

three cases, the impeachment inquiry was first properly authorized by a full vote of this House.

Of course, today's sham was initiated unilaterally via a press conference. We haven't had a vote. They won't give us one.

There is no due process for the accused, but, instead, there is a secret, partisan process somewhere behind closed doors.

There is no respect or recognition for the rights of the duly elected Members of this House, even those of us on the committees of jurisdiction, like my House Judiciary Committee.

It is unprecedented and it is also dangerous. And this is the biggest point: Corrupting and weaponizing impeachment to generate a predetermined political outcome is simply not right or fair, and it jeopardizes this entire institution.

Do you know why? Because, if the American people are not able to trust the final results of the impeachment process on a matter this serious and this important, millions of citizens lose faith in the institution and lose faith in our Republic.

This is a sham, and it needs to stop.

DEMOCRATS ARE FOCUSING ON POLITICAL GAMES

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

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today on behalf of the people of the Fifth District who are tired of the Democrats focusing on political games.

This past weekend, at an American Legion dinner, I was handed this note: Pass USMCA.

Folks at home want Congress to act on jobs, the economy, and lower healthcare costs; but what they are hearing from the Democrats in the House: secret proceedings that deny access to House Members who do not serve on the respective committees; no press access; no ability to defend oneself by bringing witnesses, taking depositions, or having one's attorney present; and being accused by an unknown witness who claims secondhand knowledge.

Where is the pride that we have in our sense of justice? Where is due process? Where are the rules? Where are the American values of fair play? Where is the evidence? Where is the House vote?

Read the unclassified transcript. The Democrats created a Star Chamber. This is a bold attempt to overturn the 2016 election. It is time to shine a bright light on what is going on.

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KANSANS HAVE IMPEACHMENT FATIGUE

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

Mr. MARSHALL. Madam Speaker, Kansans have impeachment fatigue. We are exhausted. We are weary. We are sick and tired of 3 years of Democrats trying to change the results of the 2016 election.

Kansans want to know why Congress can't pass USMCA, modernize healthcare, or secure our border.

Regardless, if the Democrats want to go down into the bowels of this Capitol, into the soundproof Star Chamber, it is my job to be the eyes and ears of Kansans and to ensure a fair and due process will occur. My efforts to do this thus far have been denied by the Democrats.

This entire process is anything but fair and defies democracy. But what is worse, it is all done in secret.

This Ukrainian hoax has turned into a Soviet-styled silencing of the press, with the Democrats leaking out only portions of the transcript that might help keep them from allowing Donald Trump to be reelected again.

Why isn't the press screaming bloody murder? I will never understand.

Madam Speaker, it is the President's job to investigate corruption. Let's turn this process back to the people, and let the President make his case to America.

FOLLOW IMPEACHMENT PRECEDENT

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

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Madam Speaker, Article I, Section 2 of the Constitution reads the House of Representatives "shall have the sole power of impeachment."

This Speaker does not have that sole power. The full House of Representatives does.

Modern precedent clearly sets out a process for fair consideration of impeachment. It was followed by Democrats in the case of President Nixon and followed by Republicans in the case of President Clinton.

The Speaker has turned a blind eye and a deaf ear to fairness and precedent. Authoritarianism is now the rule of the people's House. A Star Chamber hidden away in the Capitol basement is the domain of authoritarianism.

Where is the due process? Where is the transparency? Abandoned.

Where is the ability to confront accusers? Where is the separation of prosecution and grand jury? Abandoned. Abandoned by our Speaker.

I call on the majority to put aside partisanship and pointless attacks and get back to work.

END IMPEACHMENT CHARADE

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

Mr. ABRAHAM. Madam Speaker, the Democrats would have you believe that

their impeachment crusade is a moral imperative. It is not. It is an act of pure cowardice.

Their failure to bring a formal impeachment vote to the House floor shows that this witch hunt has no legitimacy whatsoever, and they know it. They are using it as a punch line.

This informal inquiry is being conducted in secret behind closed doors and betrays the true intention of what they are trying to do to our good President, to conduct an endless, shallow campaign of half-truths and manipulated facts against President Trump.

I have called on my fellow Members of this House to denounce the unconstitutional farce that they are doing and support my resolution to expel the Speaker and vacate the chair.

It is time to end this charade and get back to doing the people's business. We can certainly start by passing the USMCA.

STOP IMPEACHMENT SHAM

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

Mr. ROUZER. Madam Speaker, this impeachment sham needs to stop. We all know what this is really about: overturning the results of the 2016 election.

From the outset, Speaker PELOSI and Chairman SCHIFF have conducted this inquiry behind closed doors, out of sight of the American people and us, without a vote to authorize it.

They have ignored due process, completely disregarded precedent, and made it clear that politics and partisanship are more important than fairness and transparency.

They denied our side of the aisle the right to subpoena evidence. They have excluded the President's legal team from participating in hearings, cross-examining witnesses, or presenting evidence. This body, quite simply, has been turned into a kangaroo court fixated on unseating the President at any cost.

Our Constitution, our basic, fundamental principles of fairness, and the millions of Americans who made their voices heard in the 2016 election are being snubbed.

Madam Speaker, it is time to stop this sham.

DEMOCRATS CHOOSE PARTISAN HATRED OF PRESIDENT TRUMP

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

Mr. DUNN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to demand fairness and transparency from this outrageous impeachment inquiry.

Democrats have been grasping at straws and looking for any excuse to impeach President Trump. We haven't even held a vote to open an impeachment inquiry, but Speaker PELOSI and