

Mr. HARRIS. Mr. Speaker, it seems when I came to work this week, I was coming to work in Moscow, or Beijing, or Pyongyang, or Havana; not in the Capital of the free world where we treasure fairness. Because what are we doing? We are holding kangaroo courts; Star Chamber, Soviet-style secret trials that are used to depose political opponents. That is what is going on.

Mr. Speaker, I went back to my district. I had three townhalls in the last 4 days. I come from a district who voted for this President and wants a chance to vote for him again in 12 months. They asked me: Where is the evidence against this President?

So I went downstairs today to try to find it. I went down to the SCIF, and as you heard from the gentleman from Texas, we were told that I could not read the testimony of Mr. Volker. It was refused.

I asked: Who refused it? They wouldn't tell me.

I asked to go into the hearing today. They have a hearing today. They said to a Member of Congress: You can't go.

I said: Who refused? They wouldn't tell me.

So, Mr. Speaker, it appears that someone has made a decision, with no rhyme or reason, of who gets invited to these things. We have got to stop this. What are they hiding?

Mr. Speaker, I support the censure resolution. Open up the windows.

RURAL BROADBAND CRISIS

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

Mr. DELGADO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to address an urgent crisis in our communities: access to rural broadband. Over the district work period, I held a field hearing on rural broadband with FCC Commissioner Geoffrey Starks, where New York's 19th Congressional District residents shared their stories about the need to improve rural broadband internet in upstate New York. The commissioner heard from educators, healthcare providers, and small business owners all impacted by this issue.

Following that hearing, I have introduced the Broadband Speed Act and the Community Broadband Mapping Act. This legislative package will address flawed broadband mapping practices that result in the FCC overcounting rural communities and require that projects funded with FCC money are future-proof, or built to withstand changes in technology.

This legislation would also allow local governments, co-ops, community groups, and small providers to access funding that would allow them to collect information on local broadband service in order to challenge a finding that they are, in fact, served.

Mr. Speaker, I urge the House to take up this legislation and close the digital divide.

SCHIFF CENSURE RESOLUTION

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

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to address a concerning issue. The chairman of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, whom House Democrats have chosen to lead their sham impeachment inquiry process, has brazenly misled the American people and has hidden the truth.

Chairman SCHIFF must be held accountable for his actions, and this body must take a vote on H. Res. 630. As House Democrats pursue their partisan impeachment inquiry and clandestine Soviet-style hearings, this majority has proven that they cannot be trusted to act with integrity.

If House Democrats want to impeach President Trump, they should do so in a transparent, nonpartisan process. The American people won't be fooled by these cheap tricks. It is time to restore order and decorum to this House.

MAKE IT EASIER TO GET MENTAL HEALTHCARE

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

Mr. MOULTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to make it easier to get mental healthcare. We should pass the National Suicide Hotline Designation Act and make 988 the national number for mental health emergencies.

When your house is on fire, you don't have to look for a phonebook to know who to call. You just dial 911. Mr. Speaker, it ought to be the same way for mental health emergencies as well. And that is just the beginning.

Let's lead by example and change our culture so getting a mental health checkup is just part of routine life.

Deployed servicemembers can set an example by getting a mental health checkup within 2 weeks of returning home from their deployments. That bipartisan requirement is in the House version of the NDAA.

Let's start a conversation in this country so that getting mental healthcare is a regular part of life.

NATIONAL PREGNANCY AND INFANT LOSS AWARENESS MONTH

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

Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER. Mr. Speaker, October is National Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month, and I rise today on behalf of every parent who has suffered a miscarriage, a stillbirth, or an infant loss.

The unanswered questions and mystery, as well as the feelings of guilt that surround pregnancy loss and the

death of a newborn, add to the excruciating heartache. We see you.

No one should grieve alone. We stand alongside those who have experienced this great tragedy and do our best to comfort, listen, and support. We also vow to honor the legacy of those precious lives lost by working to eliminate preventable infant deaths.

Today, we remember the 1 million pregnancies in the United States that end in miscarriage, stillbirth, or the death of a newborn baby each year. Their intrinsic value, no matter how short their lifespan, is profound.

CONGRATULATING EAGLE SCOUT NATHAN MATTIAS

(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. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this time to congratulate Nathan Mattias of Woolwich Township in south Jersey. He achieved the honor of being an Eagle Scout.

For his Eagle Scout project, Nathan built benches with an improved design to accommodate those in wheelchairs for easier access when gardening for the Sisters of St. Francis, a retirement facility for nuns in the Philadelphia area.

Through this project, Nathan discovered his passion of engineering and plans on continuing his interest when he is in college. It is people like Nathan who enact change by listening to the needs of those in our local communities.

Keep up the good work, Nathan. I thank him for all he does for south Jersey, and for the United States of America. He is truly our hero and we are truly proud of him.

SUPPORT THE CENSURE RESOLUTION

(Mrs. LESKO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. LESKO. Mr. Speaker, I have to say that I am a proud cosponsor of the resolution before us today to censure Congressman ADAM SCHIFF. And I want to thank my fellow Arizona Congressman for leading the effort on this great job.

We have watched Congressman SCHIFF say now for 2 years that he had evidence that President Trump and his campaign colluded with Russia, but then when we saw the Mueller report, we determined that that just was not accurate.

Then in committee recently Mr. SCHIFF read a false, made-up narrative of a conversation he purported to be between President Trump and the Ukrainian President. It was absolutely made up and false, I believe, to try to deceive the American public.

Then on national TV, Mr. SCHIFF said: No—when asked—no, our office did not have any prior contact with the

whistleblower. And then we found out that that was untrue.

So I support the resolution to censure Congressman ADAM SCHIFF.

WE ARE IN A NATIONAL SECURITY CRISIS

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

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, the headline of The New York Times yesterday said: "Syrian Forces Rush Into U.S. Void. Battle Lines Shifting to the Benefit of Iran, Russia and ISIS," to the negative impact of the national security of the United States of America, because of one simple phone call of this President to President Erdogan, and within minutes, the release of vital U.S. troops to the slaughter of the heroic Kurdish troops who lost their lives and those remaining, and the release of ISIS family members and ISIS.

We are in a national security crisis. I believe we should be asking for a no-fly zone of Turkey over northern Syria, and we need to find a way to rebuild Humpty Dumpty's house.

Let me also indicate that there is no indication that anything is awry in the investigation that is proceeding. It is proceeding in a manner where Democrats and Republicans are able to ask questions of witnesses, along with their staff. This is not an independent counsel, and so our committees are doing the investigation.

All parties are able to be part of that investigation. And as well, there is no preclusion to what ultimately may be open hearings.

Let us be patient. Let us be sober and somber for this important responsibility under the Constitution of the United States of America. That is the way this Congress should behave.

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OUR REPUBLIC IS UNDER THREAT

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

Mr. KING of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege and an honor to be recognized to address you here on the floor of the House of Representatives. I come here to the floor to address the circumstances that are historic in the way they are shaking the very foundation of this Republic.

Our Constitution is under threat, and our Republic is under threat. There are secret meetings taking place down in the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, the most confidential place in this place, but they are talking about finding a way to impeach the President of the United States.

They don't have a charge yet. They are still looking for one. We went through 2 years of the Mueller investigations, and now we are grinding

through this under the guidance of ADAM SCHIFF, who has a resolution here that has been presented to this floor to censure him for the misinformation that came out clearly in front of all the public.

They are cherry-picking quotes from the people who are testifying. They refused to allow us, just an hour ago, to go in and even read the Volker transcript. They are allowing no exculpatory evidence that is coming in that might defend our President. There is no representation for the President. They have turned this committee into a partisan committee.

Mr. Speaker, I will submit that it is going to be awfully hard for this select committee to ever function again if it is going to be a partisan, secret committee attempting to overturn the election of the President of the United States.

LOWER PRESCRIPTION DRUG PRICES

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

Ms. ADAMS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak on the alarming rise in prescription drug costs. America is the richest, most developed nation in the world, yet one in four Americans has a hard time affording lifesaving prescriptions. Families are making impossible choices between paying the mortgage, putting food on their tables, or buying lifesaving medications.

We turned a blind eye to the prescription drug ecosystem, and now the system has become unsustainable. Americans are getting ripped off while other countries pay far less for the same drugs.

In 2017, the U.S. spent \$333 billion on prescription medication, up from \$236 billion in 2007, an increase of more than 40 percent over 10 years. That is unacceptable.

I have listened to my constituents who struggle to afford the prescriptions they need, and they want us to act. This isn't a partisan issue. It is a people issue.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support legislation like H.R. 3 so that the American people no longer are left with false choices.

CENSURE REPRESENTATIVE ADAM SCHIFF

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

Mr. SCALISE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of my colleague ANDY BIGGS' resolution to censure ADAM SCHIFF for the way he has conducted this impeachment inquiry behind closed doors and in secret.

We have seen this pattern of misinformation time and time again, where he throws out false information, like when he said he had more than cir-

cumstantial evidence that the President colluded with Russia. Then, after the Mueller report comes out, we find out there was no collusion. Not once did he try, by the way, Mr. Speaker, to present that evidence because there was no evidence.

Then he goes on and gives this false representation of the whistleblower report. Of course, we now have seen the transcript. We know what happened. There was no quid pro quo, even though he was alleging quid pro quo.

Now he is holding meetings in secret, behind closed doors, to impeach a President of the United States.

Mr. Speaker, we had an election in 2016; Donald Trump was elected. We have another election next year, and the people will decide who the President is, not Speaker PELOSI and not ADAM SCHIFF behind closed doors.

We need transparency, and we need to end this kangaroo court witch hunt. Let's get back to the people's work here in this House.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO OFFER RESOLUTION RAISING A QUESTION OF THE PRIVILEGES OF THE HOUSE

Mr. BIGGS. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 2(a)(1) of rule IX, I rise to give notice of my intention to raise a question of the privileges of the House.

The form of the resolution is as follows:

House Resolution 630. Condemning and censuring ADAM SCHIFF, Representative of California's 28th Congressional District.

Whereas President Trump released the transcript of a call between him and the President of Ukraine;

Whereas President Trump subsequently released the whistleblower complaint of August 12, 2019;

Whereas, in a September 26, 2019, hearing on the whistleblower complaint, House Intelligence Committee Chairman ADAM SCHIFF purported to relay the content of the phone call to the American people;

Whereas, instead of quoting directly from the available transcript, Chairman SCHIFF manufactured a false retelling of the conversation between President Trump and President Zelensky;

Whereas this egregiously false and fabricated retelling had no relationship to the call itself;

Whereas these actions of Chairman SCHIFF misled the American people, bring disrepute upon the House of Representatives, and make a mockery of the impeachment process, one of this Chamber's most solemn constitutional duties;

Whereas, for more than 2 years, Chairman SCHIFF has spread false accusations that the Trump campaign colluded with Russia;

Whereas, on March 20, 2017, then-Ranking Member SCHIFF read out false allegations from the Steele dossier accusing numerous Trump associates of colluding with Russia;