

party, to force a floor vote on the Women's Health Protection Act, which would make Roe the law of the land.

I am thankful for the work of the Healey administration in my home State to protect Massachusetts residents' healthcare, but I will not stop fighting until women across the country have the same protections to access safe and effective reproductive healthcare.

FARM BILL IMPACT SERIES

(Mr. MANN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. MANN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to deliver the 21st installment of my farm bill impact series to highlight the tireless work of Kansas wheat farmers. Kansas is known as the wheat State, and our State's wheat farmers are feeding the world with their lifesaving commodity. With more than 15,000 wheat farms across the State and 5 million acres of wheat in the Big First District alone, our State leads the Nation in wheat production.

Wheat harvest is underway in Kansas, which begins in the southern part of our State and moves north over the next few weeks. As we speak, Kansas farmers are working tirelessly in the face of record-breaking drought to produce wheat, which is a staple for families in our country and all over the world. This year's drought and market conditions have caused Kansas producers to abandon the highest number of acres of wheat since World War I. Over the past 5 years, Kansas wheat farmers have harvested an average of 44 bushels per acre, but this year, USDA predicts that farmers will harvest roughly 29 bushels per acre. That is a 35 percent decrease.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Kansas wheat farmers and all our American farmers for working tirelessly to keep our country's food secure and self-determining as a Nation.

ROE V. WADE OVERTURN ANNIVERSARY

(Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today nearly 1 year after Roe v. Wade was overturned to condemn the continued sanctioned assault on women.

In the year since this decision, more women have been prosecuted for their pregnancy outcomes and more laws have been introduced to further criminalize us than ever before.

Is it okay to arrest a woman for having a stillbirth? Is it a crime to assist a pregnant child of rape or incest to get an abortion? Is it reasonable to classify abortion as a homicide? No, but that is where we are now.

A woman can now be prosecuted for the death of her unborn child. It is almost a capital offense to be born a

woman. Given the likelihood that your female child may be raped, have a complicated pregnancy, or just need an abortion, would you want her to be treated like a criminal? No.

Mr. Speaker, women's bodies have suffered endless surveillance and control for long enough. It is time that we stand up and talk about this, and it must end now.

RESCINDING THE UNILATERAL STUDENT LOAN FORGIVENESS EXECUTIVE ACTION

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

Mr. ROSE. Mr. Speaker, time and again, President Biden and congressional Democrats have made the choice to blatantly disregard the dire state of our country's finances.

Even when a few Members of his own party joined Republicans and voted in favor of H.J. Res. 45, which would have rescinded his unilateral student loan forgiveness executive action, the President vetoed it. Now, when given the chance to override the President's veto, radical House Democrats doubled down on their decision to force this taxpayer-funded bailout of student loan borrowers down the throats of hardworking, blue-collar workers who will never see a penny of the \$400 billion in forgiveness.

Mr. Speaker, it is truly a shame, and I express my regret for the millions of Americans who never went to college or responsibly chose to pay off their loans. I stand with them in calling out this ridiculous, unconstitutional taxpayer-funded bailout.

MAKING GOOD ON OUR PROMISE TO FORGIVE STUDENT LOAN DEBT

(Mr. KHANNA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. KHANNA. Mr. Speaker, there are 45 million Americans waiting on the Supreme Court decision to see if their student loans will be forgiven.

Let me be clear: We cannot continue the resolution of student loan payments until we make good on our promise to forgive them. If students are having to pay student loans in September, they will then have less money to spend, and it will hurt us and possibly drive us into a recession.

Under the Higher Education Act, the President has the authority, and he should exercise that authority to make sure students aren't repaying their loans come this September, regardless of what the Supreme Court does.

CONGRATULATING LENOIR-RHYNE UNIVERSITY MEN'S LACROSSE

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

Mr. MCHENRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute the Lenoir-Rhyne University's men's lacrosse team for bringing home the NCAA Division II National Championship in an overwhelming 20-5 victory over Mercyhurst College.

Mr. Speaker, 2 years ago, the Bears made their first appearance in the national championship game but came up just short. This time, though, they would not be denied. In fact, this wasn't just one dominating game for the Bears, it was a dominating season. All of North Carolina is proud that Lenoir-Rhyne has brought the national title home to Hickory. I am proud to represent Lenoir-Rhyne here in Washington.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Coach Greg, the Lenoir-Rhyne president, Dr. Whitt, the entire Lenoir-Rhyne community, and the Greater Hickory Metro.

Go Bears.

ESTABLISHING HIGH-SPEED, SECURE TELECOMMUNICATIONS DATA CONNECTION FROM THE AMERICAN SOIL TO THE AFRICAN CONTINENT

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

Ms. PLASKETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to highlight my bill, H.R. 3385, the DiasporaLink Act. This critical piece of legislation would request review of the feasibility of an undersea fiber-optic telecommunications cable established between the United States and Africa linked in the Virgin Islands of the United States.

This bill offers a significant opportunity to deepen economic connections and aid American regional security by establishing high-speed, secure telecommunications data connection from the American soil to the African Continent. The U.S. territory of the Virgin Islands, which is strategically positioned in transit zones to fight transnational crime and protect U.S. national and regional security, will prove to be a mutually advantageous location.

With increased terrorism and Russian, Chinese, and other adversarial nations on the African Continent, U.S. interests, the need for direct linkage is mandatory. The United States undersea cable linked in the Virgin Islands, which is already a hub, is within our national strategic interests.

CONGRATULATING ANGELO STATE UNIVERSITY RAMS BASEBALL TEAM

(Mr. PFLUGER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. PFLUGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 2023 NCAA Division II National Champion Angelo State University Rams baseball team.