

Brown (MD)	Gutiérrez	Pallone
Brownley (CA)	Hanabusa	Panetta
Bustos	Hastings	Pascarella
Capuano	Heck	Payne
Carbajal	Higgins (NY)	Pelosi
Cárdenas	Himes	Perlmutter
Carson (IN)	Hoyer	Peters
Cartwright	Huffman	Pingree
Castor (FL)	Jackson Lee	Pocan
Castro (TX)	Jayapal	Polis
Chu, Judy	Jeffries	Price (NC)
Cicilline	Johnson (GA)	Quigley
Clark (MA)	Johnson, E. B.	Raskin
Clarke (NY)	Kaptur	Rice (NY)
Clay	Keating	Rosen
Cleaver	Kelly (IL)	Royal-Allard
Clyburn	Kennedy	Ruiz
Cohen	Khanna	Ruppersberger
Connolly	Kihuen	Ryan (OH)
Conyers	Kildee	Sánchez
Cooper	Kilmer	Sarbanes
Correa	Kind	Schakowsky
Costa	Krishnamoorthi	Schiff
Courtney	Kuster (NH)	Schneider
Crist	Langevin	Schrader
Crowley	Larsen (WA)	Scott (VA)
Cuellar	Larson (CT)	Scott, David
Cummings	Lawrence	Serrano
Davis (CA)	Lawson (FL)	Lee
Davis, Danny	Levin	Sewell (AL)
DeFazio	Lewis (GA)	Shea-Porter
DeGette	Lieu, Ted	Sherman
Delaney	Loebssack	Sinema
DeLauro	Lofgren	Sires
DelBene	Lowenthal	Slaughter
Demings	Lowey	Smith (WA)
Dent	Lujan Grisham, M.	Soto
DeSaulnier	Lujan, Ben Ray	Speier
Deutch	Lynch	Suozzi
Dingell	Maloney, Carolyn B.	Swalwell (CA)
Doggett	Maloney, Sean	Takano
Doyle, Michael F.	Matsui	Thompson (CA)
Ellison	McCollum	Thompson (MS)
Engel	McEachin	Titus
Eshoo	McGovern	Tonko
Espaiplat	McNerney	Torres
Esty	Meeks	Tsangas
Evans	Meng	Vargas
Faso	Moore	Veasey
Foster	Moulton	Vela
Frankel (FL)	Murphy (FL)	Velázquez
Fudge	Nadal	Visclosky
Gabbard	Napolitano	Walz
Gallego	Neal	Wasserman
Garamendi	Nolan	Waterson, Maxine
Gonzalez (TX)	Norcross	Watson Coleman
Gottheimer	O'Halleran	Welch
Green, Al	O'Rourke	Wilson (FL)
Green, Gene		Yarmuth

NOT VOTING—12

Amodei	Butterfield	Rush
Barton	Cramer	Stewart
Bass	Curbelo (FL)	Trott
Bishop (GA)	Richmond	Zinke

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). There are 2 minutes remaining.

□ 1527

So the joint resolution was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. CURBELO of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I missed votes due to a family obligation. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea” on rollcall No. 98 and “yea” on rollcall No. 99.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HOLLINGSWORTH). The unfinished business is the question on agreeing to the Speaker’s approval of the Journal, which the Chair will put de novo.

The question is on the Speaker’s approval of the Journal.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

HOUR OF MEETING ON TOMORROW

Mr. KATKO. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 1 p.m. tomorrow.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

There was no objection.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE COMMISSION ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker’s appointment, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 3003, and the order of the House of January 3, 2017, of the following Members on the part of the House to the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe:

Ms. JACKSON LEE, Texas
Ms. MOORE, Wisconsin

□ 1530

DISMANTLING THE WOTUS RULE

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

Mr. ALLEN. Mr. Speaker, waters of the United States, or WOTUS, has been a thorn in the side of Americans, especially our farmers, since its introduction. WOTUS is a rule issued under the Clean Water Act by the EPA and Army Corps of Engineers designed to redefine the scope of waters protected and regulated by the Federal Government.

WOTUS would grant the Federal Government regulatory power over virtually any place where water flows in the United States; that includes ditches, puddles, streams, or any man-made constructions, you name it. If enacted, it would undermine the rights of States, local governments and landowners, and create more red tape, preventing economic growth and jobs, particularly in the agriculture industry. If it sounds ridiculous, that is because it is.

WOTUS was flawed from the beginning. It has been held up in the courts since 2015.

To ensure WOTUS never sees the light of day and completely eliminate the potential of it becoming a reality, I introduced legislation to repeal this harmful rule.

I look forward to working with President Trump and my colleagues on this very important issue.

CERBERUS CAPITAL MANAGEMENT

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

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, before President Trump and Steve Bannon bring in a Wall Street billionaire to

delve into our Nation’s most classified intelligence, the American people have a right to know the facts about who he and his firm are.

If you believe in the United States military, as I do, and not simply cashing it out to private guns for hire, then we would best pay attention to Stephen Feinberg, CEO of Cerberus, who is to be tasked with leading a review of our U.S. intelligence agencies.

Cerberus also owns DynCorp, which is in a legal dispute over a \$10 billion State Department contract for operations in foreign countries.

The Director of Homeland Security, retired General Kelly, received \$166,000 as an adviser to DynCorp prior to his Cabinet appointment. Simply put, Cerberus profits off the privatization of war.

Handing the keys to our intelligence agencies over to Wall Street is dangerous. Privatization of our homeland security and Armed Forces jeopardizes our national security. It is critical we stand together, take action to demand transparency, prevail for the sake of future generations, and prevent the siphoning of funds intended for our military.

Before any Wall Street speculator sets foot on our Nation’s most precious security turf, the American people and our military need complete disclosure and divestiture of all Cerberus’ and Mr. Feinberg’s holdings.

PARKING DRIVE-BY LAWSUITS

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

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, Weingarten Realty owns several shopping centers in Texas. Recently they were sued by plaintiffs who had never visited the shopping center.

The complaint?

Allegedly, nine designated ADA van-accessible parking spaces were not dispersed far enough apart.

The plaintiff did not notify Weingarten of the alleged violations before filing the lawsuit, so Weingarten couldn’t comply.

The real estate company believes they were in compliance with the ADA. But often companies like Weingarten decide the best economic decision is to settle the lawsuit rather than an expensive court trial. Businesses are told to either pay a settlement or face an expensive trial.

The bipartisan bill, the ADA Education and Reform Act of 2017, requires plaintiffs to give businesses notice and time to fix the alleged ADA infraction before a lawsuit is filed.

Mr. Speaker, the ADA was designed to improve access for the disabled, not allow a handful of greedy plaintiffs who have never been on the premises to use a loophole to extort unsuspecting businessowners of money.

And that is just the way it is.

THE WIDENING FLYNN SCANDAL

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

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, are we witnessing the first Manchurian presidency in the history of the United States?

This resignation of President Trump's National Security Adviser, Michael Flynn, has done nothing to end the controversy surrounding the administration's relationship with Russia. I am calling for an independent investigation into Flynn's actions.

The White House knew for weeks that Flynn misled about his secret communications with the Russian Ambassador, but apparently that was not a problem for the Trump administration as long as it was hidden from the public.

Did the White House authorize Flynn's secret communications? Did the President? Why wasn't Flynn gone sooner?

We don't know yet the answers to these and other questions. What we do know is that the Trump administration is not prepared to protect this Nation.

For all their talk of national security, Republicans are giving President Trump a pass. An independent investigation into Flynn's actions is needed. The investigation must determine if improper relationships between the Trump administration and the Russian Government exist.

Mr. Speaker, the American people are demanding to know, and they deserve to know just how tight Russia's grip is on the Trump administration.

CUT BUREAUCRACY OUT OF THE CASEWORK PROCESS

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

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 512, the WINGMAN Act. The WINGMAN Act will help Members of Congress and our staff members better assist the constituents that we serve. It cuts bureaucracy out of the casework process, and it makes it easier to connect Pennsylvania families with the services and benefits that they need.

Our staff members in our district do tremendous work every day. They help constituents and their families navigate the Federal bureaucracy, whether it is helping veterans obtain care through the VA, seniors access their Medicare or Social Security benefits, or even helping a traveler obtain a passport for an emergency trip overseas. Too often that work goes unsung and the hard work they do goes unrecognized.

I am blessed to have a terrific staff in my district office, led by my district chief of staff, Caitlin Ganley. Our team, Bill Dondero, Maureen Quinn,

Alaina Sforza, and Brian Gallie have helped literally thousands of individuals as we have worked to cut through the red tape and get the answers they need from the agencies across the Federal Government. The WINGMAN Act will make this difficult job just a little bit easier, and I am proud to support it.

patient-centered solutions that lower costs, increase choices, maintain pre-existing conditions coverage, and meet the needs of all Americans. That is what Mari and every single American deserves.

WHAT IS THE RUSSIAN CONNECTION

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

Mr. WELCH. Mr. Speaker, after only 24 days in office, President Trump's National Security Adviser, Michael Flynn, resigned in disgrace.

Why?

He had direct contact with the Russian Ambassador, assuring him, in likely violation of U.S. law, that the Obama sanctions against Russia would be reversed. And then he lied about it.

There is evidence of Trump campaign officials having regular contact with Russians officials, and we know Russia hacked into DNC files and doled out stolen information with the goal of aiding the Trump campaign.

So the question is: What is the Russian connection?

Congress must do its job. We should conduct a full-scale, no-holds-barred investigation of the links between the Trump campaign and Russian officials. There is a mountain of evidence we cannot ignore.

The American people have a right to know, of course. But even more importantly, the enduring strength of our democracy is being tested. Congress must maintain our constitutional protection of checks and balances. Investigate now. Investigate fully.

THE STATUS QUO IS UNSUSTAINABLE

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

Mr. WALBERG. Mr. Speaker, we have seen more troubling signs this week that things continue to get worse under the healthcare law.

Humana announced they are dropping out of the ObamaCare marketplace next year. The CEO of Aetna said that ObamaCare is in a "death spiral."

Families in Michigan and across the country are left with fewer choices and soaring costs. Mari, from Jackson, in my district, is one of them. Her premiums nearly quadrupled last year under ObamaCare; and this year, her premiums went up so high, she could not afford to pay them. So she and her husband, who is self-employed, dropped the plan and now are going without any health insurance at all.

The status quo is simply unsustainable, and we are working to provide relief to families who are struggling. This will be an orderly, step-by-step process as we transition to

TITLE X FUNDING FOR PLANNED PARENTHOOD

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

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today deeply disappointed that the House has again put attacking women's health over the important priorities the American people sent us here to address.

More than 4 million individuals across the country, many of them low-income, uninsured, or young, depend on title X for family planning and related preventative care. This is lifesaving care: birth control, HIV and other STI testing, and cancer screenings, to name a few.

The resolution that passed today allows States to deny trusted reproductive healthcare providers from receiving title X funds for purely ideological reasons. Already, 14 States have taken official action to exclude Planned Parenthood and other critical reproductive healthcare providers from serving patients through the title X program.

This shameful legislation puts politics ahead of women's health and does a disservice to women and families across our Nation.

WHY THE MEDIA ATTACKS PRESIDENT TRUMP

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

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, it is no surprise that the media's credibility has hit a record low with the American people, according to a recent Gallup Poll.

The media attacked President Trump because he proved their predictions wrong and their candidate lost. They attack him because they are mostly liberal Democrats and he is a conservative Republican. They attack him because he is reversing many of the policies of President Obama, whom they openly supported. They attack him because he is going around them, directly to the American people with his Twitter messages. They attack him because they can't intimidate or control him.

The media's hate is poisoning the country.

Wouldn't it be better for our country if the media gave the American people the facts rather than told them what to think?

Wouldn't it be better for our country if the media treated the President fairly and without malice?