

Mostly, in history, they haven't lasted 200 years. That is about the end. We are beyond that. But we are headed to the dustbin of history unless we begin to teach all those here how you keep a republic.

And I know some have been miseducated and think socialism is the way to go—oh, it is so much more caring; you have got billionaires pouring in hundreds of millions of dollars—because they think, when all is said and done, they will be part of that top ruling class. In socialism you never have just one class—that is the way it is sold—but you have the big, powerful, rich ruling class, like oligarchs in Russia, and then you have the ruled class.

Actually, I saw it firsthand as an exchange student in the Soviet Union. You have got the rulers and you have got the ruled, and you don't really have a middle class. It is not a good way to live because you have got to have a totalitarian government, as Khrushchev found out when he tried to come up with a plan to get rid of government and go just to the "share and share alike" philosophy. He disbanded the commission because it didn't work. There is no way to ever go without a totalitarian government that tells you everything you can or can't do.

Anyway, Israel, walls work, fences work, those barriers work. And I think this is a lovely wall and fence.

My understanding is this one is part of—well, it protects the Hillary Clinton Chappaqua residence, Chappaqua, New York. Nobody has gotten word to Hillary Clinton, apparently, that these things don't work. You have got security. You have got the walls. You have got the fence.

I know she is saying otherwise now, but she knows. That is why she has got a wall and a fence. She knows it works. It is not immoral, trying to protect what you have got, protect the people you love, what you love.

There are just so many examples around the world.

I needed this marked. I believe this is Bill de Blasio's. I am not certain. I think this is his wall and fence because, even though he has said something like, "They have got plenty of money; it is in the wrong hands," he doesn't realize he is one of the wrong hands it is in.

And if he would get rid of his wall, he could invite all those people into his home, and he could stop saying walls are immoral, because he got rid of his immoral wall.

And, obviously, for those who don't understand sarcasm, that is sarcasm.

And these are examples here of walls, fences that work. They keep people out.

Now, the Iron Curtain, that was a different matter, because they were keeping people in that didn't want to be in, shooting people that didn't stay in.

But they work. That is why they are around prisons. That is why they are around jails or jail facilities. Yes, they work. We have found that for thousands of years.

So I hope that we will be more realistic in the arguments and debates that go on here, stop the ridiculous rhetoric.

Everybody in here knows walls work. That is why their home has outer walls instead of just some partitions in the middle of the home where anybody can walk in and around and through their home. They know those walls work.

So let's talk about what most people in here have voted for. Let's get the government reopened because we agree to do something to stop the death, the human carnage, the rape, all of these horrendous things brought about by drug cartels controlling our southern border. Let's stop it. Let's dry up the cartels.

And for those who don't care about the Americans, if your number one goal is to help the people of Mexico, help the people of Central America as well, the thing to do is get a barrier, get a wall where we need it, but secure the whole thing. Then we dry up the money to the drug cartels and Mexico becomes a top ten economy; they have a burgeoning middle class and they have a better standard of living.

The best thing we can do for Mexico and Central America: build a wall where we need it; secure the border; cut off the money, then, flowing to the drug cartels; and give the people of Mexico a life they deserve.

Having some trickle in—they have got 130,000 or so in Mexico. Having a million come in a year, that is still not helping the people of Mexico, and it is bringing down our own country because we are not prepared and able to take care of such mass illegal invaders on top of the million-plus legal visas we give people to come in our country.

Why? Because we are the most generous country in the world when it comes to philanthropy and when it comes to giving visas, because we know it is a strength to have many races, to have many national origins.

But the one thing that I loved about 9/12—when we gathered in our town square and we held hands, we sang hymns together, we prayed together—that day, for that day, there was not a single hyphenated America out there. Every person there said, "I am an American"—all races, creed, color, national origin, age. On 9/12, we were one nation, under God. And I hope and pray we can get back to that place.

Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 3 o'clock and 37 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1635

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro

tempore (Mr. MCGOVERN) at 4 o'clock and 35 minutes p.m.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess for a period of less than 15 minutes.

Accordingly (at 4 o'clock and 35 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1642

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. MCGOVERN) at 4 o'clock and 42 minutes p.m.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. MASSIE (at the request of Mr. MCCARTHY) for today on account of attending a U.S. Army Basic Combat Training graduation ceremony.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 4 o'clock and 43 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Friday, January 18, 2019, at 10:30 a.m.

OATH OF OFFICE MEMBERS, RESIDENT COMMISSIONER, AND DELEGATES

The oath of office required by the sixth article of the Constitution of the United States, and as provided by section 2 of the act of May 13, 1884 (23 Stat. 22), to be administered to Members, Resident Commissioner, and Delegates of the House of Representatives, the text of which is carried in 5 U.S.C. §3331:

'I, AB, do solemnly swear (or Affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter. So help me God.'

has been subscribed to in person and filed in duplicate with the Clerk of the House of Representatives by the following Members of the 116th Congress, pursuant to the provisions of 2 U.S.C. §25:

ALABAMA

- 1 Bradley Byrne
- 2 Martha Roby
- 3 Mike Rogers
- 4 Robert B. Aderholt
- 5 Mo Brooks
- 6 Gary J. Palmer