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A Seventy-First High School student crosses Raeford Road at the intersection of Graham Road as traffic backs up at the light. Traffic control officers raised concerns during the public forum portion of a City Council meeting June 1 over safety hazards for students. A TCO assigned to Seventy-First High School on Raeford Road, urged officials to install a fence along an intersection that children try to cross without a TCO. ANDREW CRAFT/THE FAYETTEVILLE OBSERVER

Birthright citizenship limits face slim odds

Zachary Schermele
USA TODAY

WASHINGTON — House Speaker Mike Johnson is insisting that congressional Republicans are “looking at all angles” to slap limits on birthright citizenship after the Supreme Court shielded it from President Donald Trump’s order to redefine who is an American.



Johnson

In a July 5 interview on “Fox News Sunday,” the Louisiana Republican said GOP lawmakers in the House of Representatives would move quickly to respond.

“If there’s some legislative fix, we’ll advance that immediately,” Johnson said. “If it’s a constitutional amendment, as you know, it takes a little more time. But we’ve got to address this.”

While that promise certainly isn’t hollow, the chances of Congress intervening in the near future to curb birthright citizenship are very low.

Whatever the options Johnson has, they’re long shots — especially in a mid-term election year, when GOP leaders are dramatically struggling to capitalize on the little time they have left before November.

With ultra-slim Republican margins in the House and Senate, lawmakers are having a tough time completing the basics of legislating. There’s no realistic way for a constitutional amendment

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Crossing guards urge city to fix school zones

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Several school traffic safety concerns raised by Fayetteville traffic control officers last month have already prompted action from city officials, including the installation of a new stop sign near Max

Abbott Middle School and plans to pursue school zone speed cameras.

The officers raised concerns about dangerous conditions in school zones across the city during a public forum at the City Council’s June 1 meeting.

Several crossing guards, who spoke at the meeting, described recurring problems with speeding vehicles, mal-

functioning school zone warning lights and unsafe intersections.

A week after the traffic control officers brought forth their complaints, Police Chief Roberto Bryan addressed several during the City Council’s June 8 meeting. Bryan said many of the

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‘Storytelling through Food’ highlights Lumbee culture

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PEMBROKE — In its first Homecoming celebration since achieving federal recognition this past December after a 140-year fight, the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina focused on food as a way

of bringing tribe members together.

More than 100 community members gathered inside the Pembroke Boys and Girls Club amid blistering heat on July 2 for Lumbee Homecoming’s Storytelling through Food event. Award-winning chef Pyet DeSpain, who married into a

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Pyet DeSpain showcased her recently-published cookbook “Rooted in Fire: A Celebration of Native American and Mexican Cooking” at this year’s Lumbee Homecoming. She hosted a Storytelling through Food event meant to highlight Lumbee culture through traditional cuisine.

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