighting for equality then and we won't stop now because too much is at stake to allow extremists to turn back the clock on progress or to use Affirmative Action as a cultural wedge issue.

That is why the CBC is proud to work alongside our Tri-Caucus colleagues to make clear that we will not be divided because our Nation's diversity is our greatest strength.

I want to thank my colleagues of the CBC, including Representative BOBBY SCOTT, Ranking Member of the Education and the Workforce Committee for their work on this issue and for being united in making clear that decision does not take the responsibility off of colleges and universities to do all they can to expand access to educational opportunities for students coming from underrepresented communities.

The CBC is calling for colleges and universities to not only work towards diversifying their campuses to more closely reflect America, but also to reevaluate their legacy admissions programs because while the Court went so far as to eliminate race-conscious admissions practices, it did nothing about other determining factors such as legacy status.

In fact, a lawsuit has been filed against Harvard University, saying that the legacy admissions programs that give preferential treatment to the children of wealthy donors and alumni discriminates against students of color who have the academic merit to attend the school.

As such applicants with donor relationships, athletic recruitments, employee relationships, and other special recommendations will continue to receive preferential treatment.

Giving unequal opportunity to an education for legacy admissions starkly contrasts the message we need to send our young people and threatens any progress we have made in providing equal access and diverse learning environments for students across our country.

And while no Nevada institutions of higher education implemented race consideration in admissions, Nevadans of color who want to attend schools out of state, like Harvard, MIT, Georgia Tech, or other schools, will suffer as a result of this decision.

Let me be clear—our students have the merit, academic credentials, knowledge, and drive to succeed at these schools. But we cannot turn a blind eye to the history of our nation that has prioritized wealth and access. At the same time, families of color have battled generations of discrimination and racism that limited their access to quality education and wealth building.

This decision specifically exempted military academies. Why?

Race can be a factor when police stop someone on the streets. Why?

But race cannot be a factor in deciding whether someone can pursue a higher education. Why not?

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 8 o'clock and 50 minutes

p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, July 12, 2023, at 10 a.m. for morning-hour debate.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

EC-1373. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to the threat from securities investments that finance certain companies of the People's Republic of China that was declared in Executive Order 13959 of November 12, 2020, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1641(c); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 401(c); (90 Stat. 1257) and 50 U.S.C. 1703(c); Public Law 95-223, Sec 204(c); (91 Stat. 1627); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-1374. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Department Notification Number: DDTC 23-002, pursuant to Section 36(c) and (d) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-1375. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Department Notification Number: DDTC 23-038, pursuant to Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-1376. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Department Notification Number: DDTC 23-024, pursuant to Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-1377. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Department Notification Number: DDTC 22-035, pursuant to Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-1378. A letter from the Associate General Counsel General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting a notification of a discontinuation of service in acting role, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 3349(a); Public Law 105-277, Sec. 151(b); (112 Stat. 2681-614); to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. McHENRY: Committee on Financial Services. H.R. 2622. A bill to amend the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 to codify certain Securities and Exchange Commission no-action letters that exclude brokers and dealers compensated for certain research services from the definition of investment adviser, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 118-134). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. McHENRY: Committee on Financial Services. H.R. 1548. A bill to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to specify that actions of the Advocate for Small Business Capital Formation are not a collection of information under the Paperwork Reduction Act, with an amendment (Rept. 118-135, Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mrs. RODGERS of Washington: Committee on Energy and Commerce. H.R. 752. A bill to

require Select USA to coordinate with State-level economic development organizations to increase foreign direct investment in semiconductor-related manufacturing and production (Rept. 118-136). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mrs. RODGERS of Washington: Committee on Energy and Commerce. H.R. 813. A bill to direct the Secretary of Commerce, in coordination with the heads of other relevant Federal departments and agencies, to conduct an interagency review of and report to Congress on ways to increase the global competitiveness of the United States in attracting foreign direct investment, with an amendment (Rept. 118-137). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H.R. 3935. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to reauthorize and improve the Federal Aviation Administration and other civil aviation programs, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 118-138). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. LUCAS: Committee on Science, Space, and Technology. H.R. 3559. A bill to provide for Federal Aviation Administration research and development, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 118-139, Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mrs. RODGERS of Washington: Committee on Energy and Commerce. H.R. 2544. A bill to improve the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network, and for other purposes (Rept. 118-140). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

DISCHARGE OF COMMITTEE

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XIII, the Committee on Oversight and Accountability discharged from further consideration. H.R. 1548 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XIII, the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure discharged from further consideration. H.R. 3559 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mrs. CHAVEZ-DEREMER (for herself, Mr. TAKANO, and Ms. MANNING):

H.R. 4527. A bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to ensure plan fiduciaries may access de-identified information relating to health claims, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Ms. DEGETTE:

H.R. 4528. A bill to amend the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 to address the insufficient compensation and recruitment of employees and other personnel of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mrs. RODGERS of Washington:

H.R. 4529. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act regarding guidance documents of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. LEVIN:

H.R. 4530. A bill to establish an Office of Public Engagement and Participation within

the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. GUTHRIE (for himself and Ms. KUSTER):

H.R. 4531. A bill to reauthorize certain programs that provide for opioid use disorder prevention, recovery, and treatment, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, and Education and the Workforce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. ALFORD:

H.R. 4532. A bill to limit the use of Federal funds authorized by the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 for the Department of Defense Countering Extremism Work Group; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. ALFORD:

H.R. 4533. A bill to require the Secretary of Defense to assess, and submit a report to Congress on, civilian staffing at the Department of Defense Office for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. BOYLE of Pennsylvania (for himself, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Ms. BLUNT ROCHSTER, Mr. KILMER, Mr. CARBAJAL, and Mr. RASKIN):

H.R. 4534. A bill to require a review of women and lung cancer, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. BOYLE of Pennsylvania:

H.R. 4535. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase funding for Social Security and Medicare; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. CASE (for himself, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. HUFFMAN, Ms. BONAMICI, Ms. LEE of California, and Ms. PIN-GREE):

H.R. 4536. A bill to oppose the permitting of deep seabed mining and exploration for deep seabed mining, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. CASE (for himself, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. HUFFMAN, Ms. BONAMICI, Ms. LEE of California, and Ms. PIN-GREE):

H.R. 4537. A bill to prohibit certain mining activities on the deep seabed and Outer Continental Shelf, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. CASE (for himself, Mrs. RADEWAGEN, Mr. BERA, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Ms. TITUS, Ms. TOKUDA, Mr. SABLON, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, and Mr. MEEKS):

H.R. 4538. A bill to establish a comprehensive, long-term United States strategy and policy for the Pacific Islands, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on Natural Resources, and Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. COURTNEY (for himself, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Ms. BROWNLEY, Mr. CRENSHAW, and Mr. ROGERS of Alabama):

H.R. 4539. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the temporary limitation on personal casualty losses; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. CUELLAR (for himself and Mr. SMITH of New Jersey):

H.R. 4540. A bill to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to establish a program to provide grants to suppliers of water for the purpose of making infrastructure improvements to public water systems, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. DAVIS of Illinois (for himself and Mr. GALLAGHER):

H.R. 4541. A bill to improve the identification and support of children and families who experience trauma; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, and the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mrs. DINGELL (for herself and Ms. STEVENS):

H.R. 4542. A bill to support research, development, and other activities to develop innovative vehicle technologies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. DONALDS:

H.R. 4543. A bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to establish certain requirements for the timely processing and reporting of results with respect to a District of Columbia election, and for other purposes; to the Committee on House Administration.

By Mr. EDWARDS:

H.R. 4544. A bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to prohibit the use of Federal funds for election administration in States that permit ballot harvesting; to the Committee on House Administration.

By Mr. GALLAGHER (for himself, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Mr. ROY, Mr. RASKIN, Mr. WITTMAN, Ms. SHERRILL, Mr. BANKS, Ms. SPANBERGER, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. MOULTON, and Ms. BROWN):

H.R. 4545. A bill to amend the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended to clarify the obligation of individuals who formerly served as agents of foreign principals to register retroactively as foreign agents under the Act with respect to activities carried out previously on behalf of such foreign principals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GOODEN of Texas (for himself, Mr. ELLZEY, Mr. DONALDS, Mr. BABIN, and Mrs. MILLER of Illinois):

H.R. 4546. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to expand the requirements for the collection of biometric data, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Homeland Security, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana (for himself and Ms. CASTOR of Florida):

H.R. 4547. A bill to establish a fund to promote the inspection and consumption of shrimp and products containing shrimp or shrimp parts; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. JAMES (for himself, Mr. BAIRD, Mrs. KIM of California, Mr. MILLS, and Mr. KEAN of New Jersey):