Biden JOKES about impeachment threats

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- Biden took swipe at Republican impeachment threats during a speech in Maine
- Laughed that GOP wants to investigate him over his economic record
- Mocked warnings, despite evidence he was involved in Hunter's business deals

President <u>Joe Biden</u> laughed at Republicans threatening to impeach him over his alleged involvement in his son Hunter's business deals on Friday by claiming his economic record is a threat to them.

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'Republicans may have to find something else to criticize me for now that <u>inflation</u> is coming down. Maybe they'll try to impeach me because it's coming down.' Biden said at a textile manufacturing plant in Auburn.



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'I don't know. I'd love that one.'

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The president's scandal-hit son now faces more legal jeopardy after prosecutors confirmed he is still being investigated for his foreign deals.

His former business partner Devon Archer is also set to testify in Congress on Monday - behind closed doors - that Joe was part of phone calls when Hunter made lucrative overseas deals.

Republicans on the Ways and Means Committee last month released testimony from an IRS whistleblower saying Hunter invoked his father when he sent a threatening WhatsApp message to a Chinese businessman. House Speaker Kevin McCarthy said this week that an impeachment inquiry is possible - and his GOP colleagues have already expressed support.

But Biden seemed relaxed about the prospects during the speech - and suggested his economic policy worries Republicans.

The White Has has largely ignored the mounting problems for Hunter and evidence Republicans say shows the president is complicit.

They have maintained that Biden was never 'in business' with his son.

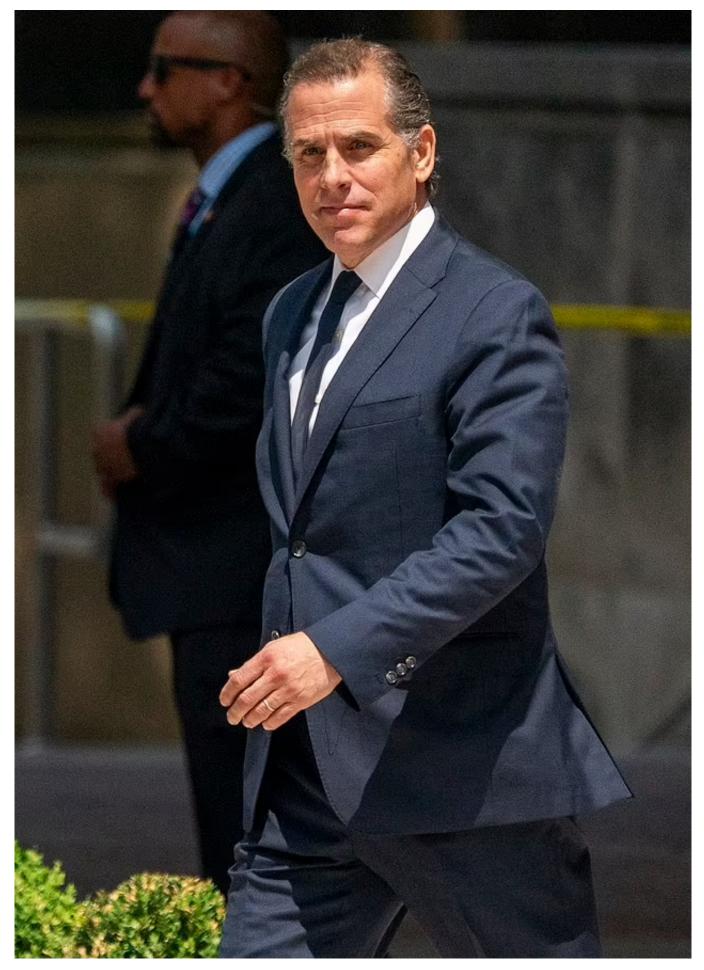
Previously, the president said he never talked to Hunter about the foreign deals.

Instead, Biden's aides have said the administration focuses on the economy.



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'We're not going to get into what House Republicans want to do, may not do, hypotheticals, that's on them,' White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre told reporters on Air Force One en route to Maine earlier Friday.

'What I can speak to is exactly what we're doing today, right? We're going to Maine. We're going to be able to talk about an issue that matters to Americans: investing in America, manufacturing, and bringing good union-paying jobs back to America

Biden was in Maine to sign an executive order encouraging companies to manufacture new inventions in the United States. It was Biden's first trip to the state as president.

'I'm not here to declare victory on the economy. We have more work to do,' Biden said. But 'we have a plan for turning things around. 'Bidenomics' is just another way of saying restoring the American dream.'

Hunter is expected to return to federal court in several weeks to see if a judge will accept a new deal between prosecutors and his legal team.

The first agreement, panned as 'sweetheart', would have prevented him from jail.

But his legal team tore it up when his defense team discovered the terms didn't shield him from future prosecution.