

fighting every day to be a champion for the great people of Alaska, and always speaking his mind.

On a somber note, DON started his career out of a tragedy. A lot of you remember that back in October of 1972, there was a plane crash in Alaska. Nicholas Begich and Hale Boggs, who at the time was the majority leader, went down in a plane crash. There was a massive search to try to find the plane. They never did find that plane. Ultimately, when they finally recognized that we had lost two great leaders, they had special elections.

I get to serve and actually work every day in the office that Hale Boggs once worked in, the same office that Majority Leader HOYER worked in as well, and I think about Hale a lot, as we think about Nicholas Begich as well. But I know DON was elected in a special election. That is when he came to Congress. Somebody else came to Congress: Hale Boggs' wife, Lindy Boggs, who some of you may have served with. They are probably too very different personalities, but they formed a special bond because of the unique nature in which they came to Congress. He shared with me some of those stories.

It just shows you how sometimes our differences can, ultimately, bring us together to at least pay tribute not only to an institution, but to respect our backgrounds and how we all come here from different walks of life. Ultimately, it is our desire to serve the people who we represent.

That is the thing I love the most about serving with DON YOUNG. It is that he has such a passion. He fights for his beliefs, and he works with other people.

We all know that, for 37 years, one of his great causes was to open up ANWR. Finally, we were on the White House lawn in December 2017 to have that ceremony and watch DON YOUNG giddy as a schoolchild as the President was making that announcement, and then to see him still this day, and every day, come to work with the passion of representing the great people of Alaska and continuing to work with all of us on all the different issues that we come here to address.

As we celebrate this great achievement, I think, as we all know, he comes and sits in that same spot and he yells "order," and he yells a few other things, and he pushes us all to do our job in a much more efficient way. But how fitting it is that the United States' largest State has such a larger than life personality as its representative.

Congratulations, DON. It is an honor to serve with you.

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, it is clear from listening to the comments of the bipartisan leadership of the House of Representatives that, as Speaker, I can say, on behalf of the entire House of Representatives: Thank you, DON YOUNG, and congratulations.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Alaska (Mr. YOUNG), the distin-

guished longest serving Republican in history in the Congress.

Mr. YOUNG. Mr. Speaker, I thank Speaker PELOSI for those kind words, the kind words of the Republican leaders, and the kind words of all my colleagues.

It was mentioned that I love this institution, and I do because this is the great United States of America, and we are representatives of our districts.

The one thing I learned, during my 46 years, is that each one of you represent your people, and I respect it. I may not agree with some of the things you stand for, but I respect that you were elected by your people.

I had the privilege of traveling a lot, and I still do, in Members' districts, not to campaign against them, but to find out why and how they are elected and what they stand for in that community. This House is the people's House.

I have to sort of confess to one thing that was alluded to by KEVIN. It is a fact that I was a schoolteacher to fifth grade students, and it prepared me for this job. There is some truth in that because, I have to tell you, I have timed it as a teacher. The average attention span of a fifth grader is 7 minutes, and the average attention span of most Congressmen is about 4¼, because they are so busy trying to do everything they can, and they are so busy representing their people.

John Dingell was mentioned. And, DEBBIE, God bless you for him. He was one of my dear friends. Everybody says that, but he was a dear friend.

I met him in 1964 in my hometown of Fort Yukon. He was on the Fish and Wildlife Committee. He was 9 years a Congressman. I met with him and talked to him about an issue I was interested in.

Of course, when I got elected, he came to me, and I went to see him. We had one thing in common: We loved to hunt. We hunted on weekends, because we stayed here. We fished on weekends. And we became dear friends. He is the strongest, frankly, Congressman I have ever served with.

We had one thing in common: He respected my beliefs, and I respected his. I would say, John, this is the right thing to do. And he would do it.

I think a lot of us here today have to learn that and quit watching the media. That person who represents that district, listen to what they have to say and support them. That makes this House work a lot better, frankly, than it is right now.

This is nothing new. We have to do this for this country, to retain the control of the Congress to run this Nation. If not, we will lose our democracy.

Mr. Speaker, I thank everyone in this room for recognizing my tenure. I want to especially thank my wife, Anne, who is up in the stand. I have been trying to get the State of Alaska to pay her because when I lost my dear Lu, I thought I was going to die. She came along, picked me up off the ground,

supported me, loved me, cherishes me, and makes me want to come to work every day to serve the great State of Alaska.

Mr. Speaker, I thank everyone. God bless them, and God bless America.

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, 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.

REQUEST TO CONSIDER H.R. 962, BORN-ALIVE ABORTION SURVIVORS PROTECTION ACT

Mr. WATKINS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 962, the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BUTTERFIELD). Under guidelines consistently issued by successive Speakers, as recorded in section 956 of the House Rules and Manual, the Chair is constrained not to entertain the request unless it has been cleared by the bipartisan floor and committee leaderships.

Mr. WATKINS. Mr. Speaker, if this unanimous consent request cannot be entertained, I urge the Speaker and the majority leader to immediately schedule a vote on the born-alive bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman is not recognized for debate.

FOR THE PEOPLE ACT OF 2019

GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Chairman, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and add extraneous material on H.R. 1, the For the People Act of 2019.

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

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 172 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the consideration of the bill, H.R. 1.

The Chair appoints the gentleman from Texas (Mr. CUELLAR) to preside over the Committee of the Whole.

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IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole