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JUSTICES AFFIRM BIRTHRIGHT CITIZENSHIP; STATES' BANS ON TRANS ATHLETES UPHeld

Ideological Split on Girls' Team Eligibility

By ANN E. MARIMOW
WASHINGTON — A divided Supreme Court on Tuesday upheld two state laws barring the participation of transgender female athletes from girls' and women's sports teams.

The court's 6-to-3 ruling deals with laws from West Virginia and Idaho but has implications for the 25 other states with similar restrictions, and for athletes who compete in school and collegiate sports nationwide.

The Trump administration, which backed the state bans, has targeted the participation of transgender athletes in sports amid a national rollback of rights for transgender people. President Trump directed federal agencies last year to withdraw funding from schools that allow transgender athletes in girls' and women's sports.

The cases attracted intense public interest, with Olympians and other elite athletes watching closely and submitting legal briefs in support of each side. In March, the International Olympic Committee barred transgender athletes from competing in the women's category of the Olympics and said that all participants in those events must undergo genetic testing. The N.C.A.A. announced last year that it would bar trans women from competing in women's sports.

At the Supreme Court, Becky Pepper-Jackson, a high school student from West Virginia, and Lindsay Hecox, a college student in Idaho, challenged their respective states' laws, which both required that participation on sports teams for girls be based on "biological sex," defined as a person's birth sex.

Tuesday's ruling divided the court along ideological lines, with the conservative majority allowing states to determine eligibility for women's and girls' sports based on biological sex.

The Constitution and Title IX "do not require an overhaul of women's and girls' sports throughout America," Justice Brett M. Kavanaugh wrote.

"Allowing a biological male athlete to compete on a girls' team necessarily displaces or disadvantages a female athlete — replacing her out of the starting lineup, Continued on Page A11

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DISSENT

Ruling Lifts Spending Limits on Political Parties and Candidates

By ABBIE VANSICKLE and ADAM LIPTAK

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court lifted limits on Tuesday on how much political parties can spend on advertising and other expenses in coordination with candidates.

The 6-to-3 decision, divided along ideological lines, is a major victory for Republicans and could undercut one of the Democrats' financial advantages going into the midterms.

The question before the justices was whether current federal limits on such spending — called coordinated party expenditures —

violate the First Amendment. During oral arguments, Noel J. Francisco, a lawyer for the National Republican Senatorial Committee, which brought the legal challenge, told the justices that such limits were "at war" with previous decisions by the court that have found that restricting how money can be spent in politics amounts to limiting speech.

Justice Brett M. Kavanaugh, writing for the majority, agreed that the court's campaign finance precedents required it to strike down a law that had established those limits and to overrule a 2001 decision that had upheld the limits.

Justice Kavanaugh wrote that

In Win for G.O.P., Law Curbing Coordination Is Struck Down

Tuesday's decision "treats all political parties equally."

"Whether the Democratic Party, the Republican Party or other parties," he wrote, "all political parties and candidates going forward can compete equally under the same rules regarding coordinated expenditures and can structure their fund-raising, spending and political speech on a

level playing field as they see fit within the law."

In dissent, Justice Elena Kagan wrote that the ruling was a recipe for corruption, allowing donors to skirt contribution caps to candidates. "With no limits on coordinated expenditures," she wrote, "the party can serve as the candidate's checking account."

She said that the upshot of the court's campaign finance decisions was "a legal regime increasingly unable to stop political corruption, and thus to preserve our institutions' democratic legitimacy."

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14th Amendment Cited in a Loss for Trump

By ABBIE VANSICKLE

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court on Tuesday struck down President Trump's executive order limiting birthright citizenship, reaffirming the long-held principle that the Constitution guarantees that nearly all children born on U.S. soil are citizens.

The ruling, which was 6 to 3 to strike down the president's executive order, was a severe blow to a policy pursued by Mr. Trump for more than a decade, to prevent babies born to undocumented immigrants and temporary foreign residents from automatically becoming Americans.

Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr., writing for the majority, explained that Mr. Trump's executive order violated a right enshrined in the 14th Amendment of the Constitution. Children born in the United States to undocumented parents or to parents temporarily in the country, he wrote, are citizens at birth.

"Citizenship, then and now, was the right to have rights — to freely participate in our political community," Chief Justice Roberts wrote. "The framers of the 14th Amendment extended that promise to 'every free-born person in this land.'"

He added: "We keep that promise today."

The chief justice was joined in upholding birthright citizenship by the court's three liberal justices, along with two fellow conservatives, Justices Amy Coney Barrett and Brett M. Kavanaugh. Justice Kavanaugh wrote that he would strike down the executive order based on federal law, not the Constitution.

Mr. Trump followed the case closely, even attending part of the oral arguments in person in April. He was the first sitting president to attend an argument.

In a social media post after the ruling, the president called the Supreme Court's decision "too bad for our Country." He then asserted that he could "easily make it up in Congress through Legislation," and that "no long and unwieldy Constitutional Amendment is necessary." He urged Congress to start immediately to "work on ending expensive and unfair to our Country, Birthright Citizenship."

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Long Absent, Kean Opens Up On Depression

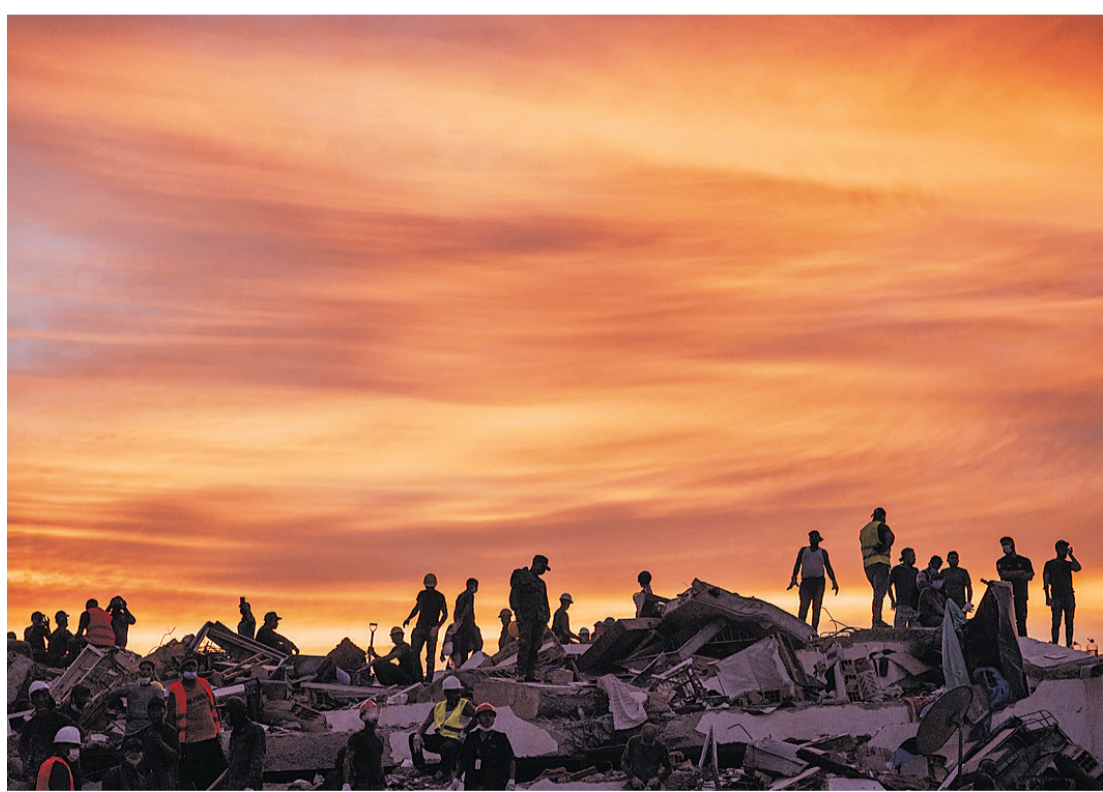
By ANNIE KARNI

WASHINGTON — Representative Thomas H. Kean Jr., the New Jersey Republican who vanished from Congress and the campaign trail in March with almost no explanation, said Tuesday that his long absence had been for a hospitalization to treat depression.

"Several months ago, due to health concerns, I entered the hospital for some testing," he said in a short speech on the House floor during his first day on Capitol Hill since disappearing more than 100 days ago. "I was given the diagnosis of depression."

Mr. Kean added: "Many people think it is feeling sad. It is so much more than that. It is physical, it is emotional, and until you experience it yourself, it is hard to understand "how powerful this illness could be."

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Grim Search in Venezuela

Digging through rubble in La Guaira. Experts fear the official death toll is an undercount. Page A6.

Oman and Iran Appear Closer To Plan for Fees to Use Strait

This article is by Vivian Nereim, Farnaz Fassihi and Erika Solomon.

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia — Iran and U.S.-allied Oman are moving forward with plans to collect payment for ships transiting the Strait of Hormuz, despite public American objections, according to an Iranian official and four diplomats with knowledge of the matter.

If enacted, the plans would be a significant change from the pre-war status in the strategic waterway, underscoring how the American-Israeli decision to attack Iran on Feb. 28 has changed the Middle East in far-reaching and unanticipated ways.

Before the war, the Strait of Hormuz was an international shipping route between Iran and Oman that vessels sailed through free, carrying oil and gas from the Persian Gulf to the rest of the world. During the fighting, Iran effectively blockaded the water-

way, an important choke point for global trade, sending energy prices skyrocketing.

Since then, Iranian officials have repeatedly declared their intentions to monetize the strait.

Oman recently delivered a formal proposal to the United States and other Western allies that outlined a plan in which shipping companies would pay service fees to use the strait, according to the Iranian official and a regional diplomat.

A person familiar with the U.S. position said that American negotiators had received the Omani proposal and had concerns that they intended to discuss with Omani officials. That person and the regional diplomat both said that the proposal mentions voluntary fees, rather than a mandatory toll. The officials and diplomats cited in this article all spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss sensitive diplomacy.

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