

scenario, to answer: How could that possibly have happened? What didn't we know, or what did we know that we didn't react to? Why, at the end of the day, are there more questions than there are answers?

We can't get answers that, I think, are very simple.

For a person who grew up there, and I know that site so well, I was concerned when that site was picked because I thought it would be a very difficult place to have a rally of that size.

This is not a criticism of law enforcement. This isn't a criticism of whoever it is that picked that site. This is an opportunity for this House to work together to settle the doubts that the American people have, the faith, trust, and confidence that they need to have in us that we can work together, both sides of the aisle, when we have a crisis like this.

It goes far beyond politics, and it goes far beyond policies. It is truly American in every sense.

Mr. MCGOVERN is present with us today, and I thank Chairman BURGESS so much, and I think this more than anything else can demonstrate to the American people that we can work together. We can work together as Republicans and Democrats to get answers for the American people, answers that they deserve and answers that they have been wondering about since July 13.

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

Let me just say to the gentleman from Pennsylvania that I agree. One of the reasons why I think there would be overwhelmingly bipartisan support for this task force is because people want to get the answers. What happened, and how do we make sure that it never happens again?

Mr. Speaker, we hear a lot of talk about the need to turn down the temperature in this country moving forward. I put out a bipartisan statement alongside my friend, Chairman BURGESS, the day after the assassination attempt, and we talked about how to move forward.

The bottom line, we agreed, is that we can have loud, passionate, even at times angry debates in this country. That is the way it goes in a democracy as big and diverse as ours, but at the end of the day, we are all Americans who love this country deeply, and we must resolve our differences peacefully.

I think Robert F. Kennedy, a hero of mine whose life was taken by an assassin's bullet when I was just 8 years old, said it best. "A sniper is only a coward, not a hero, and an uncontrolled, uncontrollable mob is only the voice of madness, not the voice of the people."

"Whenever any American's life is taken by another American unnecessarily, whether it is done in the name of the law or in the defiance of law, by one man or a gang, in cold blood or in passion, in an attack of violence or in response to violence, whenever we tear

at the fabric of life which another man has painfully and clumsily woven for himself and his children, the whole Nation is degraded."

Mr. Speaker, what was true in 1968 is true today. Our common bond as Americans demands that we speak out against violence and condemn it whenever and wherever we see it. We can't pick and choose. It needs to be condemned all the time, even when it is not easy or convenient to do that.

That hasn't always been the case, if we are being honest, and that makes me sad. It makes me sad that we had some people make fun of Speaker PELOSI's husband, Paul, when he was violently attacked with a hammer.

We need to come together, Mr. Speaker. We need unity. We have people who still refuse to condemn what happened on January 6, when a violent mob beat up police officers and tried to execute Vice President Mike Pence, right here outside the Capitol Building. Police died that day.

I am comfortable condemning political violence all of the time, period, end of discussion. I think the bipartisan nature of this resolution is a sign of hope for me that we will move even further in that direction.

I know the gentleman on the other side is as well comfortable calling out violence wherever it may occur, but we need to get to a place in this country where all of our colleagues, Democrats and Republicans, feel compelled to do the same.

I hope we get to that point because political violence is against everything America ought to stand for.

When the Founders of this country put pen to paper, they imagined a future where reason would triumph over fear, a world where the ballot, not the bullet, would determine who would wield power, a Nation where the consent of the governed, not the fear of force, would confer legitimacy upon our leaders.

Generations of Americans have worked hard to turn those dreams into a reality, to expand the circle of our democracy and make real the promise of this country for all. Political violence is the ultimate betrayal of that work. It is a dead end that leads only to disaster.

What happened on July 13 was an awful, cowardly, despicable attack, something that should never ever have happened, and I hope that this task force gets answers on behalf of the American people.

We need to know what happened. We need to get to the truth. We need to find a way to prevent this from ever happening again.

Mr. Speaker, I join with my colleagues here in urging a "yes" vote on this bill, and I yield back the balance of my time.

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

Mr. Speaker, political violence—this was election interference in the extreme.

Just an hour, an hour and a half ago, in this very Chamber, the Prime Minister of Israel spoke with us. One of his comments was that there is no room for political violence in a democracy. I agree with him. I am so relieved that the Secret Service Director did resign.

How do you comport the idea that it was reported that there was evidence of an Iranian plot against the life of Donald Trump, and then you let a teenager wander over that field for an hour and fly a drone overhead? It makes no sense that that could have happened. Of course, the only answer for the Director of the Secret Service was resignation.

More than that, we as a body, we as a Congress, need to put together this task force to understand and get to the bottom of what occurred on July 13. It is our duty.

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It is our duty. It is our duty for the sake of future leaders of this Nation. It is our duty for our children and grandchildren. We have to understand the circumstances that allowed the assassination attempt to occur and, of course, to ensure that it never happens again.

I once again urge all my colleagues to support this critical legislation. I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SMITH of Nebraska). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Texas (Mr. BURGESS) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 1367, as amended.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Mr. BURGESS. 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 motion will be postponed.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H. RES. 1371, STRONGLY CONDEMNING THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION AND ITS BORDER CZAR, KAMALA HARRIS'S, FAILURE TO SECURE THE UNITED STATES BORDER

Mr. RESCHENTHALER. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 1376 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 1376

Resolved, That upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order without intervention of any point of order to consider in the House the resolution (H. Res. 1371) strongly condemning the Biden Administration and its Border Czar, Kamala Harris's, failure to secure the United States border. The amendment to the preamble printed in the report

of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution shall be considered as adopted. The resolution, as amended, shall be considered as read. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the resolution and preamble, as amended, 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 Homeland Security or their respective designees.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Pennsylvania is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. RESCHENTHALER. Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. MCGOVERN), my good friend, pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. During consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for the purpose of debate only.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. RESCHENTHALER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks.

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

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this rule and in support of the underlying legislation. The rule provides for consideration of H. Res. 1371, a resolution strongly condemning the Biden administration and its border czar, HARRIS, for their failure to secure the U.S. border under a closed rule with 1 hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Homeland Security or their respective designees.

Mr. Speaker, since Biden-Harris took office, American leadership both at home and abroad has become weak and feckless, and that is just putting it mildly. On the global stage, we have seen the Houthis creating chaos in the Red Sea after the administration delisted them as a foreign terrorist organization. Then, just last week, they successfully launched a deadly suicide drone attack in Tel Aviv.

Iran has grown stronger and more dangerous than ever. Their proxies, Hamas and Hezbollah, are launching a two-front war against Israel and have attacked our servicemembers over 100 times since October 7. Now their nuclear program is 1 or 2 weeks away from the time needed to produce enough weapons-grade material for a nuclear weapon. Even Secretary Blinken stated: Where we are now is not a good place.

I can continue talking about the disastrous Afghanistan withdrawal, about Vladimir Putin invading Ukraine following the administration's decision to green-light Nord Stream 2 or I could talk about record-high inflation reach-

ing over 20 percent under Biden-HARRIS, but the biggest failure is the crisis at the southern border.

Just 64 days into this administration, Biden named HARRIS his border czar. Now my friends from across the aisle are trying to cover up her failures as border czar and trying to argue that she was never even in charge, but to their chagrin, I brought receipts with me.

Let me read you a few headlines and quotes. Here is Axios on April 14, 2021: "The number of unoccupied minors crossing the border has reached crisis levels. HARRIS, appointed by Biden as border czar, said she would be looking at the 'root causes' that drive migration." That was Axios in 2021.

Here is another headline from the Associated Press on March 24, 2021: "Biden taps VP Harris to lead response to border challenges."

Here is another one from Axios, March 24, 2021: "Biden puts Harris in charge of border crisis."

Just wait for it, here is President Biden on that same day, March 24, 2021: "... she is the most qualified person to do it—to lead our efforts with Mexico and the Northern Triangle and the countries that help—are going to need help in stemming the movement of so many folks, stemming the migration to our southern border." That was Joe Biden.

The President went on further: "... it is not her full responsibility and job, but she is leading the effort because I think the best thing to do is put someone who, when he or she speaks, they don't have to wonder about is that where the President is. When she speaks, she speaks for me. Doesn't have to check with me."

Now the debate has been settled. President Biden clearly put Vice President HARRIS in charge of the border. What did the border czar Harris do? The Biden-Harris administration issued 94 executive actions related to the border. They halted the construction of the border wall and ended remain in Mexico, and they established the catch and release program.

What were the results? In February 2021, the country witnessed a 174 percent increase in southwest border encounters compared to February of 2020. On her watch, there have been over 9.6 million illegal immigrant encounters nationwide. Experts estimate that the number of known got-aways—those are illegal immigrants who have evaded capture—exceed 2 million.

In May of 2021, CBP encountered over 180,000 individuals attempting to enter the country illegally along the southwest border. That was a staggering 675 percent increase from May of 2020. Since fiscal year 2021, 378 illegal aliens on the terrorist watch list have been apprehended at our southern border.

In June, NBC reported that over 400 illegal immigrants with ties to ISIS entered the U.S. under border czar HARRIS, and the whereabouts of 50 of these individuals are still unknown. In

fiscal year 2024, there have been a record-breaking 31,000 Chinese nationals encountered at the southwest border.

Perhaps the worst stat of them all: We have lived through 39 months where the total encounters have been higher than even the highest month seen under President Trump. This is a really simple vote. If you are okay with those results, go ahead and vote "no." If you think border czar HARRIS has failed the American people, vote "yes." It is really that simple.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this rule, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Pennsylvania for yielding me the customary 30 minutes, and I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Before I even get into my speech, the gentleman referred to Axios as this mainstream publication that referred to the Vice President as the border czar. I think he might have missed the correction that Axios issued. An editor's note here said: This article has been updated and clarified to note that Axios was among the news outlets that incorrectly labeled HARRIS a border czar in 2021.

I am happy to pass on the correction. Again, for the record, I think my Republican friend should stick to the facts.

Honestly, Mr. Speaker, I have to say I don't think we should even be spending a single second on this debate because this resolution is a total and complete insult to this institution.

This all started with an emergency meeting, an emergency meeting in the Rules Committee last night. An emergency. Drop everything and come to the Rules Committee. What did the Republicans bring up? Not legislation to help working Americans, not a bill to ensure the safety of our communities, not something to actually secure the southern border or fix our broken immigration system. No, no, no, none of that. They called an emergency meeting to attack Vice President HARRIS. That is the emergency.

They want to hold a Trump rally here in the Capitol Building. They are weaponizing Congress and using our time to produce a political attack ad. Let's set the record straight. This resolution originally called Vice President HARRIS Biden's border czar. Not because that was her title, but because of a lie that MAGA media outlets just made up.

The Vice President was never put in charge of the border. She was given a diplomatic role to focus on resolving some of the long-term, big-picture root causes of immigration crisis. Her job was to help give migrants options in their home countries so that fewer of them would make the journey north. Guess what? She delivered. There were

\$5.2 billion in private sector commitments that will give people jobs, opportunity, and hope in their home countries. That is what leadership looks like. That is what action looks like.

Do you know what happened? Illegal border crossings just hit a 3-year low in June, Mr. Speaker. Let me repeat that. Illegal border crossings currently are way down, but that is not what you will hear from the other side today. They are going to twist themselves into knots blaming everything on KAMALA HARRIS.

However, their blame game just highlights what is going on here. Republicans don't care about fixing our immigration system. They had a chance to do something, and they blocked bipartisan progress for their own political gain. On day one in office, President Biden and Vice President HARRIS put forth a plan to create a fair and just immigration system. Republicans refused to act.

President Biden and Vice President HARRIS then worked across the aisle to put together a historic bipartisan immigration bill. Trump told Republicans to kill it, and they did. They want a crisis at the border because it helps them with their political messaging.

What do they bring to the floor instead? They bring a pointless, useless, nonbinding resolution. It has all the legislative authority of a FOX News sound bite or a Trump Truth Social rant.

We know how this is going to go. The other side is going to rant and rave about numbers. They will tell very sad stories about families that have been impacted by our broken immigration system, stories that, honestly, do break my heart. However, what Republicans will not do is actually do anything about it.

This meaningless, feckless, slanderous resolution won't help a single grieving family. It won't do a single thing to make Americans safer. Nothing. It won't strengthen our border. It won't create a better immigration system. It is just a chance for House Republicans to bash someone that they are afraid of.

They are melting down over KAMALA HARRIS. I mean, they have completely lost their minds since she became the Democratic Party's presumptive nominee. They are scared. They are scared, Mr. Speaker, because she offers America something that Donald Trump could never. She offers decency, unity, and hope. I get it. I get it. Republicans are scared of the excitement surrounding her candidacy. Maybe they are afraid their nominee is too boring or won't be able to keep up. After all, he is the oldest Presidential nominee in our Nation's history. Maybe they are afraid they are going to lose.

You would think they would focus on actually passing something meaningful. They have canceled Congress next week because they are too incompetent to even pass their own appropriations bills. Three of the four funding bills

were pulled this week because Republicans didn't have the votes. It really is sad because the United States Congress should be a place where we advance legislation that actually helps people, but because House Republicans are incapable of doing that, they are rallying behind this do-nothing, pathetic, purely political resolution.

Mr. Speaker, they should be embarrassed. This resolution is beneath the dignity of this institution, and they should be ashamed of themselves.

I reserve the balance of my time.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. FEENSTRA). The Chair reminds Members to refrain from engaging in personalities toward nominees for the Office of the President.

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

Mr. Speaker, if you want to talk about being ashamed, let's talk about who should be ashamed. It is Biden and HARRIS. They have been a complete disaster, especially with the southern border.

Excuse me for being so audacious as to bring facts and figures to a debate, but I guess I have to apologize for bringing more facts and figures to a debate. Let's go through a few of them.

The Biden-Harris administration has failed to remove 99.7 percent of illegal immigrants released in the United States. Here is another stat: In June, there were 130,419 illegal immigrant encounters at our southern border. This is roughly 4,300 daily encounters, which is—wait for this—four times more than the definition of a crisis that was set by Obama's own DHS Secretary Johnson, who said in 2019 that more than 1,000 encounters a day would overwhelm the system. That was President Obama's DHS Secretary.

Do you want to talk about more facts and figures? In May 2024, Committee on Homeland Security Republicans released documents showing the Biden administration—wait for this—secretly flew over 400,000 illegal immigrants into our country.

HARRIS still has visited our southern border only once since she became border czar. It took her a total of 93 days to make a token trip to El Paso, which is 800 miles from the sector experiencing the worst numbers.

Then, in an interview with NBC's Lester Holt, HARRIS was asked: Do you have any plans to visit the border?

She replied: At some point, we are going to the border. Then, she said: We have been to the border.

Lester Holt replied: You haven't been to the border.

HARRIS replied: And I haven't been to Europe.

You just can't make this stuff up.

Then, former Border Patrol Chief Ortiz stated: "I have never had one conversation with the President or the Vice President, for that matter. I was the chief of the Border Patrol. I com-

manded 21,000 people. That is a problem."

Current Border Chief Owens felt her absence, as well, reporting that the VP has not spoken with him since she was appointed in July 2023.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. BURGESS), the chairman of the Rules Committee.

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, honestly, I keep hearing the term "MAGA" used by the other side. I am referred to as MAGA. You keep saying that word. I don't think you know what it means. It is an acronym that stands for Make America Great Again. I don't know why anyone would take offense to that. If anything, it is something that should bring us all pride.

The nickname "czar" is shorthand that has been used by the media. It is not new. This goes back to the administration of Franklin Roosevelt.

I think the point that many of us would like to make is that it is no secret that the mainstream media is basically a mouthpiece for the Democratic Party. It has been for years.

It is ironic that today suddenly the mainstream media has decided the use of the term "czar," which they threw around freely during the Obama administration, threw around freely earlier in this administration, now that term is one that, well, they used it inappropriately.

I will help the ranking member. I brought the Axios quote that he referenced because now, this morning, magically they say they were wrong 3 years ago when we referred to Vice President HARRIS as a czar.

Again, the term has been used under Truman, Eisenhower, Johnson, Nixon, Ford, Carter, Reagan, George H.W. Bush, Clinton, George W. Bush, President Obama, and twice under President Trump.

Who can forget the famous car czar, Steven Rattner? Who can forget the healthcare czar in the Obama administration, Nancy DeParle?

These terms were used as an effort to elevate someone's status. They were working in the White House on a particular issue. They had never gone through Senate confirmation.

Vice President HARRIS was appointed by President Biden to fix the crisis at the border, and my constituents in Texas have witnessed firsthand that the situation on the border is not fixed. Communities are constantly being flooded by illegal immigrants. This leads to the flow of drugs and the rise of crime.

Now, because she is the presumptive nominee for President, to protect her campaign, the leftist media is trying to change the story and mislead the American people. Republicans are being accused of fabricating the title, yet those same media outlets that were proclaiming her the border czar are now claiming that this was falsely reported by their news outlets, that this was falsely reported 3 years ago.

Regardless of how the minority wants to describe her, she was tasked

with managing the border. On her watch, well over 9 million illegal immigrant encounters occurred. Illegal immigrants who evaded capture are well over 2 million. American lives have been lost as a result of the Vice President's failure of her principal task of defending the border.

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

Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the President or Vice President.

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

Mr. Speaker, you can't make this stuff up. First of all, let me set the record straight.

The original version of this resolution said that President Biden asked Vice President KAMALA HARRIS to serve as the administration's border czar, which he did not do. Someone made it up, I think. I don't know.

After my colleagues and I pointed out that fact, the gentleman from Pennsylvania and the Republican side of the committee scrambled to try to find a shred of proof that, in fact, Biden actually appointed her as a border czar, and they couldn't find anything.

So, they made a frantic last-minute change to now say that Vice President HARRIS "came to be known colloquially as the Biden administration's border czar."

I mean, we caught you, but come on. This would be comical if it weren't such a monumental waste of time and taxpayer dollars, and all for a resolution that does absolutely nothing.

The gentleman from Pennsylvania went on a big rant, throwing around all kinds of numbers and identifying all kinds of problems we are faced with, and I am trying to figure out where in this four-page resolution there is anything that would do anything to solve any of the issues that he raised. There is nothing.

This is a nonbinding resolution. This will never become law. This doesn't even go to the Senate. This is like voting on a press release. I mean, what a colossal waste of time.

My Republican friends love to complain, but they don't like to do anything to fix anything, and this is the latest example. What a waste of time for this institution to have to concern itself with a glorified press release.

Mr. Speaker, I am going to ask unanimous consent to include in the RECORD an article from Scripps News titled: "No, VP Kamala Harris was never named 'border czar.'"

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

There was no objection.

NO, VP KAMALA HARRIS WAS NEVER NAMED 'BORDER CZAR'

[From Scripps News San Diego, 11:27 am, July 22, 2024]

President Biden tasked Harris to address the root causes of migration, not border security.

Within months of taking office in 2021, Vice President Kamala Harris was assigned a difficult task concerning the U.S. southern border, checking in with Central American governments to address the root causes of immigration problems in the United States.

The Trump campaign has already labeled that effort a failure, while Democrats blame the other side.

The assignment for Harris was to focus on what was happening south of the border—in the countries where migrants are originating. She was never actually named a "border czar," a moniker coined by Republicans.

"I've asked the vice president of the United States yesterday to be the lead person on dealing with focusing on the fundamental reasons why people leave Honduras, Guatemala, and El Salvador in the first place," Biden said in 2021.

House Speaker Mike Johnson used the term "czar" when calling her completely inept on Sunday. Other Republicans have followed suit.

Harris traveled to Mexico and Guatemala in June 2021, and in her remarks, focused on economic instability, violence and corruption, telling migrants the border is not open.

"The goal of our work is to help Guatemalans find hope at home," Harris said at the time. "At the same time, I want to be clear to folks in this region who are thinking about making the dangerous trek to the United States-Mexico border: Do not come. Do not come."

Meanwhile, Harris faced sharp criticism for not going to the border itself and bristled when pressed in an NBC News interview why she had not been to the border.

Just weeks after the NBC interview, Harris visited the southern border, again telling migrants to not come.

In El Paso, she toured Border Patrol Facilities and met with groups that help migrants. Again, her focus was on what causes people to come to the U.S. in the first place. She largely left enforcement of border security to Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas.

Over the next two years, the vice president secured more than \$5 billion to address the root causes of migration out of Central America. Nearly \$1 billion was targeted to the Central American Forward initiative, developing jobs and women's empowerment programs.

The Biden administration has deported or expelled nearly 4.5 million people, the most for any single president since George W. Bush, according to federal data.

Harris has agreed with criticism that the U.S. immigration system is "broken," saying in March the U.S. needs to fix it. But she points the blame at Senate Republicans pushed by former President Donald Trump to extinguish a bipartisan border security deal. Harris claimed Trump would prefer to run on a problem than to fix it.

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I request unanimous consent to include in the RECORD a Time magazine article titled: "Kamala Harris Was Never Biden's 'Border Czar.' Here's What She Really Did."

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

There was no objection.

[From TIME Magazine, July 23, 2024]

KAMALA HARRIS WAS NEVER BIDEN'S 'BORDER CZAR.' HERE'S WHAT SHE REALLY DID

(By Vera Bergengruen)

On her first foreign trip as Vice President in June 2021, Kamala Harris was tasked with

delivering a blunt message in Guatemala City. "I want to be clear to folks in this region who are thinking about making that dangerous trek to the United States-Mexico border: Do not come," she said at a press conference, pausing for effect. "Do not come."

Three years later, that sound bite may come to haunt Harris' nascent presidential campaign. Despite her warning, border crossings reached historic highs during the Biden Administration. Republican critics cast the episode as a symbol of Harris' ineffective tenure as President Biden's "border czar," a misleading label they applied after she was charged with helming diplomatic efforts to address the root causes of migration from Central America to the U.S.

Kamala Harris had one job," Nikki Haley told the crowd at the Republican National Convention in Milwaukee last week. "One job. And that was to fix the border. Now imagine her in charge of the entire country."

In fact, Harris was never put in charge of the border or immigration policy. Nor was she involved in overseeing law enforcement efforts or guiding the federal response to the crisis. Her mandate was much narrower: to focus on examining and improving the underlying conditions in the Northern Triangle of Central America—El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras—which has been racked by decades of poverty, war, chronic violence, and political instability. The strategy relied on allocating billions for economic programs and stimulating private-sector investment in the region in hopes that these programs would ultimately lead fewer migrants to make the dangerous journey north.

It was the first high-profile assignment in Harris' tenure as Vice President, and it was an especially thankless one. At best, addressing the "push factors" that spur migration would lead to incremental improvements and take a generation to yield results. At worst, it would make Harris the face of the border crisis, one of the Biden administration's biggest political vulnerabilities. "To the extent that this was a useful assignment, she did reasonably well in getting the private sector to invest in Central America, says Muzaffar Chishti, a senior fellow at the nonpartisan Migration Policy Institute. "But it was an assignment that could not produce results anytime soon."

The so-called "root causes strategy" focused on improving economic and security conditions by creating jobs, combating corruption, improving human and labor rights, and reducing violence. Harris allocated funds for humanitarian relief from natural disasters, and directed more than 10 million COVID-19 vaccines to the Northern Triangle countries. She held bilateral meetings with the region's leaders, as well as meetings with NGOs, business executives and human rights advocates. She worked with the U.S. Justice Department to launch an AntiCorruption task force focused on prosecuting corruption cases with ties to the region, as well as Anti-Migrant Smuggling task forces in Mexico and Guatemala.

Most importantly, Harris spearheaded a public-private partnership that, as of March 2024, had secured commitments from major U.S. and multi-national companies to invest more than \$5 billion in the region. The Vice President "put her name on the line with very serious senior CEOs and kind of created a brand appeal for Central America that didn't exist," says Ricardo Zúñiga, who until recently served as the U.S. special envoy to Central America.

Harris also spent time in Washington communicating with regional leaders. One tangible result, according to two former U.S. officials, was that it gave the U.S. the standing and relationships to help prevent Guatemalan prosecutors from overturning the results of last year's presidential election,

which was won by anti-corruption outsider Bernardo Arévalo. While delayed, the ultimately peaceful transition of power avoided the political instability that Biden Administration officials feared could cause a spike in migration. The U.S. applied public pressure through sanctions and visa restrictions on officials they accused of undermining the democratic process, as well as behind the scenes. Harris's team was directly involved, especially her national security adviser Philip Gordon, who traveled to the region to push for a peaceful democratic transfer of power, according to the two former U.S. officials.

But the narrow mandate given to Harris ignored shifting migration patterns, experts say. The slow process of addressing the "push factors," or reasons that migrants leave their countries, says Chisthi, can't compete with the "pull factors"—the economic and safety incentives that draw people to the U.S. When Biden assumed office, officials thought Central America would continue to be the epicenter of migration pressure. "We were wrong," says Zuniga. After the initial surge, migration from the Northern Triangle largely stabilized. By December 2023, 54 percent of encounters at the southern border involved citizens of countries other than Mexico, Guatemala, El Salvador and Honduras, according to U.S. Customs and Border Protection data.

Much of Harris's work failed to break through back home. Instead, she became the target of Republican broadsides about the border crisis and was repeatedly criticized for not visiting the U.S.-Mexico border. "She's dealing with a narrative problem," says Zuniga. With immigration topping the list of Americans' concerns, according to recent Gallup polls, an ongoing humanitarian crisis at the border, and political deadlock on immigration reform and funding, Harris emerged as the most visible scapegoat.

As they shift their focus from Biden to Harris, it's clear that Republicans plan to attack Harris's role on immigration issues. "The border crisis is a Kamala Harris crisis," former President Trump's running mate, Ohio Sen. JD Vance, declared at a July 22 rally. A recent National Republican Senatorial Committee memo outlining talking points calls her "the architect of [Biden's] biggest failure." In a post on Truth Social on July 23, Trump said her "incompetence gave us the WORST and MOST DANGEROUS Border anywhere in the World." Texas Gov. Greg Abbott, a Republican, said if Harris is elected, he will "need to triple the border wall, razor wire barriers and National Guard on the border."

Harris has a broader record on immigration, including backing a bipartisan border-security deal aimed at reducing border crossings earlier this year. As a Senator, she was an outspoken advocate of legal protections for DACA recipients, made headlines for aggressively questioning Trump immigration officials, and derided the then-President's border wall as a "medieval vanity project." But it's clear the "border czar" label has become a political liability.

Some Harris allies have expressed frustration with Biden for putting her in this position. In doing so, he was repeating a familiar pattern—it was a portfolio Biden himself was given as Vice President. In 2014, when a surge in children and families from Central America overwhelmed the U.S. immigration system, then-President Barack Obama tasked him with leading the international response to the crisis. "The solution to this problem is to address the root causes of this immigration in the first place," Biden said on a trip to Guatemala City that summer. "Especially poverty, insecurity and the lack of the rule of law."

Seven years later, little had changed when Harris gave the same speech, in the same place. Politically, "the problem is that no one cares about the root causes," says Chisthi. "It's too abstract. And frankly, very little can be done about them in the short run, while the public is focused on what is happening with the border today."

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to include in the RECORD a July 17, 2024, article from The New York Times titled: "Why Republicans Keep Calling Kamala Harris the 'Border Czar.'"

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

There was no objection.

NEW YORK TIMES: WHY REPUBLICANS KEEP CALLING KAMALA HARRIS THE 'BORDER CZAR' (By Jazmine Ulloa and Nicholas Nehamas)

As Democrats tangle over the re-election prospects of President Biden, Republicans at their national convention this week have trained some of their most intense criticism on Vice President Kamala Harris.

They have tied her to an administration that they say has led to increases in crime and inflation. They have cast her an enabler of an aging and ineffective president. They have blamed her for record levels of migrant crossings at the border.

But perhaps no phrase has been deployed more than this one: "border czar."

"Kamala Harris isn't able to do any job. She was appointed border czar," said Representative Matt Gaetz of Florida on Wednesday to a couple of snickers in the audience. "Appointing Kamala Harris to oversee the border is like appointing Bernie Madoff to oversee your retirement plan."

But Ms. Harris was not, in fact, appointed border czar, nor was she tasked with addressing the broader problems plaguing the border itself, where minors have at times slept on the floors of overcrowded facilities for days beyond the legal limit. Rather she was deputized by President Biden with the diplomatic mission of solving the "root causes" of migration from countries like Guatemala, El Salvador and Honduras, tackling the issues that spur people to flee in the first place, like drug violence and lack of economic opportunity.

It was the same politically unsavory task that former President Barack Obama delegated to Mr. Biden when he served as Mr. Obama's vice president. And it's a task that has only become harder—and more politically polarized—since then, becoming perhaps the thorniest issue facing the Biden-Harris administration.

Brian Fallon, campaign spokesman for Ms. Harris, said former President Donald J. Trump and his party have "resorted to lying about the vice president's record," after Mr. Trump tanked a bipartisan border deal earlier this year.

"As a former district attorney and attorney general, she has stood up to fraudsters and felons like Trump her entire career," he said. "Trump's lies won't stop her from continuing to prosecute the case against him on the biggest issues in this race."

But attacking Ms. Harris serves several functions, Republican and Democratic strategists said. Republicans see her as a possible alternative to lead the Democratic ticket if Mr. Biden steps aside, with his campaign under pressure over concerns about his re-election bid. And if that does not happen, as Mr. Biden has vowed to stay in the race, she remains a powerful figure with the potential to energize the parts of the coalition seen as up for grabs: women, young people and voters of color.

Some speakers like Nikki Haley, Mr. Trump's one-time presidential rival, have long sought to convince Republicans that a vote for Mr. Biden will be a vote for Ms. Harris, arguing that Mr. Biden is too old to finish his second term even if he is re-elected.

"You never want to miss an opportunity to lay out the case that the Biden-Harris administration has been a disaster," said Dave Carney, a Republican political strategist at the convention.

So the calls of "border czar" from the stage have continued.

On Monday, Bob Unanue, the president of Goya Foods and chairman of the Hispanic Leadership Coalition, insulted Ms. Harris by riffing on the pronunciation of her name in Spanish to denigrate her as ineffective. "Our border czar, 'Que-mala' Harris—that means 'so bad'—and we have enough bad, we need some goodness—was missing in action," he said.

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, contrary to what the gentleman keeps saying, the idea that KAMALA HARRIS is the border czar was invented by right-wing media.

Let me read to you from the article I just inserted: "Ms. Harris was not, in fact, appointed border czar, nor was she tasked with addressing the broader problems plaguing the border itself."

It goes on to say: "Rather, she was deputized by President Biden with the diplomatic mission of solving the 'root causes' of migration from countries like Guatemala, El Salvador, and Honduras, tackling the issues that spur people to flee in the first place, like drug violence and lack of economic opportunity."

Mr. Speaker, in fact, my Republican colleagues had to change their resolution, as I mentioned, at the last minute in the Rules Committee last night because we caught them. They actually acknowledged, by changing their resolution, that President Biden never, in fact, named Vice President HARRIS the border czar. They changed their resolution to acknowledge the fact that "border czar" is a term that basically they made up.

Mr. Speaker, why are we here? Why are we doing this? We are doing this because they are afraid of the Vice President. She is drawing huge crowds. There is incredible excitement, and they are in a panic. They don't know what to do.

God forbid they bring any legislation to the floor to actually help the American people or help solve any crisis that we are faced with. Instead, a glorified press release comes to the floor so that they can rant and rave, point fingers, yell and scream, and get everybody all up in arms.

The bottom line is that this is like one of the biggest wastes of time that I can recall ever coming to this floor, and we have done a lot of things here under their leadership that I think is a waste of time.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

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

Mr. Speaker, I have seen gaslighting, but I have never seen gaslighting to

this extent. This is quite amazing. Before we get into gaslighting, let's talk about a quick history lesson.

The President that I recall throwing around the term "czar" was President Obama. He had a car czar with the cash for clunkers program. It is kind of funny when you think about it. This is the same President who allowed Russia to invade Crimea. This is the same President who went up to the then-President of Russia, I believe, Dmitry Medvedev, and said: I just need a little flexibility. Tell Vlad I just have to get through this election cycle, and then we can talk.

That President named a czar, and that became part of our lexicon, and now we are being attacked because we are calling HARRIS the border czar.

Axios, as I said before, April 14, 2021, ran an article referring to HARRIS as border czar. Again: "The number of unaccompanied minors crossing the border has reached crisis levels. Harris, appointed by Biden as border czar"—it says that right here in the article—"said she would be looking at the 'root causes' that drive migration."

Now, you can say Axios retracted that. They retracted that 3 years after, when that became politically inconvenient.

The Democrats are now trying to say that HARRIS had nothing to do with the border. Unfortunately for the Democrats, we have a slew of other statements and articles that say that Biden put HARRIS in charge of the border.

Here is Axios again, March 24, 2021. The title of the article is: "Biden puts Harris in charge of border crisis." It doesn't get more clear than that.

Here are remarks by the President when he was at the State Dining Room on March 24, 2021. This is Biden talking about HARRIS: "She is the most qualified person to do it—to lead our efforts with Mexico and the Northern Triangle and the countries that help—are going to need help in stemming the movement of so many folks, stemming the migration to our southern border."

Again, that is President Biden telling people at a state dinner that he is putting HARRIS in charge of the border.

Here is another AP article, titled: "Biden taps VP Harris to lead response to border challenges."

You can quibble about names, if she was called the border czar, which is popular in our lexicon, or if she was called whatever. The fact remains the President put the Vice President in charge of managing the border crisis, and it has been an abysmal failure.

The stats speak for themselves. I will get to more stats later on in the debate.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 4 minutes to the gentleman from New York (Mr. LANGWORTHY), a fellow member of the Rules Committee.

Mr. LANGWORTHY. Mr. Speaker, hundreds of thousands of Americans die every year from fentanyl. Communities, including many in my own district, have been ripped apart by the scourge of this deadly poison.

I have hosted roundtables with local law enforcement, families of victims, and other advocates all across my district. One thing I have consistently heard is that we need to stop the flow of fentanyl into this country.

Our police officers are struggling to keep up with the constant influx into our communities, and it is killing some of our youngest and brightest citizens.

Every American knows these deadly substances are flooding across our borders, brought to this country by criminals who directly benefit from the Biden-Harris administration's open-border policies. We also can't forget the other Americans who have been assaulted and murdered by illegal immigrants allowed to enter this country.

Laken Riley is dead. Rachel Morin is dead. Others have lost their lives. Even children have been brutally assaulted. Why? So our border czar, KAMALA HARRIS, could score political points with the radical leftwing of her party.

Meanwhile, the State of New York is going bankrupt, spending billions of dollars to pay for housing, benefits, and food for this flood of illegal immigrants being released into the interior of this country.

Again, this is a direct result of the open-border and sanctuary policies of the Democratic Party under Biden-Harris. Vice President HARRIS, the anointed border czar, wholeheartedly supports these policies.

Time and again, she looks into the eyes of the American people who have seen loved ones die of fentanyl overdoses or have been the victims of criminals who were in this country illegally and lies to them. She lectures the American people about the root causes of illegal immigration and pretends that her policies had nothing to do with this historic crisis.

We are not buying it, and the American people won't buy it in November.

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Rather than visit our southern border, she led a junket to Central America to plead and to beg migrants to not come.

It doesn't get more pathetic than begging other countries while paying lip service to Americans who are feeling the real pain of this crisis.

Now, of course, this is entirely consistent with Vice President HARRIS' failed leadership in this administration. The condescension and virtue signaling may play well among the liberal, coastal elites who are now circling the wagons to ensure that she is slammed in there as the Democratic Presidential nominee in August, but the American people see her failures for what they are.

People are suffering. People are dying from this crisis that KAMALA HARRIS and President Biden have created. KAMALA HARRIS deserves full condemnation, and I am glad to see the House take up this resolution.

I am going to sit and wait for the condemnation of the little Democratic

rally that was held for KAMALA HARRIS over at Union Station today.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. MCCLINTOCK). Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the Vice President.

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

I have an opiate problem in my district as well. This is a serious issue.

The gentleman just got on the floor and ranted and raved about the fentanyl problem. While he was going on, I was reading this bill. The word "fentanyl" isn't even mentioned once in this, in this press release that is useless, that does nothing. It doesn't even mention the word "fentanyl." What is going on over here?

Again, the gentleman from Pennsylvania didn't answer my question. Of all the issues he raised here, where in this bill is there funding or solutions to deal with the fentanyl problem or to deal with securing the border or to provide more assistance for our border security?

There is nothing in this. This is useless. It is a press release. This is what we are spending our time on. We could probably come together and maybe figure out some concrete things we can do to save lives, so people don't die from fentanyl. We could probably come together and find some commonality to figure out ways to strengthen our border.

Let me just tell the gentleman one of the reasons why the border is the way it is and the immigration system is so messed up is because Congress has refused to act. Every time we try to get something to the floor, Republicans find a way to derail it.

Give me a break. What a waste of time. This is pathetic.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentlewoman from New Mexico (Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ), a distinguished member of the Rules Committee.

Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ. Mr. Speaker, we had to rush over last night to an emergency Rules Committee meeting to engage in this emergency resolution. This isn't an emergency. It is Republican panic.

House Republicans are afraid of Vice President HARRIS. House Republicans are afraid of the energy and the excitement Vice President HARRIS inspires in Americans. She is a new generation of leader who is bringing us a vision of prosperity and opportunity for all Americans. They are afraid of that vision. They are afraid of the vision because she has been fighting for working families, for unions, and for women who want reproductive freedom.

Vice President HARRIS' vision stands in stark contrast to the vengeful and hateful policies House Republicans and their nominee propose.

Republicans and their nominee want to divide Americans while Vice President HARRIS wants to unite Americans. She wants to make sure she fights for reproductive freedom for women. She will fight to make sure that we have access to contraception, to IVF.

What does the stark vision of the Republicans and their Project 2025 propose? They propose a national abortion ban. They propose restricting women's ability to make their own choices. They propose controlling Americans and controlling women.

Let's talk about immigration, since that is in the title of this. For decades, House Republicans have been the ones who blocked meaningful immigration and border bills. They refuse to participate in bipartisan solutions which we know are necessary for immigration and the border. Congress, we are the ones who must act.

This year, Vice President HARRIS, along with President Biden, Democrats, and Senate Republicans, made a deal on immigration reform and border security. Then former President Trump asked them to kill the border deal, so House Republicans did. They declared it dead on arrival in the House.

House Republicans don't have a real solution for the border because they don't actually want to fix it. If they did, what would they talk about? Everything they propose is dark, and it is always siding with the billionaires and the richest corporations instead of working families.

I am excited by Vice President HARRIS, and it is telling how scared the Republicans are of our nominee for President.

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

To be clear about one thing: I am not afraid of Vice President HARRIS and neither are any of my colleagues. The people who should be most afraid of the Vice President are the American people.

In going back to talk about the southern border, every single day in this country, roughly 300 Americans die of fentanyl overdoses. That would be the equivalent of a commercial jetliner going down every single day, once a day, for the last 4 years. That should scare the American people.

Talking about more things, let's talk about crime under this administration. Americans continue to be the victims of violent crime under the Biden-Harris administration.

According to the Major Cities Chiefs Association's 2022 crime report for urban areas across the country, homicides were up 13 percent since 2020, rapes were up 23.56 percent since 2020, and aggravated assaults were up 33.89 percent since 2020.

In 2022, at least nine cities, seven of which are Democrat run, saw record homicides. 2021 was the deadliest year in two decades for our law enforcement officers.

Just listen to their party leaders, like Vice President HARRIS. She supports defunding the police. She believes it is "wrongheaded" and "outdated" to think police officers make our communities safe.

She wants to give voting rights to murderers, terrorists, rapists, and even inmates that are sitting on death row.

HARRIS wants to abolish ICE which protects our communities from illegal aliens and the crimes they commit. She believes cash bail should be eliminated.

The only time Vice President HARRIS has called for law enforcement to get involved was when Jussie Smollett said men with red MAGA hats were after him. HARRIS called it a modern-day lynching, and of course, this was an absolute hoax that was fabricated by the radical left with the help of no other than Vice President HARRIS.

Americans should be afraid of the policies of the Vice President.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

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

Mr. Speaker, I can tell they are afraid of the Vice President because that is all they want to talk about. They are obsessed.

Real time fact check, Mr. Speaker: This resolution does nothing to help any of the immigration problems that anyone on the other side of the aisle is talking about. There is no money, nothing, no laws, nothing. This is a press release.

I want to correct the record on Vice President HARRIS because what is being repeated on this floor this afternoon is totally divorced from reality.

KAMALA HARRIS has won election after election by inspiring and uniting people. She earned her spot as Vice President the old-fashioned way, through hard work, political courage, and fighting for a better country.

That is why Republicans are afraid of her. I get why they are afraid. I get the contrast isn't great for them right now.

As a prosecutor, KAMALA HARRIS took on perpetrators and put sexual abusers in jail, going after fraudsters who ripped off consumers and cheaters who broke the rules for their own personal gain.

As Attorney General, KAMALA HARRIS won a \$20 billion settlement for people whose homes had been foreclosed on, putting \$20,000 back into the pockets of victims of unethical foreclosures.

KAMALA HARRIS went after for-profit college scammers and forced them to return money to students and veterans that they stole from.

KAMALA HARRIS is fighting nonstop to protect the freedom of women to make their own choice about their own bodies while Republicans want to institute Project 2025 to ban abortion nationwide.

KAMALA HARRIS cast the tie-breaking vote to pass the Inflation Reduction Act that is lowering drug costs for seniors and people with diabetes.

That is exactly why my Republican friends are terrified. They are attacking her in the most vicious, personal, and insulting fashion.

Here are some of the quotes from some of our colleagues in Congress. These aren't rightwing media pundits. These are Members of Congress.

"One hundred percent she was a DEI hire."

"I think she was a DEI hire. And I think that that's what we're seeing."

Another quote: "Democrats . . . have to stick with her because of her ethnic background."

What is this, 1951? I knew they were trying to take us backward, but this is a new low. It is beyond offensive. We all know what this is. We all know what motivates these kinds of comments. I would say it on the floor, but I would probably have my words taken down again. Maybe they think it is easier to silence me than debate me. Maybe they are afraid of the truth.

The truth is that this resolution reeks of desperation. The truth is they want to distract from the Vice President's incredible track record of success, including the fact that she secured \$5.2 billion in private-sector commitments that will go toward addressing the underlying causes of migration that push people to our southern border in the first place.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the Vice President, including by making reference to other sources that would have been out of order if spoken in the Member's own words.

Mr. RESCHENTHALER. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume. Let me just get this straight. By the minority's logic, because Republicans are talking about Vice President HARRIS, we are somehow afraid of Vice President HARRIS. That is quite amazing because, for the last 8 years, they have been talking about President Trump. Let the American people decide who is afraid of who.

To the attack that we have done nothing about the southern border, I can give the Democrats some ideas of what to do. How about they can start requesting that the administration go back and repeal the 94 executive orders they issued when they took office which repealed President Trump's executive orders to secure the southern border. That would be a great start. You don't even need congressional action to undo those executive orders.

I have not heard one of my Democratic colleagues call for any of those executive orders to be reversed.

Here is another good idea: H.R. 2. This Chamber passed H.R. 2. It was the first border security bill that was passed in this Chamber, I believe, since the mid-nineties. That was a great bill. It ended catch and release. It reinstated remain in Mexico. It required that this administration finish the border wall. That would definitely halt illegal immigration.

That is sitting over in the Senate. Maybe my friends from across the aisle here could ask the other Chamber to run that bill. Just a few ideas.

I love it when I hear my colleagues talking about so-called bans. There are

a few bans that the Vice President is in favor of. Let's go through some of those.

Under President Biden and Vice President HARRIS, the administration has supported bans on the following: gas-powered vehicles, gas stoves, firearms, and LNG exports.

That is not enough for the Vice President. HARRIS wants to go even further than Biden. She supports bans on—this is a great list. It is like it is written by the Babylon Bee or something. She supports bans on red meat, plastic straws, private health insurance, fracking, and gas-powered schoolbuses.

Before you know it, the average American is going to have to show their grocery list to Czar Harris before they go to the grocery store.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

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

I guess the talking points from the NRCC went out, because I think the gentleman just read them to us.

The gentleman talks about H.R. 2. It got 32 votes in the Senate. They killed it. It is dead.

Then he talks about Homeland Security appropriation bills. It wasn't killed in the Senate. My Republican friends in the House killed their own bill in the House. It is dead. It didn't go anywhere. They didn't send it over to the Senate. Give me a break. Oh, my goodness.

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What are we left with?

A nonbinding resolution, a non-binding resolution that does nothing. That is the big plan, a press release. Oh—well, I am not going to say that because I will get my words taken down.

Anyway, Mr. Speaker, I want to urge that we defeat the previous question. If we do, I will offer an amendment to the rule to bring up H.R. 16, the American Dream and Promise Act of 2023.

Mr. Speaker, the bipartisan American Dream and Promise Act provides a pathway to citizenship for people who only know America as their home. They contribute to society as taxpayers, small business owners, educators, and more. Dreamers were brought to the United States as children through no fault of their own. It is past time to open the doors and empower these talented individuals by granting them access to citizenship that they rightfully deserve.

Mr. Speaker, let me be clear. There is a lot of work that needs to be done to fix our broken immigration system and secure our border. H.R. 16 won't solve every issue, but it will address a longstanding one in our failing immigration system. It is the right thing to do, and it has the added benefit of being a bill that actually does something as compared to the resolution that we are dealing with right now.

Instead of considering the do-nothing Republican nonbinding resolution be-

fore us, which is nothing but an RNC press release, and a bad one at that, let's consider actual legislation to start fixing these issues. Let's bring up H.R. 16.

Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to insert the text of my amendment into the RECORD, along with any extraneous material, immediately prior to the vote on the previous question.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. MCGOVERN. To discuss our proposal, I yield 2 minutes to the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. GARCIA).

Ms. GARCIA of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to urge my colleagues to defeat the previous question and support the American Dream and Promise Act.

Here we are again, wasting our time on yet another border resolution that does nothing, nada, to secure our border, reform our broken immigration system, or provide relief to the undocumented community.

This time, however, it is a little different twist because they are targeting Vice President KAMALA HARRIS for political gain. They are spewing lies that she is Biden's border czar. Trust me, if she had been given that position, it would be border czarina, because this is all a lie. It is false, period.

She was tasked with leading diplomatic efforts in Guatemala, Honduras, and El Salvador to reduce migration from those countries. That is what she was tasked to do.

Vice President HARRIS secured billions in private-sector investments to promote democracy and economic opportunity in those countries, and we have seen huge improvements. The numbers don't lie. In 2023, migrants from Guatemala, Honduras, and El Salvador only made 22 percent of all border crossings, down from 41 percent in 2021. That is a huge improvement.

However, Republicans don't care about facts. They would rather make up lies and get ready for the campaign rhetoric. They want to spew lies plain and simple for political gain. The reality is that if they were serious about border security and fixing our immigration system, then here is an idea, they would work with Democrats.

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

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I yield an additional 1 minute to the gentlewoman.

Ms. GARCIA of Texas. We have several solutions that we have put forward, including my bill, the American Dream and Promise Act, which would finally provide Dreamers, TPS recipients, and DED beneficiaries with a pathway to citizenship.

Not only is my bill bipartisan and popular with my colleagues, 207 of whom were cosponsors, but it is popular with the American people. Poll after poll shows that upwards of 70 percent of Americans support permanent

solutions for Dreamers because Americans support Dreamers and Dreamers support America. They know that their home is here. They rose to the challenge during the pandemic and served as doctors, nurses, and teachers. They are serving in our military and protecting our communities as law enforcement officers and firefighters.

The American Dream and Promise Act is a real commonsense solution and not a rhetoric bill. It is not a MAGA waste of time. Enough of this "pendejada," "foolishness," BS, and garbage. Let's move forward.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to defeat the previous question and instead support the American Dream and Promise Act, a real solution to provide relief to real people supported by Americans.

Mr. RESCHENTHALER. Mr. Speaker, I have no further speakers, I am prepared to close, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, may I inquire how much time I have remaining.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Massachusetts has 7 minutes remaining. The gentleman from Pennsylvania has 10 minutes remaining.

Mr. MCGOVERN. I yield myself the remainder of my time, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, this is the sixth time House Republicans want us to vote on nearly the exact same do-nothing border resolution. The only difference is that this time they have slapped Vice President HARRIS' name on it because she is running against Donald Trump.

Republicans are using official government resources to settle their political scores.

Isn't it wrong to use taxpayer money for a campaign rally?

Has anyone checked with the Federal Election Commission to see if this is even allowed?

Mr. Speaker, they are using your taxpayer money to turn this place into a testing ground for RNC attack ads.

My Republican colleagues should be embarrassed by this. All they talk about is their precious H.R. 2 and Homeland Security bills.

News flash: H.R. 2 is hot garbage. It is a horrible bill that only earned 32 votes in the Senate. Even Republicans in the Senate knew it was a bad bill.

They keep saying H.R. 2 is the solution, but they don't even have the votes on their side to get it to the President.

Moreover, let's not get started on their Homeland Security funding bills. Those bills never even made it to the Senate because they didn't send them over.

The solution is to pass a bipartisan bill, but they are worried if they pass one, it actually might work. It might secure the border, and then they won't have anything to campaign on.

At the end of the day, this is all about the fact that they have no vision, only division; no ideas, only attack ads; no plans, only meaningless

resolutions that do nothing and are not worth the paper that they are printed on.

Contrast that with KAMALA HARRIS and Democrats in terms of what we are offering, and what we are offering are real solutions, real action, and a future that guarantees every American has an opportunity to succeed.

We aren't afraid to work across the aisle to get things done for this country. Republicans offer nothing but anger, fear, and petty name-calling.

What a joke. Honestly, Mr. Speaker, if anyone thinks this resolution is a good idea, I think they might be in a cult. Get out of here with this nonsense. Go back to worshipping a convicted felon, and let us run this place like adults.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair would remind Members to refrain from engaging in personalities toward nominees for the Office of the President.

Mr. RESCHENTHALER. Mr. Speaker, I am prepared to close, and I yield myself the balance of my time.

Mr. Speaker, if you want to talk about division, I have got a whole list of divisive quotes from my friends across the aisle.

It starts at the very top. Just days before what happened in Pennsylvania, President Biden said that we need to put a bull's-eye on President Trump. That was President Biden.

Former Speaker PELOSI said: "You have to be ready to take a punch. And therefore you have to be ready to throw a punch—for the children."

Senator JON TESTER: "I don't think, even States where Donald Trump won big, that it does you any good running away from Donald Trump. I think you need to go back and punch him in the face."

That was a quote from JON TESTER.

Here is Joe Biden again: "I said if I were in high school, I would take him behind the gym and beat the hell out of him."

Congresswoman MAXINE WATERS said this: "And with this kind of inspiration, I will go and take out Trump tonight."

For the Vice President, she too is engaged in some divisive rhetoric. When asked in April 2018: If you had to be stuck in an elevator with either President Trump, Mike Pence, or Jeff Sessions, who would it be?

Do you know how the Vice President responded?

She said: Does one of us have to come out alive?

Save me the rhetoric on divisiveness. I think the American people know where the divisive language is coming from.

Let's go back to the Vice President and her role as border czar, at least that is what the media was calling her up until about 3 days ago.

When HARRIS was tasked to be border czar, she promised to "undo" President

Trump's border policies. Unfortunately for the American people, she made good on that promise.

The Biden-Harris administration has referred to the influx of illegals as newcomers. That was their word, "new-comers," not illegal immigrants.

She has called for the decriminalization of illegal border crossings. Border czar HARRIS has even supported free healthcare and mass amnesty for illegal immigrants.

The question is: Who pays the price for this incompetence?

That answer is simple. That is the American people.

The border crisis has cost the United States approximately \$150.7 billion every single year. That is over \$1,100 per year per every American taxpayer.

In southwestern Pennsylvania, my congressional district, we are one of the epicenters of the opioid crisis. Since the passage of H.R. 2, over 17,000 pounds of fentanyl had been seized at the southern border. To get your head around how much that actually is, Mr. Speaker, that is enough fentanyl to kill over 3.8 billion people.

Nearly 15 Pennsylvanians die from drug overdoses every single day. As I said earlier in the debate, in the United States, roughly 300 Americans every single day die of a fentanyl overdose.

We have also heard horror stories like the murder of Laken Riley. Laken was a 22-year-old from Georgia who was killed by an illegal immigrant from Venezuela.

Another American, Rachel Morin of Maryland, was a mother of five. She was raped and brutally murdered by an illegal from El Salvador.

Her brother, Michael, stated after her death: "Joe Biden and his designated border czar KAMALA HARRIS opened our borders to him and others like him empowering them to victimize the innocent." Yet to this day, we have not heard from Joe Biden or KAMALA HARRIS. They never apologized.

These brutal deaths are a direct result of border czar HARRIS' inaction and failed policies. That is why this week House Republicans will rightfully condemn the Biden-Harris administration for their epic failure at the southern border. House Democrats, well, they will stand over there and continue to support and stand by the border czar, Vice President HARRIS, since they are complicit partners in this man-made disaster at our southern border. This disaster has impacted every community in our Nation.

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

AN AMENDMENT TO H. RES. 1376 OFFERED BY
MR. MCGOVERN OF MASSACHUSETTS

At the end of the resolution, add the following:

SEC. 2. Immediately upon adoption of this resolution, the House shall proceed to the consideration in the House of the bill (H.R. 16) to authorize the cancellation of removal and adjustment of status of certain aliens, and for other purposes. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. The bill shall be considered as read. All

points of order against provisions in the bill are waived. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill and on any amendment thereto, to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary or their respective designees; and (2) one motion to recommend.

SEC. 3. Clause 1(c) of rule XIX shall not apply to the consideration of H.R. 16.

Mr. RESCHENTHALER. 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 will be 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 6 o'clock and 42 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. FERGUSON) at 8 o'clock and 46 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 1376;

Adoption of House Resolution 1376, if ordered; and

The motion to suspend the rules with respect to H. Res. 1367.

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.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H. RES. 1371, STRONGLY CONDEMNING THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION AND ITS BORDER CZAR, KAMALA HARRIS'S, FAILURE TO SECURE THE UNITED STATES BORDER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the vote on ordering