

our illegal immigration problem, so I rise today to share some feedback from the people I represent in Alabama's Second Congressional District.

I recently held two telephone town-hall events to hear directly from some of my constituents. Let me start by thanking every person who took the time to participate and ask questions.

During both townhalls, I asked everyone what their top priority was regarding our country's illegal immigration issue, and the vast majority of participants said they are most concerned about securing our border.

I couldn't agree more. I have always said that, in order to truly fix our immigration system, we absolutely have to start by securing our border. If I had a leak in my house, I wouldn't start by replacing the damaged drywall. I would fix the leak first.

Mr. Speaker, the same idea applies for our illegal immigration problem. We will only be able to make real progress towards fixing the issue once we secure our border once and for all.

I am proud to support these efforts in the House, and I stand ready to continue to work to tackle this problem where it starts: at the border.

#### TRUMPISM

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

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, outside this building, more and more Republicans bemoan the effect of Trumpism on their party. We should take a moment to define this new phenomenon.

Trumpism is when the whims of our authoritarian President "trump" the values Republicans once stood for. It is when evangelicals say character doesn't matter. It is when "rule of law" constitutionalists shield Trump by attacking the institutions that guarantee the rule of law.

It is when First Amendment champions join Trump in attacking our free press. It is when Russia hawks bow and scrape before a President who chooses to believe his pal Vladimir over our own intelligence agencies.

Trumpism is when this House, which is supposed to conduct serious oversight, acts like Trump's lapdog, ignoring or abetting corruption and obstruction of justice.

Because Trumpism threatens democracy, many Republicans are leaving their party or, like George Bush's speechwriter, Michael Gerson, are calling on voters to deliver a message this fall. Without that political jolt, Gerson writes, "elected Republicans will just keep clinging to the USS Trump as it sinks further into the swamp."

Now that we have defined Trumpism, let's work together to save this country from it.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CURTIS). Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the President.

#### AMERICANS SUPPORT WELFARE REFORM

(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, the welfare system in America has a problem and the great majority of Americans want to fix it.

Since 2000, the amount of Federal dollars spent on Medicaid that goes to able-bodied adults has increased 713 percent. The amount spent on food stamps for able-bodied adults has increased nearly 500 percent. These figures do not include seniors or individuals with disabilities.

Every welfare dollar that is spent on able-bodied, working-age adults diverts resources from the very individuals the program was designed to help—the truly needy—and from other important priorities such as education and public safety.

The solution is a work requirement. Able-bodied adults on welfare should be required to work, get training, or perform community service to receive benefits. An overwhelming 90 percent of voters support this reform, which could move 10 million able-bodied adults off of welfare.

Those who can work, should. Work is essential to helping individuals regain their independence and self-worth.

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#### COMMEMORATING 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE 911 SYSTEM

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

Mr. BANKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the 911 system and to honor its founder, Congressman Ed Roush from Huntington, Indiana.

As the representative for my northeast Indiana district, the late Congressman Roush was a driving force behind the efforts to create one central telephone number that citizens could use in a time of crisis to receive help. Launching a one-man crusade in the House, Congressman Roush wrote to all 50 Governors and countless public servants to gain support for an emergency phone number that was easy to remember under stress and short enough to dial quickly.

On March 1, 1968, the congressman's efforts were successful, and the 911 system went live in Huntington, Indiana, with Congressman Roush placing the first test call. Due to his efforts, Huntington led the way for other municipalities to adopt the important emergency system that has saved so many lives. Hoosiers are proud of the late Congressman Roush for his leadership 50 years ago on this initiative.

We as a nation are safer due to his efforts and the everyday lifesaving actions of 911 operators and first responders.

#### RECOGNIZING COLORADO OLYMPIANS

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

Mr. POLIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the Olympic athletes from the great State of Colorado. The Olympics are a demonstration of fellowship, sportsmanship, commitment, determination, and grit—a wonderful example for the world.

There are 36 Olympians participating from Colorado, the most from any State in the USA, and they are competing in 17 different disciplines. I am proud to say that 12 of these Olympic athletes are from Colorado's Second Congressional District. Lindsey Vonn, Mikaela Shiffrin, Sarah Schleper, Joanne Reid, Casey Andringa, Chris Del Bosco, Jaelin Kauf, Mike Testwuide, Katie Uhlaender, Chris Corning, Kyle Mack, and Red Gerard all hail from the Second Congressional District of Colorado.

And I am exceptionally proud that this past Saturday Red Gerard, at 17 years old, from Silverthorne, Colorado, won the Pyeongchang Olympic Gold Medal for the United States, the first Olympic Gold Medal for Team USA, before going from last place to first place on the final run. Red learned to snowboard right in his backyard in beautiful Summit County.

Another young Coloradoan, Arielle Gold—and Gold is a great name if you are going to be an Olympian—despite dislocating her shoulder in training earlier in the week, is bringing home a bronze medal in the women's halfpipe.

Those are just two of the 36 Olympic stories from Colorado. I wish I had time to talk about the other 34 because their dedication, perseverance, and spirit is an inspiration to all Americans, and I am rooting for them every step of the way.

USA. USA. USA.

#### CHALLENGING MORNING JOE HOST FOR AN INVITATION TO SPEAK ON THE PROGRAM

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

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today because I am a proponent of impeachment. I have not only as much as said so but brought Articles of Impeachment before the House of Representatives. There are a good many people who are antithetical to my position, Mr. Speaker.

As a Member of the House, I would challenge any Member who desires to debate this issue on the floor of the House. I would also challenge any member of a morning program, "Morning Joe," who believes that he should back up his words, to talk to me on his program. Never talked to me. Never said a word.

Would you invite me on your program and show the courage to speak of these issues with me there so that I may defend and you may attack?

**PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 620, ADA EDUCATION AND REFORM ACT OF 2017; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 3299, PROTECTING CONSUMERS' ACCESS TO CREDIT ACT OF 2017; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 3978, TRID IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2017; AND PROVIDING FOR PROCEEDINGS DURING THE PERIOD FROM FEBRUARY 16, 2018, THROUGH FEBRUARY 23, 2018**

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 736 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

**H. RES. 736**

*Resolved*, That at any time after adoption of this resolution the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XVIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for consideration of the bill (H.R. 620) to amend the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 to promote compliance through education, to clarify the requirements for demand letters, to provide for a notice and cure period before the commencement of a private civil action, and for other purposes. The first reading of the bill shall be dispensed with. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. General debate shall be confined to the bill and shall not exceed one hour equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary. After general debate the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. The bill shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions in the bill are waived. No amendment to the bill shall be in order except those printed in part A of the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order against such amendments are waived. At the conclusion of consideration of the bill for amendment the Committee shall rise and report the bill to the House with such amendments as may have been adopted. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill and amendments thereto to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

SEC. 2. Upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider in the House the bill (H.R. 3299) to amend the Revised Statutes, the Home Owners' Loan Act, the Federal Credit Union Act, and the Federal Deposit Insurance Act to require the rate of interest on certain loans remain unchanged after transfer of the loan, and for other purposes. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. The bill shall be

considered as read. All points of order against provisions in the bill are waived. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill and on any amendment thereto to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Financial Services; and (2) one motion to recommit.

SEC. 3. Upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider in the House the bill (H.R. 3978) to amend the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act of 1974 to modify requirements related to mortgage disclosures, and for other purposes. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. An amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 115-59, modified by the amendment printed in part B of the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution, shall be considered as adopted. The bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended, are waived. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill, as amended, and on any further amendment thereto, to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Financial Services; (2) the further amendment printed in part C of the report of the Committee on Rules, if offered by the Member designated in the report, which shall be in order without intervention of any point of order, shall be considered as read, shall be separately debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question; and (2) one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

SEC. 4. On any legislative day during the period from February 16, 2018, through February 23, 2018—

(a) the Journal of the proceedings of the previous day shall be considered as approved; and

(b) the Chair may at any time declare the House adjourned to meet at a date and time, within the limits of clause 4, section 5, article I of the Constitution, to be announced by the Chair in declaring the adjournment.

SEC. 5. The Speaker may appoint Members to perform the duties of the Chair for the duration of the period addressed by section 4 of this resolution as though under clause 8(a) of rule I.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Georgia is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. POLIS), pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. During consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for the purpose of debate only.

**GENERAL LEAVE**

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on House Resolution 736, currently under consideration.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to bring forward this

rule today on behalf of the Rules Committee. The rule provides for consideration of H.R. 620, the ADA Education and Reform Act; H.R. 3978, the TRID Improvement Act; and H.R. 3299, the Protecting Consumers' Access to Credit Act of 2017.

The rule provides for one hour of debate on H.R. 620, equally divided between the chairman and ranking member of the Judiciary Committee. The rule also provides for a motion to recommit and makes in order multiple amendments from colleagues on both sides of the aisle.

It also provides for one hour of debate on the two Financial Services bills, with time equally divided between the chairman and ranking member of that committee.

Yesterday, the Rules Committee had the opportunity to hear from my fellow Judiciary Committee members: Mr. NADLER, Mr. POE, as well as Mr. LANGEVIN. We also heard from Mr. HILL and Ms. WATERS on the Financial Services bill.

H.R. 620 received consideration by the Judiciary Committee and enjoyed a rigorous markup process. H.R. 3299 and H.R. 3978 were considered and reported by the Financial Services Committee.

The bills before us today address different topics on different segments of our economy and our Nation, but they have something in common. They are all pro-growth bills aimed at righting wrongs, increasing common sense, and improving the way that the current system works.

I am a cosponsor of H.R. 620, the ADA Education and Reform Act and, as a member of the Judiciary Committee, have had multiple occasions to talk and listen about this bill. It is sponsored by my good friend from Texas (Mr. POE), and several of my friends from both sides of the aisle have cosponsored this bill.

Mr. Speaker, I have cosponsored this bill because I believe the Americans with Disabilities Act is critical legislation. No individual should ever suffer discrimination for any reason, and disabled individuals should have access to businesses and other sites that provide public accommodation. I am a former small-business owner, so I speak from experience running businesses.

Even more importantly, however, one of the main reasons I stand before you on this issue and behind this bill is I am the father of a strong, intelligent, capable, and a little sassy daughter named Jordan. Jordan is 26 years old and has spina bifida. Jordan has been in a wheelchair her entire life. Her first walk and first steps came in a little, pink wheelchair.

Jordan makes this issue personal for me. Discrimination is unacceptable, and it is also unacceptable for opportunists to build a cottage industry of serial litigation on the backs of the disabled, especially when these drive-by lawsuits offer little to no discernible benefit to disabled individuals.

Mr. Speaker, my daughter Jordan helps me understand the importance of