

The prosecution of impeachment will seldom fail to agitate the passions of the whole community, and to divide it into parties more or less friendly or inimical to the accused. In many cases it will connect itself with the preexisting factions and will enlist all their animosities, partialities, influence and interest on one side or the other; and in such cases there will always be the greatest danger that the decision will be regulated more by the comparative strength of parties than by the real demonstrations of innocence or guilt.

Speaker PELOSI's impeachment inquiry by fiat has realized this greatest danger. I call on her to allow for an open debate on this process immediately.

HONORING THE 2019 NATIONAL GOLD AWARD GIRL SCOUT MEGAN LOH

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

Mr. CISNEROS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize 39th Congressional District resident Megan Loh and her passion to ensure more young women and girls are represented and encouraged to participate in the field of science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics.

Megan, an avid Girl Scout and Troy High School student from Fullerton, formed her own nonprofit GEARup4Youth to encourage girls interested in STEAM and STEM career paths.

GEARup4Youth has already benefited more than 9,500 girls to date.

Megan also initiated the first girls-only robotics class at a local Boys & Girls Clubs of America. And she partnered with over 200 organizations to host presentations, family STEM events, and expos about her technology curriculum.

Megan even authored her own book, "Easy STEM Activities You Can Do At Home" in order to broaden more young girls' interests in STEAM.

For all her amazing and passionate work on behalf of young girls, Megan was named one of the 2019 National Gold Award Girl Scouts. In Megan's own words, we must continue to show young girls that they do belong in tech fields that aren't simply open to them, but need them. And as an education advocate, I couldn't agree more.

I ask my colleagues to join me in offering my sincerest congratulations to Megan and thank her for all her work on behalf of young women like herself.

WHAT ARE THE DEMOCRATS HIDING?

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

Mr. JORDAN. Madam Speaker, what are the Democrats hiding? What are

they hiding? Trying to impeach the President of the United States 13 months before an election based on an anonymous whistleblower with no first-hand knowledge, who has a bias against the President, who worked with Joe Biden, who wrote a memo the day after the call. And he described the call as "frightening, scary," but then he waits 18 days before he files the complaint. And who does he run off and see during that 18-day timeframe? ADAM SCHIFF, the guy who is running the secret process in a bunker in the basement of the Capitol.

What are they hiding from the American people? Americans get fairness. They understand it. And they instinctively know that this secretive process is not fair. 435 Members of the House representing over 300 million people in this country, and only one of them, ADAM SCHIFF, knows who the guy is who started this whole darn charade. ADAM SCHIFF is the only one who knows. Why don't the rest of us? Why don't, more importantly, the 300 million people who we all get the privilege of representing, why don't they know who the people are who started this whole darn process that the American people see through?

Americans get fairness, and they know this is instinctively unfair.

HONORING CONGRESSMAN ELIJAH CUMMINGS

(Ms. TLAIB asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor our chairman, Elijah Cummings.

He was my first chairman. Chairman Cummings believed in the possibility of better from this institution. He understood that our squad was big and embraced the new era of social justice movement in our country. Congressman Cummings' presence was iconic, and I am humbled and honored to have served with him.

I pray that Congressman Cummings' wife and family find peace during this very difficult time in knowing that he has left a powerful legacy that has been centered on truth and justice.

I have a picture of my son with Congressman Cummings. He always said that children are the messages we send in the future. And so I wanted to honor Congressman Cummings by showing and displaying just the beautiful smile I remember that he provided for my 14-year old boy.

A MATTER OF JURISDICTION

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

Mr. CONAWAY. Madam Speaker, I have had the privilege and honor of serving most of my career in Congress on the Permanent Select Committee

on Intelligence. It is important work that goes on in secret, typically, and it is really important. Typically it involves the oversight of 17 agencies which we empower to protect this Nation from enemies abroad.

That important work has been hijacked by this investigation, which is being led by the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. The Intelligence Committee works with sources and methods. Madam Speaker, there is nothing classified about anything that is going on downstairs in our SCIF. There are no sources or methods at risk here.

This is a jurisdictional issue. This investigation, should it be happening at all, should be done by the Committee on the Judiciary. That is where Articles of Impeachment will have to come from, not the Intelligence Committee. Our good work that is important to this Nation is being hijacked by this process that should not even, in my view, be going on. But if it should be going on, Chairman NADLER should be the one leading this effort, not Chairman SCHIFF.

I ask the Speaker to go the normal route, put the inquiry on the floor, have us vote on that, allow all of us to express our opinion, not just hers, but all of our opinions on this issue.

OUR DEMOCRACY IS UNDER ATTACK

(Ms. GARCIA of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. GARCIA of Texas. Madam Speaker, our democracy is under attack. In 2016, Russia engaged in misinformation campaigns aimed at influencing our election results. Earlier this month, the Senate Intelligence Committee released a report that warns that these campaigns could evolve, intensify, and inspire other bad actors to make similar attempts in 2020.

Just yesterday, Facebook reported it shut down new accounts linked to Iran and Russia that are trying to influence our elections next year. Each and every one of us swore an oath to uphold and defend our Constitution against all enemies foreign and domestic.

Now is the time to live up to that oath. No foreign government can be allowed to jeopardize the future of our democracy. I, therefore, ask each and every one of you today, what will you do to defend our democracy?

IT IS TIME THAT WE PUT THE FACTS ON THE TABLE

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

Mr. MEADOWS. Madam Speaker, in a SCIF in the basement of this very building is a secret process, a process that is designed to keep the truth from the American people. Now, it is not

based on firsthand comments. It is based on secondhand gossip.

And I can tell you, what I have heard for over 60 hours needs to be heard by the American people, because ultimately this President did nothing wrong. And we need to make sure that we send a clear message to the rest of America that we are a transparent body, not one that is held with secrets.

And yet here we are with ADAM SCHIFF providing leading questions, trying to actually get to a foregone conclusion in his mind. It is time that we hold him accountable and the rest of this body. Open it up. Let's be transparent. Let's send a message to the Senate, who ultimately is going to have to be the judge and jury of this. It is time that we put the facts on the table. The facts will exonerate our President.

HONORING SALEM COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, in 1884, residents of Salem County, south Jersey gathered at the local library with the intent of protecting the history of the region. This group established the Salem County Historical Society and began regular meetings all the way back in 1885. Now the museum allows visitors to wander the exhibits and admire the historical artifacts.

It was Albert Einstein who once said, "learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow." It has also been said that you cannot truly understand who you are and what you are about as a society if you don't know who you were and where you were in the past.

It is because of the crucial role of the Salem County Historical Society that we are better able to learn from our past in south Jersey as we move towards a better tomorrow.

Thank you for preserving the past of south Jersey and providing educational experiences for the members of our community. You truly are stars.

DEMOCRATS ARE TRYING TO IMPEACH THE PRESIDENT FOR FOLLOWING A LAW THAT THEY VOTED FOR

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

Mr. BARR. Madam Speaker, in 2014 this House unanimously passed the Ukraine Freedom Support Act. That legislation authorized funds to "counter corruption, and improve transparency and accountability of institutions that are part of the Government of Ukraine." Every Democrat voted for that legislation.

In 2017, the House passed 375-34 with 145 Democrats supporting the National Defense Authorization Act, which re-

quired the executive branch to certify that Ukraine was making certain defense reforms and countering corruption.

In 2018, Congress reauthorized that language, and 127 Democrats supported it.

And finally in 2019, they reauthorized that again with 139 Democrats supporting it.

The President not only had the authority to do what he did in the call with President Zelensky, he had a legal obligation to do so.

Madam Speaker, this Democrat majority is trying to impeach the President for following a law that they voted for.

DEMOCRATS ARE WORKING HARD TO SAFEGUARD THE HEALTH OF OUR NATION

(Ms. SCHAKOWSKY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Madam Speaker, the Republicans in the House are all lined up to whine about an investigation that the majority of Americans want to see happen.

While the President of the United States has the gall to compare this constitutional process to the horrific history of lynching in this country, House Democrats are busy working hard to safeguard the healthcare of Americans.

H.R. 3 is a transformative piece of legislation, a historic step forward to finally control the extraordinarily high prices of the pharmaceutical companies. Negotiation is the most effective way to protect consumers from Big Pharma's predatory pricing practices, and the Congressional Budget Office said that at least \$345 billion will be realized in savings when we pass this bill.

Madam Speaker, 90 percent of Democrats, 87 percent of independents, and 80 percent of Republicans want this legislation. Get busy and help the American people.

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STOP THE IMPEACHMENT THEATER

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

Mr. WALBERG. Madam Speaker, our duly elected President took office, and even before that, House Democrats have been calling for his impeachment.

The rationale may keep changing, and it will, but their quest for impeachment has been never-ending. Yet for some reason, this impeachment inquiry is being conducted behind closed doors, leaving many Members of this body and the American people, most importantly, in the dark.

Is that fairness?

They are even refusing to take a formal vote here on the House floor. A

fair and open process appears to be the least of their concerns.

Instead of wasting valuable time with this baseless inquiry, there is so much more we could and should be doing.

We could be ratifying the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement to help manufacturers and farmers in my district in Michigan and across the country.

We could be working in a bipartisan fashion to lower healthcare costs, to continue growing a healthy economy, and to rebuild our roads and bridges.

Let's stop the impeachment theater and get back to the pocketbook issues that our constituents care about.

WE THE PEOPLE GROW WEARY

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

Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, the Democrats' entire case against the President is built on hearsay, unverified third-party accounts, and opinion.

No cop in America could righteously make any arrest with that degree of evidence, not even a misdemeanor, much less something as sobering as the impeachment of our duly elected President.

They tread upon the very colors of our flag. Contrary to our constitutional oath, they are conducting a secret investigation disguised as an impeachment inquiry, calling forth only prosecutorial hearsay demonstration, hearsay testimony deemed most likely to condemn the President, witnesses selected and screened by ADAM SCHIFF.

True investigators interview everyone, not just those who lead to a predetermined conclusion. Democrats are handpicking witnesses and selectively releasing information to mislead the American people.

This is dangerous, it is wrong, and we the people grow weary.

OPPOSING IMPEACHMENT

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

Mr. MOOLENAAR. Madam Speaker, the impeachment inquiry underway in the House has been shrouded in secret meetings and out of view from the American people.

My constituents have told me that they oppose this investigation and they believe the House should be taking up legislation that needs to be done to help hardworking Michigan residents.

First and foremost, the House should pass the United States-Mexico-Canada Trade Agreement without delay. This agreement will benefit hardworking Michigan residents, especially in industries vital to our State, including manufacturing and agriculture. They will have new markets for their products, and the profits they make will come