

Italy where he was abducted by his pornographer mother.

What is in this morning's newspaper headlines? Supreme Court decides to strike down the Child Pornography Protection Act. This is a clear and present danger to children all over the world.

I am concerned that this decision will allow the manufacture, distribution, and possession of virtual child pornography. We will potentially see a rise in the exploitation of children. Child pornographic material, whether virtual or not, is used to lure and to exploit children. I am concerned about the onerous burden that this is going to place on prosecutors. Prosecutors will now have to prove the identity of the children who are being exploited.

Well, this is a difficult task. The Supreme Court sent a terrible message, one that is terrible to send to the pornographic community that this behavior is okay. We can be sure that the Congressional Caucus on Missing and Exploited Children will do everything within its power to right this wrong and to protect our children from exploitation, and we must bring Ludwig Koons home.

BIPARTISAN DENOUNCEMENT OF UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT DECISION INVOLVING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

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

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, it should be obvious on the floor of the House today that the denouncement of yesterday's decision by the United States Supreme Court is truly bipartisan. As a father of three small children, I do rise to denounce this deplorable decision where the court struck down a 1996 Federal ban on computer-generated child pornography.

The court actually wrote that the law was not sufficiently precise and that the law does not make reference to any crime or the creation of any victims. The promotion and the creation of child pornography by definition creates victims, Mr. Speaker.

I call on my colleagues to move forward expeditiously to right this wrong in the law. While the court has given solace to child pornographers, some protection from the law of man, I would close with reflecting on the law of God to those out there who create this material. The Good Book says that if anyone causes one of these little ones to sin, it would be better for him to have a large millstone hung around his neck and that he would be drowned.

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PASSAGE OF H.R. 476, CHILD CUSTODY PROTECTION ACT

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

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 476, the Child Custody Protection Act. H.R. 476 has two important functions. First, it works to make sure that valid parental notification laws will not be circumvented. Second, it secures the right of a parent to be involved in medical decisions regarding their minor daughters.

I think it is important to note that even abortion rights advocates, such as Planned Parenthood and the National Abortion Federation, all encourage minors to consult their parents before having an abortion. Not only can a parent provide the emotional and physical support that their daughter will need, but a parent also knows their daughter's medical history.

There is also widespread support for parental notification among the American people. A 1998 CBS New York Times poll found that 78 percent of those polled favored requiring parental notification.

I come from a State that requires parental notification. Yet, out-of-State clinics try to circumvent this law. It is not uncommon practice for clinics in New Jersey, a State without parental notification law, to advertise in Pennsylvania phone books. These clinics often go as far as to highlight the fact that they will perform an abortion without parental notification.

The passage of H.R. 476 effectively puts an end to this despicable practice. I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

FOOD STAMP RESTORATION

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

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, the Congressional Hispanic Caucus has been working hard to restore food stamp benefits to hard-working, tax-paying legal residents; I state, to hard-working, tax-paying legal residents. Unfortunately, the House amendment 2846 would leave thousands of legal residents, permanent residents, without food stamps. This amendment would discriminate against permanent legal residents.

This is a real problem for LPRs and their families. Thirty-seven percent of all children of immigrants live in families that cannot afford enough nutrition on a regular basis. Most immigrant families include at least one child that is an American citizen. These children go to school hungry because their parents cannot afford to pay for food stamps or apply for food stamps. How can these kids study and learn and concentrate in the classroom if they do not have enough to eat?

We talk about "leave no child behind." Well, we are about to do that, through this amendment. It is time for us to assure that all legal immigrants are eligible for food stamps. These are

hardworking, legal permanent residents who currently cannot buy food stamps because they are not eligible for assistance under the basic nutritional program.

I urge the President that he must deliver on his promises to the Latino community. We need his leadership and inclusion, not false promises.

CHILD CUSTODY PROTECTION ACT

Mrs. MYRICK. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 388 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 388

Resolved, That upon the adoption of this resolution it shall be in order without intervention of any point of order to consider in the House the bill (H.R. 476) to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit taking minors across State lines in circumvention of laws requiring the involvement of parents in abortion decisions. The bill shall be considered as read for amendment. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) two hours of debate on the bill equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary; and (2) one motion to recommit.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SHIMKUS). The gentlewoman from North Carolina (Mrs. MYRICK) is recognized for 1 hour.

Mrs. MYRICK. Mr. Speaker, for purposes of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to my friend, the gentlewoman from New York (Ms. SLAUGHTER), pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. During the consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for purposes of debate only.

Mr. Speaker, yesterday the Committee on Rules met and granted a closed rule for H.R. 476, the Child Custody Protection Act. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. It provides consideration of H.R. 476 in the House with two hours of debate, equally divided and controlled between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary.

Finally, the rule provides for one motion to recommit, with or without instructions.

Mr. Speaker, the Child Custody Protection Act is important to any parent who has a teenaged daughter. We all hope that our teenaged daughters have the wisdom to avoid pregnancy, but if they make a mistake, a parent is best able to provide advice and counseling. Also, more importantly, the parent knows the child's past medical history.

For these reasons, my home State of North Carolina, along with several other States, requires a parent to know before their child checks into an abortion clinic.

This law is needed because of stories chillingly similar to the story of a Pennsylvania mother and the tragic story of her 13-year-old daughter.