

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;