

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