The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. DEGETTE).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC, January 12, 2021.

I hereby appoint the Honorable DIANA DEGETTE to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

God, our Redeemer, we approach You humbly asking that You sanctify this day and the proceedings that are about to unfold. But we dare not ask Your favor until we receive Your forgiveness. We confess our complicity in the animosity and betrayal felt throughout our Nation. We pray Your forgiveness for the pride and selfish ambition lurking in the hearts of even the best of people. Have mercy on those who suffer the injustices we have unknowingly or knowingly perpetuated that have divided our country.

Don't give us up to these vain inclinations, but save us from ourselves. Preserve each of us, those who speak and those who hear, from being caught up in the hatred and vitriol ever present in these contentious deliberations.

Then give us the favor of Your presence among us, that our eyes will be open to the light of Your truth. In the transforming of our minds, may we discern Your will in these decisions of great import and national impact.

We pray these things in the strength of Your holy name.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 5(a)(1)(A) of House Resolution 8, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentlewoman from Massachusetts (Ms. CLARK) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ELECTING MEMBERS TO CERTAIN STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts.

Madam Speaker, by direction of the Democratic Caucus, I offer a privileged resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 35
Resolved. That the following named Members be, and are hereby, elected to the following standing committees of the House of Representatives:

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS: Mr. Deutch, Chair.
COMMITTEE ON RULES: Mr. McGovern, Chair; Mr. Hastings; Mrs. Torres of California; Mr. Perlmutter; Mr. Raskin; Ms. Scanlon; Mr. Morelle; Mr. DeSaulnier; and Ms. Ross.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ELECTING MEMBERS TO CERTAIN STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, by direction of the Republican Conference, I offer a privileged resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 36
Resolved. That the following named Members be, and are hereby, elected to the following standing committees of the House of Representatives:

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS: Mrs. Walorski.
COMMITTEE ON RULES: Mr. Cole, Mr. Burgess, Mrs. Lesko, Mr. Reschenthaler.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 4 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker at 6 o'clock and 1 minute p.m.

SWARING IN OF MEMBERS-ELECT

The SPEAKER. Will the Representatives-elect please present themselves in the well.

Mrs. Salazar of Florida and Mr. Valadao of California appeared at the bar of the House and took the oath of office, as follows:

Do you solemnly swear that you will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that you will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that you take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that you will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which you are about to enter, so help you God.
ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to clause 5(d) of rule XX, the Chair announces to the House that, in light of the administration of the oath of office to Members-elect, the whole number of the House is now 433.

momentary 30 minutes to the gentleman from Oklahoma (Mr. COLE), pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. During consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for the purpose of debate only.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. SCALISE)?

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER. Ms. SCALISE. Mr. Speaker, today the Rules Committee met and reported a closed rule, House Resolution 38, providing for consideration of House Resolution 21, calling on Vice President Michael R. Pence to convene and mobilize the principal officers of the executive departments of the Cabinet to activate section 4 of the 25th Amendment to declare President Donald J. Trump incapable of exercising the duties of his office to and immediately exercise powers as acting President.

The rule provides 1 hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking member of the Committee on the Judiciary or their respective designees. The rule self-executes a manager's amendment by Chairman NADLER. The rule provides that the prohibition against engaging in personalities during debate, with respect to references to the President, shall apply during consideration of measures specified in section 3 of this resolution with respect to references to the President.

Finally, the rule authorizes and directs the Sergeant at Arms to impose a fine against a Member, Delegate, or the Resident Commissioner for the failure to wear a mask in contravention of the Speaker's announced policy on this subject for the duration of the pandemic.

Mr. Speaker, we are here today to debate the rule for House Resolution 21, a resolution calling for Vice President Pence to invoice the 25th Amendment and declare President Donald Trump incapable of executing the duties of his office. We take this action solemnly and with grave concern for the safety and security of our Nation and its people, even in the final days of this President's administration.

Wednesday, a lawless mob breached this Chamber with the most evil and destructive intent. They were here to take the law into their own hands, to disrupt Congress as it counted the electoral college votes, and to overturn the lawful election of Joseph Biden as our 46th President.

As violent invaders broke windows and rammed doors, they chanted that they wanted to hang the Vice President and kidnap the Speaker of the House, and they brought the tools to do it. They beat one police officer to death, tased others, and tried to shoot one with his own gun. Another officer will likely lose an eye. Scores of others
suffered head injuries when they were beaten with pipes. Blood was spilled on the marble floor just outside this room.

Members, staff, and reporters were forced to take cover under furniture and barricade themselves in rooms, clattering and crying and fearing for their lives, as the President’s MAGA supporters chanted and raged nearby. Journalists were specifically targeted and beaten. Explosive devices were placed nearby to divert the police from protecting the Capitol.

This was not a peaceful protest. These were crimes against our country and the people who go to work every day on Capitol Hill. Just this afternoon, the FBI announced that it expects to charge hundreds of people with crimes ranging from simple trespass to conspiracy and sedition, to weapons offenses, to felony murder.

Crimes like this do not occur in a vacuum. They must be planned. They must be led.

The attack on the Capitol was initiated by this administration. For months, they told their supporters that if they didn’t win the election, the election was rigged. When the majority of American voters decided they had had enough of this chaos, they declared that the election had been stolen. The administration invited the President’s most loyal political supporters—knowing the will of American voters, to attack the Capitol and disrupt the election of Joseph R. Biden and then stood by as rioters sacked the Capitol.

Many civic leaders from both parties have condemned the President’s actions and called for his removal. So, no, this is not partisan.

But I want to thank the President’s supporters in Congress—no, I beg them—to join the American people in holding this President accountable for the violence we experienced last week and to prevent further chaos in the days to come.

Before I conclude, I want to take a minute to give my deepest condolences to the families of the Capitol Police officers who died as a result of this attack, and to thank the men and women of the Metropolitan and Capitol Police forces who valiantly defended both our democracy and the people who work on the Hill and wish a speedy recovery to the scores who were injured during the attack. As a result of the violent and frightful events of the day, six lives have been lost.

This includes two courageous Capitol Police officers who put themselves in harm’s way to protect us, secure the building, and restore order. We will never forget their selfless sacrifices and bravery. Our deepest prayers remain with their families, friends, loved ones, and the entire United States Capitol Police force as they grapple with their heavy loss.

As we seek to pick up the pieces and move forward healing our Nation, I am concerned that the majority is proceeding with the wrong course of action.

Earlier today, Mr. Speaker, the Rules Committee met and reported out a rule for consideration of House Resolution 21. This is a nonbinding resolution calling on Vice President Mike Pence to convene the Cabinet and declare President Trump incapable of executing his duties pursuant to section 4 of the 25th Amendment.

I think this resolution is misguided and inappropriate for the legislative branch to pursue. As such, I must oppose it.

Mr. Speaker, under the 25th Amendment to the Constitution, when it appears the President is unable to fulfill his or her duties, it is the responsibility of the Vice President, with the concurrence of a majority of the Cabinet, to initiate the process for making that determination.

That responsibility, grave as it is, rests solely with the Vice President. There is no role for Congress in this
process. The only role for Congress arises later and only in the circumstances where there is a dispute between the President and Vice President about the President's ability to fulfill his or her duties, but we are not faced with such a situation now.

Nor is this resolution intended to designate, by law, another body besides the Cabinet to exercise this power, which the text of the 25th Amendment says it may do. Instead, with today's resolution, what the majority is asking the House to do is consider that it does not have. The House has no role in initiating section 4 of the 25th Amendment, and we should not pretend otherwise. Instead, that power lies with the Vice President.

And we should be very clear about what this resolution actually is. It is an attempt to pressure the Vice President into performing a duty he clearly does not believe is necessary at this time.

Mr. Speaker, I was here in the Capitol last week, as were all of my colleagues. We all had the opportunity to watch Vice President PENCE as he fulfilled his duty under the Constitution. He showed sound judgment and poise under pressure. He signed his actions and the oath above reproach. Indeed, he fulfilled his oath of office and acted in a manner befitting his constitutional role. It was a statesman-like performance under the most difficult of circumstances.

Despite the Vice President's sound judgment and ability to fulfill his oath in person, the majority is now seeking to push him into performing an additional action under the 25th Amendment. The Vice President has not done what the majority wishes him to do, and so they are bringing up this resolution now in effort to pressure him into doing so.

This act, attempting to substitute the House's judgment for the Vice President's, is not contemplated anywhere in the Constitution. As we all saw last Wednesday, Vice President PENCE's judgment is sound. There is no need for the House to attempt to substitute its judgment for his own.

I personally have strong faith in him, and I believe he will consider his constitutional duty in the same manner that he carries out all of the other constitutional duties assigned to him: in a forthright manner that fulfills his oath of office and attests to his personal integrity.

Should the Vice President ever believe that the 25th Amendment needs to be invoked, I have no doubt that Vice President PENCE, both as a leader, as a former House colleague, and as a friend, would exercise good judgment with respect to performing that duty. That he has not taken that action thus far is not an indication that the House needs to push him to do so. His record of sound judgment should speak to us on this issue.

As such, I urge my colleagues to reject this resolution. I urge a "no" vote on the rule, a "no" vote on the underlying measure, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. SCANLON. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. JACKSON LEE).

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, let me thank the gentlewoman from Pennsylvania for her leadership and my good friend from Oklahoma as well. My friend from Oklahoma may be, in fact, accurate to the extent that the 25th Amendment is its own as actions that the Vice President will take. But we are a coequal branch of government, and Mr. RASKIN's resolution is an appropriate resolution because we have a responsibility to govern and to protect the American people.

So this resolution is not in violation of the Constitution, because it is the Congress calling upon the Vice President to reflect on January 6, a day in infamy, to reflect the fact that there were six people who died, that we lost two precious law enforcement Capitol Hill Police, their injuries in many ways attributable to this, some in different ways than others, and we lost Americans.

Clearly, it is a long chain of events that goes back to the President of the United States. The President, when a duly announced election came about on November 6, 2020, proceeded to declare that it had been stolen and continued to stoke the fires of his believers to begin to plan some kind of attack, because he kept saying, "Come to Washington, I will see you there." Then, of course, as time went on, I valued the President's right to the courts, of which he went, but he did not find that to be a solution for him.

So House Resolution 21 is the Congress speaking, and we have every right, as a coequal branch, to speak. Why?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The time of the gentlewoman has expired.

Ms. SCANLON. Mr. Speaker, I yield the gentlewoman from Texas an additional 30 seconds.

Ms. JACKSON LEE. We have that right, Mr. Speaker, because the FBI has indicated that they have seen 100,000 digital media, and they will be looking for more to see those who endangered all of those who were here.

My appreciation to the police and the floor staff and law enforcement, custodial staff, our staff, media, and others who were put in harm's way along with Members.

So I rise to support this resolution because it does not violate the Constitution or the intent of the 25th Amendment. It provides for the Congress to speak to ask the Vice President to realize that this President is the only one who has ever stoked this kind of action.

Mr. COLE. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the distinguished gentlewoman from Arizona (Mrs. LESKO), who is my very good friend and fellow member of the Rules Committee.

Mrs. LESKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to the rule.

Over the last week, we have heard calls from both parties’ leaders, past and present, about the need for unity in our Nation. We have heard President-elect Biden and other members of the Democratic Party call for unity, a path forward for our Nation full of mutual consideration and respect.

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Mr. Speaker, I rise today with great sadness and anger over the events that transpired on January 6th, and steadfast determination to take action to address the actions of those who incited and committed the unconscionable acts on that day are brought to justice.

Last week's violent insurrection on the U.S. Capitol, which has left at least five people dead and dozens injured, was a stain on our national democracy. The President's blatantly false claims about election fraud, which were parroted by current administration officials and members of the House and Senate, finally reached a tipping point last week when these falsehoods gave way to a violent assault on our nation's Capitol. Even after 64 failed attempts in federal court to substantiate the baseless claims about election fraud, the President, his administration, and members of Congress continued to double down and use these mistruths to incite a mob to stage a bloody insurrection against the United States Government and the law and murdered police officers, they planted pipe bombs, brandished weapons, and left our nation shocked and in mourning.

What does it mean, then, for America that a sitting President invited thousands of his most fervent supporters to Washington and incited them to commence a violent occupation of the world's citadel of democracy—the United States Capitol?

Without a proper check and proportional response to these events, we will be doomed to relive the same hell over and over again. In time, we will lose our democracy, our hallowed institutions, and irreparably tear at the very fabric of our nation. As elected leaders of this nation, we have a right, but more importantly, a moral obligation to respond to those who incited this riot in the strongest possible terms.

Just as this Congress returned mere hours after this insurrection to certify the lawful results of the 2020 Presidential election, we stand here today prepared to take firm, decisive, and necessary action to restore our country from the heinous state it spiraled into on 1/6/2021.

Mr. Speaker I rise today to implore the Vice President of the United States and the members of the President’s cabinet to invoke the 25th Amendment and remove this dangerous President from office before he can inflict more harm on our nation. It’s time for the Vice President to stand up for American democracy. I will also join my colleagues in supporting articles of impeachment against the President.

The President's violent rhetoric and actions pose a significant threat to our nation with every passing minute that he’s allowed to remain in office. No President who invites thousands of his most devoted supporters to Washington and urges them to “fight” his political enemies by committing a sedition attack on our Capitol should be allowed to remain in office. Our nation has endured and persevered through so much, and it will survive this President. But if we do not act and hold him accountable, then we will leave our nation vulnerable to a future demagogue. That brings me here on such a somber day to carry out our sacred oath to defend and protect the Constitution from all enemies foreign and domestic.

I will vote to impeach this President, and I urge my colleagues to do the same.

Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, if we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to immediately bring up a resolution establishing a bipartisan national commission on the domestic terrorist attack on the United States Capitol.

This commission, modeled on the 9/11 Commission, will be charged with examining and reporting upon the facts and causes relating to the attack that occurred on January 6 of 2021 and with providing appropriate findings, conclusions, and recommendations for corrective measures.

I can think of no more appropriate path for Congress to follow, Mr. Speaker, than to ensure that a bipartisan commission reviews all evidence and reports back to us on this horrific event.

Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to consent to the text of my amendment in the RECORD, along with extraordinary material, immediately prior to the vote on the previous question.

Mr. Speaker, I urge the defeat of the PQ and the adoption of the amendment.

Ms. SCALONI. Mr. Speaker, we, of course, share the concern of our colleagues from the other side of the aisle that an incident like this never happens again. That is why we are urging the Vice President to invoke the 25th Amendment, because of the clear and present danger of continued violence under this administration.

While I believe there will be a time to talk about bipartisan efforts to have an investigation through this House, this is not the moment for it.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentlewoman from California (Ms. MATSUI), a distinguished former member of the Rules Committee.

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the rule providing for consideration of the resolution before us today, calling on the Vice President to invoke the Fifth Amendment and remove President Trump from office immediately.

Last week, members of both parties came to the floor of this Chamber to take the oath of office. In that oath, each of us pledged to defend the Constitution against all enemies, foreign and domestic. I believe that oath compels me and my colleagues to act today.

Last Wednesday’s armed insurrection at the United States Capitol was a coordinated attempt to overthrow our democratic process with violence. Make no mistake, these rioters viewed the President’s incitement of fraud as a mandate to act. Lies, misinformation, and demagoguery have consequences.

Unfortunately, America witnessed those consequences last week, some on television, some under tables in barred-offices, some in the Chambers, and some in the last moments of life.

It is not with joy that I immediately called on Vice President PENCE to invoke the 25th Amendment. I am co-sponsor of both this resolution and the Articles of Impeachment because I believe I have an obligation to honor my oath and defend the Constitution against a grave domestic threat.
On a personal note, I am taking this stand for the future of my grandchildren. Our obligation to them and to future generations is that this democracy stands.

So, it is with sadness but firm resolve that I rise to support this rule and implore my colleagues on the other side of the aisle to join me.

Mr. COLE. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentlewoman from Michigan (Mrs. MCCAIN), who will be giving her first address on the floor of the House today.

Mrs. MCCAIN. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Oklahoma.

I rise today to echo many of my colleagues in the call for unity and a peaceful transition of power. I say this as a believer in the Constitution and the fact that the election has been certified.

First, the incitement of politically motivated violence that we saw last week is intolerable. Words have consequences, the President could have done more. But I ask you this: Doesn’t everybody need to play by the same rules?

Let me highlight some other questions from today’s opening:

And I quote: “Let’s make sure we show up wherever we have to show up. And if you see anybody from that Cabinet in a restaurant, in a department store, at a gas station, you get out and you create a crowd, and you push back on them and you tell them they are not welcome anymore anywhere.”

That was not President Trump.

Let me give you another one. “I just don’t even know why there aren’t uprisings all over the country.” Again, not President Trump.

Can we all agree that at times our emotions get in the way because we love this country so much? But I ask you this: Whatever is good for one side, isn’t it good for the other?

We all have the same name on the front of our jersey, and that is the United States of America. We need to start acting like it and let our actions follow our words.

Impeachment only incites more division. It does not provide unity.

I offer a solution. I am ready to come together and get to work for this great country in which we live.

Ms. SCANLON. I would just suggest that sedition is inherently divisive, and it is difficult to try to fix before there has been accountability.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 2½ minutes to the gentleman from New York (Mr. STOZZI).

Mr. SUOZZI. Mr. Speaker, I support invoking the 25th Amendment to remove President Donald Trump from office.

Former Congressman Tom Lantos, a Holocaust survivor, would often say the veneer of civilization is paper-thin. We are its guardians, and we cannot rest.

I was sitting right there on Wednesday when they told us to take out our gas masks because the rioters had breached the Capitol.

I was standing right over there as the Capitol Police locked and barricaded the Chamber doors. I heard what I thought were gunshots as the rioters broke the windows in the main Chamber door with a metal pipe.

I was standing right over there when the woman was shot outside the Speaker’s lobby, and the police radios rang out: “Shots fired in the Capitol. Shots fired in the Capitol. Everyone down.”

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Thousands of people, criminals, desecrated our Capitol, breaking windows and doors, attacking our brave officers, and vandalizing offices. Rioters, wearing Army fatigues with Confederate and Trump flags, donned Nazi swastikas. That and I saw one man who wore a shirt saying: “Camp Auschwitz Staff.”

Our President instigated this. The President’s duty is to protect our Republic and its people. He built a mob, filled it with lies, and encouraged its flight to stop the steal. Now, we hear intelligence reports that thousands of armed militias and white supremacists are planning to come again on or before January 20.

My colleagues, my friends on the other side of the aisle, we must together call upon the President to denounce this violence, to tell his supporters to stay home.

Mr. President, you must please put America first. You must call off this attack. And if not, you must be removed.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the President.

Mr. COLE. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. RESCHENTHALER), who is the newest Republican member of the Rules Committee.

Mr. RESCHENTHALER. Mr. Speaker, let me be clear about something. The violence and the rioting in our Capitol last Wednesday was tragic. It was undemocratic, and it was unacceptable. I unequivocally condemn this criminal behavior that occurred in this building.

Our great Nation is deeply divided. Unfortunately, rather than looking forward and working together on issues that actually unite our country, we are here debating a partisan issue, a partisan resolution that will only further divide us.

The Constitution is very clear on the issue we are debating. The ability to activate section 4 of the 25th Amendment lies with the Vice President and Cabinet members. Cabinet members who are vetted and confirmed by the Senate.

Congress is only drawn in, House Members are only drawn in, when the President disputes a declaration of incapacitation. That is not what is happening here. And respect that constitutional prerogative.

Mr. Speaker, I am also perplexed by my Democratic colleagues’ attempt to force the hand of a man that they clearly had faith in to run our country. They must recognize that by calling for the President’s immediate resignation, they are also advocating for Vice President MIKE PENCE to lead our Nation. Therefore, they should have full transparency in Vice President Pence’s decision-making ability to act in a manner consistent with his constitutional responsibilities, just as he did last week.

Further, I am incredibly and deeply disappointed that the rule before us suspends prohibitions on engaging in personalities against the President. It is somewhat ironic. If we are truly worried about rhetoric, then we must set an example and ensure that civility and decorum remain an essential part of the American discourse.

Ms. SCANLON. Just to clarify, this provision about suspending the rule about personalities is so that we can have a full and frank discussion of just why the request is being made to invoke the 25th Amendment and just why this President should be impeached. It would be difficult, if not impossible, to describe the high crimes and misdemeanors and other misconduct which forms the basis of those requests if that rule were not suspended.

As I mentioned in my opening, we don’t view this as a partisan resolution. We have Members from all sides of the political spectrum now calling for the removal of this President. Members might want to check their news feed to see the growing list of civic, business, and religious leaders from across the country who have said: Enough is enough. This President is a clear and present danger.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. COLE. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I have great confidence in my good friend from Pennsylvania. I have had the privilege of being in this body for many years, and I have never seen what we see in sections 2 and 3 of this rule, the suspension of appropriate language.

I understand the difficulties of dealing with this issue and respect that. However, at a time when the rhetoric has been over the top, I think we should set a high example. We have never done this before in my time here. We didn’t do it in previous impeachments.

The need to do it now is lost on me.

Mr. Speaker.

Again, I have great confidence in my friend. I have great confidence in my friends on the Rules Committee.
So, the rule is the rule. This will almost certainly pass. I would just hope that everybody acts as good as they can. I mean, I hate to put it that simply, but this is an important issue.

I respect all the Members of this body, I know this is a proud house and something that we aspire to. I hate to see it ever lowered or any exception provided. I also have great confidence in the Speaker's Chair, and I know that they will consider the appropriate level of civility and decency on the floor.

But, Mr. Speaker, I just ask my fellow Members to please, please think about this, because we have taken a very important safeguard off the rails of debate, so to speak.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. JORDAN), my very good friend, the distinguished Republican ranking member of the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. JORDAN. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Oklahoma (Mr. COLE) for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, this is scary. This is frightening what we're happening right now.

With less than 1 hour of debate, the Democrats bring a rule to the floor that says this: You can say anything you want about the President of the United States of America, no rules of decorum about what you say about the leader of our country.

In that rule, they say: If you don't wear a mask, you could get fined, no regard to whether you have already had COVID, whether you have had the vaccination. Your mask slips down a little bit, you get fined, in a rule with no debate?

In this rule, they say: To walk on the House floor, you have to go through a metal detector, a Member of the United States Congress walking on the floor to represent three quarters of a million people in our district?

And fourth, the rule is for the bill that says we should tell the Vice President of the United States to work to remove the President of the United States.

I have been here 14 years. I have never seen anything like this. And I do not know where this ends. I do not know where it ends, but it is dangerous where they are taking us.

You couple this with what we are seeing with the cancel culture mob out there, I do not know where this takes us.

I fear for the First Amendment. I fear for the Second Amendment. I fear for the Bill of Rights. I fear for the Constitution. You have to go through a metal detector, a Member of the United States Congress walking on the floor to represent three-quarters of a million people in our district?

Mr. Speaker, I do not know where this takes us, but it is scary what they are throwing in a bill that we are going to debate for less than an hour, making these kinds of changes. I hope they reconsider.

Ms. SCANLON. Mr. Speaker, I am prepared to close. I would inquire if the gentleman has any more speakers.
Mr. ARMSTRONG changed his vote from "yea" to "nay." So the previous question was ordered.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

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CALLING ON VICE PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP TO CONVEY AND MOBILIZE THE CABINET TO ACTIVATE SECTION 4 OF THE 25TH AMENDMENT TO DECLARE PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP INCAPABLE OF EXECUTING THE DUTIES OF HIS OFFICE

Whereas President Donald J. Trump never accepted these election results and promised his activist followers that the "steal" of the 2020 Presidential election would come to Washington on January 6 to "Stop the Steal" and that the "cabal" of the press, "swamp people," and "deep state" would face consequences; and

Whereas hundreds of thousands of Trump supporters advertised and encouraged the "Stop the Steal" movement on social media platforms and other websites; and

Whereas President Trump, through his official accounts, repeatedly urged his millions of followers on Twitter and other social media outlets to come to Washington on January 6 to "Stop the Steal" of the 2020 Presidential election and promised his activist followers that the protest on the Electoral College count day would be "wild;"

Whereas the insurrectionary protests were widely advertised and broadly encouraged by President Donald J. Trump and Vice President Michael R. Pence to convene and mobilize the principal officers of the executive departments of the Cabinet to activate section 4 of the 25th Amendment to declare President Donald J. Trump incapable of executing the duties of his office and to immediately exercise powers as acting President, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House;

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BUTTERFIELD), Pursuant to House Resolution 38, the amendment to the preamble, printed in House Report 117–1, is adopted, and the resolution, as amended, is considered read.

The text of the resolution, as amended, is as follows:

H. RES. 21

Whereas on Wednesday, January 6, 2021, the day prescribed under section 15 of title 3, United States Code, for the counting of electoral votes, Congress experienced a massive violent invasion of the United States Capitol and its complex by a dangerous insurrectionary mob which smashed windows and used violent physical force and weapons to overpower and oust the precedent United States Capitol Police and facilitated the illegal entry into the Capitol of hundreds, if not thousands, of unauthorized persons (all of whom entered the Capitol complex without going through metal detectors and other security screening devices);

Whereas the insurrectionary mob threatened the safety and lives of the Vice President, the Speaker of the House, and the

President pro tempore of the Senate, the first three individuals in the line of succession to the presidency, as the rioters were recorded chanting "Hang Mike Pence" and "Where's Nancy?" whereupon House Minority Whip Steve Scalise, and Senator Chuck Grassley, who had been in the gallery, told Trump to stop his supporters that "Mike Pence didn't have the courage to do what should have been done to protect our country" and the Capitol was under siege and the Vice President was in hiding;

Whereas the insurrectionary mob attacked law enforcement officers, unleashed chaos and terror among Members and staff and their families, occupied the Senate Chamber and Speaker Nancy Pelosi's office along with other leadership offices, vandalized and pilfered government property, and succeeded in interfering with the counting of electoral votes in the joint session of Congress;

Whereas the insurrectionary mob's violent attacks on law enforcement and invasion of the Capitol complex caused the unprecedented disruption of the Electoral College count process for a 4-hour period in both the House and the Senate, a dangerous and destabilizing impairment of the peaceful transfer of power that these insurrectionary riots were explicitly designed to cause;

Whereas 5 Americans have died as a result of injuries or traumas suffered during this violent attack on Congress and the Capitol, including Capitol Police Officer Brian D. Sicknick and congressional staffers Katherine苇 Boyland, Kevin Greason, and Benjamin Phillip Lips, and more than 50 police officers were seriously injured, including 15 officers who had to be hospitalized by violent assaults, and there could easily have been dozens or hundreds more wounded and killed, a sentiment captured by Senator Lindsey Graham, who observed that "the building could have blown up. They could have killed us all;"

Whereas these insurrectionary protests were widely advertised and broadly encouraged by President Donald J. Trump, who had repeatedly urged his millions of followers on Twitter and other social media outlets to come to Washington on January 6 to "Stop the Steal" of the 2020 Presidential election and promised his activist followers that the protest on the Electoral College counting day would be "wild;"

Whereas President-elect Joseph R. Biden won the 2020 Presidential election with more than 81 million votes and defeated President Trump 306-232 in the Electoral College, a pronounced majority of the American people, by President Trump when he won by the same Electoral College numbers in 2016, but President Trump never accepted these election results as legitimate and instead engaged in a multipronged coordinated campaign of propaganda and coercive pressure in the Federal and State courts, in the state legislatures, with Secretaries of State, and in Congress to nullify and overturn these results and replace them with fraudulent and fabricated numbers;

Whereas President Trump made at least 3 attempts to intervene in the lawfully conducted vote counting and certification process in Georgia and to coerce officials there into fraudulently declaring him the winner of the State's electoral votes totaling 16 electoral votes, Georgia Governor Brian Kemp and a State elections investigator, and an hour-long conversation with Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger and fossil trading partner Raffensperger and warned him that 11,780 "illegal votes" and warning of a "big risk" to Raffensperger if he did not intervene favorably to guarantee the reelection of President Trump;

Whereas President Trump appeared with members of his staff and family at a celebratory kickoff rally to encourage and charge up the rioters and the mob to do "walk down to the Capitol" and "if you don't like hell, you're not going to have a
country anymore" on Wednesday, January 6, 2021;

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cupied parts of the Capitol, President Trump
ignored or rejected repeated real-time en-
treaties from Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Se-
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peal to his followers to exit the Capitol, and
also ignored a call from Alyssa Post, a for-
mer communications director, saying:
"Condemn this now, @realDonaldTrump—
you are the only one they will listen to. For
our country!"

Whereas photographs, cell phone videos,
social media posts, and on-the-ground re-
porting show that numerous violent insur-
rectionists breached the Capitol were
armed, were carrying police grade flex cuffs
to detain and handcuff people, used mace,
pepper spray, and bear spray against United
States Capitol (Capitol) Police officers, erected a gal-
lows on Capitol grounds to hang "traitors,"
vehemently chanted "Hang Mike Pence!" while
surrounding and roving the Capitol,

Whereas Donald Trump has demonstrated
repeatedly, continuously, and spectacularly
his absolute inability to discharge the most
basic and fundamental powers and duties of
his office, including most recently the duty
to respect the legitimate results of the Presi-
dential election, the duty to respect the peace,
liberty, and democratic power under the
Constitution, the duty to participate in
legally defined transition activities, the duty
to protect national security interests, and
across the country—this President is not
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Whereas I have read that speech. He
asserted power under the 25th
Amendment to disqualify the President
from the Electoral College. He urged the Vice
President to assert the 25th Amendment to
discharge his duties. He is not protecting and
defending the democracy itself, the
process of electing the President. He is not
respecting the peaceful transfer of
power. He is not taking care that the
laws are faithfully executed. He is not
protecting the Republic against mob
insurrection, invasion, and hostility. He is
not protecting the republican form of government and the people
of the United States when he allowed this
to happen.

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my time.

Mr. JORDAN. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2½
minutes to the gentleman from the
Great State of California (Mr. MCCLIN-
Tock).

Mr. MCCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, what a sad and ominous way to begin
the 117th Congress. Hasn’t this body
done enough in the last session to di-
vide our country and abuse our Con-
stitution without carrying that dam-
age into the new session?

The 25th Amendment specifically ad-
dresses the incapacity of the President
to discharge the duties of his office. It
was never intended as a political weap-
on when Congress doesn’t like the way
he discharges those duties.

Now, I have read that speech. He
never suggested rampaging the Capitol
and disrupting the Congress. He urged
them to—and this is an exact quote—
"peacefully and patriotically make
your voices heard."

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a bipartisan vote to respect the elec-
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this new role as armchair psychiatrists and a new power to equate intemperate speech with functional disability, the most important pillars of our government—stability, the rule of law, and the separation of powers—will fracture. If this President, but it will stalk future Presidents from this day forward. For their sake, please don’t do this.

Mr. RASKIN. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentlewoman from California (Ms. PELOSI).

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding and applaud him and salute him as a constitutional scholar, an intellectual resource, and the force of justice that he has been as he has crafted and advanced this resolution.

I thank the entire House Democratic Caucus for their love of country, determination to protect our democracy, and their loyalty to our oath that had been so beautifully manifested in this dark past week.

Mr. Speaker, a dark week it has been indeed. On Wednesday, the President of the United States incited anddirected a veiled and constitutional insurrection against America that targeted the very heart of our democracy, this temple of democracy, the United States Capitol, defiling the genius of the Constitution—separate but equal—attacking the first branch of government, trying to prevent us from carrying out our constitutional duty to ascertain that Joe Biden and KAMALA HARRIS will be President and Vice President of the United States.

This insurrection of the U.S. Capitol and the violence against Congress, our staff, and our workers are horrors that will forever stain our Nation’s history.

Five Americans have died following the violent attack. More than 50 police officers were seriously injured, including 15 officers who were hospitalized.

On behalf of the House, I salute and express deepest gratitude to the U.S. Capitol Police for the valor that they showed in protecting the lives of Members, staff, and the public.

Mr. Speaker, this is a sad day for our country, that we have to come to the floor in a way to defend the Constitution of the United States at this time.

The facts are very clear: The President called for this seditious attack. This President’s actions demonstrate his absolute inability to discharge the most basic and fundamental powers and duties of his office. Therefore, the President must be removed from office immediately.

This is a decision we make with the utmost solemnity and prayerfulness which this crisis requires. Removal of the President is an unprecedented action, but it is required because it is an unprecedented moment in history because of the danger that he poses.

I heard the previous speaker say that we are objecting to the President because we don’t like in this way he executes his duties. No, we don’t like it at all: acts of sedition, incitement to insurrection, treasonous activity. If you are associating yourself with that as the proper execution of the President’s duties, then you are associating yourself with sedition and treason.

Yesterday, in a pro forma session, we introduced a unanimous consent request to take up Congressman RASKIN’s legislation calling on the Vice President to activate the 25th Amendment to remove the President from office, again, to prevent him from causing more damage to our country. Who knows what he might do next?

But House Republicans rejected this legislation. So the President’s unhinged, unstable, deranged acts of sedition may continue, endangering America and undermining our democracy.

Not only did he encourage the rioters and those who make Congress function.

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Mr. Speaker, during the Trump Presidency, these 4 years, and especially following the insurrection, I often quoted the words of the great Israeli poet Ehud Manor when he said:

I can’t keep silent in light of how my country’s changed her face
Won’t quit trying to remind her
In her ears, I’ll sing my cries
Until she opens her eyes.

“I can’t keep silent in light of how my country’s changed her face.” I urge my Republican colleagues to open their eyes and to finally hold this President accountable. The security of our country and the future of our very democracy are at stake.

When we pray for God to bless America, let us hope that that blessing comes down strongly on us in the next few days.

Again, Mr. Speaker, I applaud the great leadership of Mr. RASKIN.

Mr. JORDAN. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. CLINE).

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in opposition to H. Res. 21, calling on Vice President PENCE to invoke section 4 of the 25th Amendment.

Like all of us, I condemn, in the strongest possible terms, the violence that occurred here in our Nation’s Capital last week. Political violence is never the answer, regardless of which the politician occurs. And that is a strongly held position on which I have been clear since well before my time in Congress.

Let’s be clear about a few things. The adoption of this political resolution would be divisive rather than unifying. The Vice President said there was no intention of taking action under the amendment. So, this process is pure political theater on the part of the majority.

In addition, no due process has been provided. As a former prosecutor, if law enforcement brought evidence of a crime to me and said take this to the jury tomorrow, there would be no chance for the defendant to prepare any defense. I would be violating half the Constitution, the code of Virginia, and over 100 different rules of procedure.

In the more than 50 years since the 25th Amendment was ratified, section 4 has never been invoked. As such, there are no judicial or authoritative opinions that would evaluate its implementation. Absent this, we must look to the legislative intent of the Congress that passed its language, and nowhere in the legislative intent is the current situation envisioned. It is meant to be used for incapacity, not for political ends with 8 days remaining in a President’s term.

Last week, Vice President PENCE was lauded by the majority for not yielding to pressure to exert power beyond his constitutional authority to determine the outcome of the election. Yet, the majority today is attempting to pressure him to exert power beyond the intention of his constitutional role in section 4 of the 25th Amendment.

This action will only further fuel the political divide among our citizens and will be detrimental to the long-term efforts to unify our country.

Mr. Speaker, both President Trump and President-elect Biden have called for a peaceful transition of power. I would encourage members of both parties to work toward this end and vote against this rushed, misguided, politically motivated resolution.

Mr. RASKIN. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentlewoman from California (Ms. LOFGREN).

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, last week, as we counted electoral college votes, I said this day marks a crossroads for our American democracy. We didn’t know then what an ominous statement that was. We do now.

Congress was attacked by a violent mob incited by the President, to stop us from doing our constitutional job. The President not only encouraged the mob; he said he loved them and made no serious effort to stop them.
Lives were lost and put in danger. Constitutional government was urgently threatened. The President's actions were not only wrong; they were dangerous.

He lives in an alternate reality. He is a computer-generated character in a computer game.

Vice President Pence should invoke the 25th Amendment, assume Presidential duties until the inauguration next week, and save us from a President who is unable to function, unable to protect our country. I urge all, including my Republican colleagues, to put politics aside. Act to secure the safety of our country. We truly are at a crossroads for our American democracy.

Mr. Jordan, Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. Biggs).

Mr. Biggs. Mr. Speaker, the violence at the Capitol last week has been condemned by Republicans, Democrats, and Independents. So, I ask: Why are the Democrats stoking the fire instead of dousing the flames?

This 25th Amendment resolution is actually similar, with some differences, to the proposal filed in October of this year by the same Representative, Mr. Raskin, by 42 Democrats. The problem at that time is they were trying to get this commission together. This time, they want the Vice President to invoke the other portion of article 4. But the problem, of course, is that the Vice President is unwilling, of exercising the duties of his office. That is why we are doing this.

Our Nation is divided. While folks on the left are trying to lay this all on President Trump, you should consider a few statements from colleagues across the aisle.

One of our colleagues at one point said: "If you see anybody from that Cabinet," meaning Mr. Trump's Cabinet, "in a restaurant, in a department store, at a gasoline station, you get out and you create a crowd. And you push back on them, and you tell them they are not welcome anymore, anywhere."

Senator Booker called for his supporter to: "Go to the Hill today. Get up and please get up in the face of some Congresspeople."

I have dozens more similar statements. But what we are talking about here today is a resolution, asking the Vice President to invoke the 25th Amendment to convene the Cabinet, to get the Cabinet together to remove this President.

What that does, it is basically doing what Democrats wrongfully claimed President Trump did on January 6. It pours gas on the smoldering embers, which consists of tens of millions who believe the integrity of the election was questionable. They feel disenfranchised. And quite frankly, they are more angry than aggrieved.

Some believe that by doing this, it is going to be healing. I heard this gentleman say this to America. I urge all, including my Republican colleagues, that doing this would be healing. Yet, the Vice President said he is not going to do that. If this resolution is to ask the Vice President to invoke this 25th Amendment, if this is what the purpose of this is, to ask the Vice President, then the purpose is now null.

But I suggest to you it looks like, it would look to the world we are going to proceed on, even after you received the answer that you are seeking, and it is disapproval of your idea, that the only thing that could be left is to pour gas on the fire.

I am asking that cooler heads prevail here. This is not necessary. Don't let this get in the way. Just to parrot the last speaker, I am asking friends across the aisle: Don't do this.

Mr. Raskin. Mr. Speaker, the gentleman reasonably poses the question: Why are we doing this?

We think that the President of the United States constitutes a clear and present danger to the Republic and to our people.

For example, on the white supremacist websites that helped to build the President's mob, they are now calling for a return engagement on the days of January 19 and 20. They are calling again for an attack on the Capitol, and they are calling again for the State legislatures, now in 50 States, to be surrounded.

What will the attitude be of the President of the United States? Will he give them aid and comfort? Will he wink at them? Will he send them positive tweets and messages, calling them patriots? Also, on extreme rightwing websites, they are calling for the President to pardon the organizers of the armed violent insurrection that took place in this body not even a week ago. What if the President decides to pardon them?

We know this President is not living up to the most minimal duties of his office. That is why we are doing this, to protect the public.

By the way, we are not telling the Vice President what he must do. We have no authority to do that. We are telling him what we think he should do and that the Congress will be with him because we know that he has come under extreme right-wing pressure on everything from the counting of the electoral college votes to his positions on a whole range of things to go along with Donald Trump. So, we are trying to counterbalance that attack on him from the right to say the people want a peaceful way through this.

I yield 2 minutes to the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. Jackson Lee).

Ms. Jackson Lee. Accountability comes before healing, but healing should come after accountability. If we look at the Constitution, we will clearly see that Mr. Raskin's resolution fits the language: an inability to be able to discharge your duties, to exercise the laws carefully.

Do you consider, if we words from the President of the United States to insurrectionists and terrorists to "walk down to the Capitol," says the President, telling them: "If you don't fight like hell, you are not going to have a country anymore." And that is the attack that the domestic terrorists made on this place.

All we are asking of the Vice President, through this resolution, is to remove the President and to call upon the 25th Amendment to convene the Cabinet, to begin the healing, because the President of the United States is dangerous to the American people.

What is that we want on the floor today? We hope that he will have an opportunity to reflect because the Constitution says in many places that the actions of this President are dangerous. People have died. We have lost two police officers. Others are in the hospital. And yes, it was an insurrection. It is time to pass H. Res. 21.

Mr. Speaker, as a senior member of the Committees on the Judiciary and on Homeland Security, I rise in strong support of H. Res. 21, a resolution calling on Vice President Michael R. Pence to convene and mobilize the principal officers of the executive department of the Cabinet to activate Section 4 of the 25th Amendment to declare President Donald J. Trump incapable of exercising the duties of his office and to immediately exercise powers as acting President.

As a person who was in the House chamber, that day and witnessed the terror, mayhem, and horror unleashed by the President's incitement of insurrection and utter betrayal of his sacred oath, it is manifestly evident that the President is clearly incapable, and certainly unwilling, of exercising the duties of his office, which makes it essential for Vice-President Pence to convene the principal officers of the Executive Branch to invoke the 25th Amendment to the Constitution.

Mr. Speaker, the resolution recites a tale of abdication and dereliction of duty by a President of the United States unseen in the history of our country.

On Wednesday, January 6, 2021, the day prescribed by section 15 of title 3, United States Code, for the counting of electoral votes, Congress experienced a massive, violent attack on the Congress and its complex by a dangerous insurrectionary mob, which smashed windows and used violent, physical force and weapons to overpower and outmaneuver the United States Capitol Police and facilitated the illegal entry into the Capitol of hundreds, if not thousands, of unauthorized persons (all of whom entered the Capitol complex without going through metal detectors and other security screening devices).

This insurrectionary mob threatened the safety and lives of the Vice President, the Speaker of the House, and the President pro tempore of the Senate, the first three individuals in the line of succession to the presidency, as the rioters were recorded chanting "Hang Mike Pence," and "Where's Nancy" while President Donald Trump proceeded to his supporters that "Mike Pence didn't have the courage to do what should have been done to protect our country."

The marauders attacked law enforcement officers, unleashed chaos and terror among Members and staff, and then they occupied the Senate Chamber and Speaker Nancy Pelosi's office along with other leadership offices, vandalized and pilfered government institutions.
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At least five Americans have died as a result of injuries or traumas suffered during this violent attack on Congress, including Capitol Police Officer Brian D. Sicknick, and more than 50 police officers were seriously injured, including 15 officers who had to be hospitalized by the severe assaults.

There could easily have been hundreds more wounded and killed, a sentiment captured by Senator LINDSEY GRAHAM, one of the President’s fiercest enablers, who observed that “the mob could have blown the building up. They could have killed us all.”

Mr. Speaker, these insurrectionary protests were widely advertised and broadly encouraged by the current President, who repeatedly disparaged his high office by exhorting his millions of followers on Twitter and other social media to come to Washington on January 6 to “Stop the Steal” of the 2020 Presidential election, promising that the protest on the Electoral College counting day would be “wild.”

Although President-elect Joseph R. Biden decisively won the 2020 Presidential election with more than 81 million votes and defeated President Trump 306-232 in the Electoral College, a margin pronounced to be a “landslide” by the current President when he won the same Electoral College numbers in 2016, the current and temporary occupant of the White House never accepted these election results as legitimate and waged a protracted campaign of propaganda and coercive pressure in the Federal and State courts, in the state legislatures, with Secretaries of State, and in Congress to nullify and overturn these results and replace them with imaginary and fabricated numbers to maintain his continuance in office.

This culminated in the current President taking the stage at the insurrection rally he held on the Ellipse on January 6, 2021 to exhort the rioters and insurrectionists to “walk down to the Capitol,” telling them “if you don’t fight like hell, you’re not going to have a country anymore.”

The President’s putative lawyer, Rudy Giuliani, who possesses the uncanny knack of exhorting the rioters and insurrectionists to “hang Mike Pence” while roaming the Capitol, emphasizing that storming the Capitol was “a revolution,” and committed the unspeakable offense of brandishing the Confederate battle flag inside the Capitol.

In all of this, Donald John Trump has demonstrated repeatedly, continuously, and spectacularly his absolute inability to discharge the most basic and fundamental powers and duties of his office, to the great prejudice of the cause of law and justice, and to the manifest injury of the people of the United States.

For the safety and security of the people of the United States and the survival of our democracy, he must be removed from office.

For these reasons, I urge all Members to join me in voting for H. Res. 21, calling upon the Vice-President to convene the Cabinet and to invoke the 25th Amendment to the Constitution and resigning all powers and duties of the office as President.

Mr. JORDAN. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentlewoman from Georgia (Mrs. GREENE).

Mrs. GREENE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I would like to quote the President of the United States: “I know that everyone here will soon be marching over to the Capitol Building to peacefully and patriotically make your voices heard.”

“Go home with love and in peace. Remember this day forever.”—President Donald Trump.

I condemn this violence. Republicans have condemned this violence. President Trump has condemned this violence. But elected Democrats over the past year have promoted violence, have supported it. They fund it on their ActBlue fundraising platform.

There has been billions in damage caused over this past year, riots all over this country. Do you know how many companies have endured violence and destruction? I have 83 pages here of businesses that had property damage, were burned, through the Minnesota riots.

Mr. Speaker, I include in the Record an article about the Minnesota riots.

[From the Star Tribune, July 31, 2020]

BUILDINGS DAMAGED IN MINNEAPOLIS, ST. PAUL AFTER RIOTS

(BY JOSEPH PENROD, C.J. SINNER AND MARY JO WEBSTER)

TWIN CITIES RESTAURANTS AND RETAIL STORES WERE HIT HARDEST IN THE RIOTING FOLLOWING GEORGE FLOYD’S KILLING

In the first few days after George Floyd was killed by Minneapolis police, rioters tore through dense stretches of Minneapolis, St. Paul and other metro communities in retaliation, causing millions in property damage to more than 1,500 locations.

In their wake, vandals left a trail of smashed downtown storefronts, covered in swaths of boarded-up businesses with graffiti and set fire to nearly 150 buildings, with dozens burned to the ground. Pharmacies, grocery stores, taxis, phone stores and cell phone stores were ransacked, losing thousands of dollars in stolen merchandise. Many were looted repeatedly over consecutive nights.

Other property—like gas stations, restaurants and even parked cars—was set on fire with much of it completely destroyed.

The full extent of damage to Twin Cities buildings—including residences, churches, nonprofits and minority-owned businesses—could take weeks to months to fully comprehend. Already on the ropes from months of lost revenue during a global pandemic, some businesses may never reopen as others are still temporarily or indelibly closed.

Buildings along a 5-mile stretch of Lake Street in Minneapolis and a 3.5-mile stretch of University Avenue in St. Paul experienced some of the heaviest damage. While this is an incomplete list, here’s a look at some of those hardest-hit areas.

HEAVY DAMAGE NEAR MINNEAPOLIS POLICE PRECINCTS

For three consecutive nights starting on Wednesday, May 27, rioters pummeled blocks worth of buildings near the Minneapolis’ Third and Fifth police precincts, inflicting heavy damage.

On Thursday night, protesters torched and heavily vandalized the Third Precinct, and over the next 48 hours, including seven buildings— including several restaurants, an Auto Zone, Minnehaha Lake Wine & Spirits, a U.S. Post Office, a cellphone store and the building that housed Twin Towns, El Nuevo Rodeo and others. Midtown Corner, a multi-story affordable housing project that was still under construction, erupted into a towering inferno, burning hot that it melted siding off a nearby house.

The following night, about three miles west of the Third Precinct, protesters blazed the area near the Fifth Precinct, heavily damaging at least seven buildings—including a U.S. Post Office, a Wells Fargo branch, a staffing agency and a Subway in a nearby strip mall. Authorities also reported that shots had been fired at officers in the Fifth Precinct area, but there were no reports of injuries.

FIRES NEAR MIDTOWN GLOBAL MARKET, HEAVY LOOTING IN UPTOWN

The Midtown Global Market area experienced one of the most concentrated polls during the Floyd riots. More than a dozen businesses near E. Lake Street Avenue were destroyed by fire, and a few dozen more reported fire damage with many being burned severely.

Less than two miles to the west near Hennepin Avenue and W. Lake Street, nearly 40 businesses were broken into or heavily looted, including large retailers like H&M, Timberland, an Apple store, Kitchen Window and Urban Outfitters. Just a few blocks away near Lyndale Avenue and W. Lake Street, a cluster of nearly 30 businesses sustained property damage, including several restaurants and bars. There was almost no fire damage in this area, a stark contrast to other clusters along Lake Street.

MOST DAMAGE ALONG UNIVERSITY AVENUE

Across the river in St. Paul, the hardest-hit area was a 1-mile stretch of the Midway along University Avenue between Snelling and Lexington Avenues, although property damage stretched a few miles more from one end to the other of the State Capitol. In all, more than 70 businesses were hit, with more than a dozen sustaining serious fire damage.

TWIN CITIES SURROUNDING AREA

Rioters hit buildings well beyond Minneapolis and St. Paul, with damage reported as far north as Blaine and as far south as Apple Valley. Meanwhile, clusters of at least 40 storefronts sprang up in places like Richfield, North St. Paul, Maplewood, Brooklyn Center and Roseville.
Mrs. GREENE of Georgia. Our Vice-President-elect, KAMALA HARRIS, post-ed the Minnesota Freedom Fund bail link, encouraging people to donate money to bail criminals out of jail.

Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD Vice-President-elect Harris’s tweet about the Minnesota Freedom Fund.

Kamala Harris
@KamalaHarris
If you’re able to, chip in now to the @MNFreedomFund to help post bail for those protesting on the ground in Minnesota.

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Mrs. GREENE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, we should not be hypocrites.

Mr. RASKIN. Mr. Speaker, I am hon-ored to yield 2 minutes to the gent-leman from New York (Mr. CATTO).

Mr. KATKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise as a proud American who has the distinct honor of serving this great body.

As a Member of Congress, we take an oath to defend the Constitution be-cause it is the best defense we have.

On January 6, the Nation watched as insurrectionists stormed the Capitol, threatened the safety of countless indi-viduals, and successfully, albeit it tem-porarily, disrupted our process.

In the wake of the attack, hundreds of Capitol Police officers heroically upheld their duty to defend the United States and protect those who work here. Many officers were severely in-jured and beaten, including one of my former interns.

Tragically, one officer, Officer Brian Sicknick, succumbed to the injuries he sustained.

To Officer Sicknick’s family, I ex-tend my deepest condolences. Know that we are praying for you.

To all Capitol Police officers, we are deeply thankful for your bravery. Be-cause of you, thousands of lives were protected, and the people’s work was able to resume.

Now, just as the Capitol Police pro-tected us, Congress must match that courage and protect the Constitution, our democratic processes, and this Na-tion.

The President’s role in the insurrec-tion is undeniable. Both on social media ahead of January 6 and in his speech that day, he deliberately pro-moted baseless theories, creating a combustible environment of mis-in-formation and division.

To allow the President of the United States to incite this attack without consequences is a direct threat to the future of this democracy. For this rea-son, I will vote to impeach this Presi-dent tomorrow.

The bill before us tonight is a non-binding resolution, which requests the Vice President to invoke the 25th Amendment, a step he has already said he will not take. It is merely a sym-bolic gesture, and I will oppose that resolution.

After last week’s attack on the Cap-itol, it is clear our Nation is more di-vided than ever in recent history. We began this great experiment over 240 years ago. To preserve it, we must re-member that our faith, race, or political party is not what unites us. What unites us is that we are Americans. I would encourage members of this body, and everyone at home, to remember that simple truth.

Mr. JORDAN. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2½ minutes to the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. BISHOP).

Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Two questions, as we begin another 24 hours that will deepen the wounds of the country and the disaffection among Americans:

First, will you stop at nothing? Second, is there any hypocrisy too far?

Let’s call this what it is: An ulti-matum, an attempt to intimidate and bully Vice President PENCE. They are not seeking just the same ends as the gentleman from California (Mr. MCCLINTOCK) said, they employ the same means to bully the Vice President to abuse power under the 25th Amendment, intended to pro-vide for temporary or sudden in-capacity of the President while they claim to be scandalized about the President bullying the Vice President one week ago to abuse power under the 12th Amendment.

With all due respect for the gentle-man from Maryland, he has not an-swered: Why are you doing this now?

Tonight, the President has clari-fied in a letter sent to all of us at 7:34 p.m. that this resolution has abso-lutely no other purpose. Here are three key things he said: “I urge you and every Member of Congress to avoid ac-tions that would further divide and in-flame the passions of the moment. Work with us to lower the temperature and unite our country . . . .”

Quote: “As you know full well, the 25th Amendment was designed to ad-dress Presidential incapacity or dis-ability.”

Quote: “Under our Constitution, the 25th Amendment is not a means of pun-ishment or usurpation.”

And listen to this one carefully: “Last week, I did not yield to pressure to exert power beyond my constitu-tional authority . . . . and I will not now yield to efforts in the House of Representatives to play political games at a time so serious in the life of our Nation.”

The Vice President has given you your answer before you ask the ques-tion. No legitimate purpose to this res-olution remains. Your ultimatum does violence to a core feature of the archi-tecture of the Constitution. Fram-ers were emphatic about their purpose to avoid making the President a crea-ture of Congress. The 25th Amendment was not ratified to change that, as you well know. Please do not pervert this impor- tant protection to undermine the Constitution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will remind Members that re-marks in debate must be addressed to the Chair and not to others in the sec-ond person.

Mr. RASKIN. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Ten-nessee (Mr. CONKLIN).

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Last Wednesday, I came to these hall-ed Halls where I serve to watch the electoral college ratify and certify the choice of Joe Biden in what was a fair, transparent election, which 61 courts had looked into, and all said it was fine. I was sitting right up there in the gallery when a Capitol Policeman came in and said: We are locking the doors. We are locking the doors.

And within only minutes of that, I heard the rattle knocking on the door, trying to knock it down. We were then told to put on our gas masks and to evacuate, and we all did it.

This is an unpredictable tragedy last week. We all know that President Trump called for a peaceful and patri-otic march. I must have attended a half dozen Trump rallies in the past year, and they have always been peaceful, wholesome events, typical of the thou-sands of peaceful protesters who re-mained away from the Capitol last week. I never would have expected this in a million years.

This is a horrible event, but not like the Black Lives Matter, antifa events that went on day after day in city after city, with prominent Democrats fanning the flames by mischaracterizing police shootings or apparently encour-aging bail for lawbreakers.

Less than 2 years ago, a Member of this body encouraged harassment of Trump officers at restaurants, gas sta-tions, or department stores. And what happened? She was rewarded with the chairmanship of an “A” committee.

Even in last week’s riots, the Speak-er tried to preposterously racialize them, which can only lead to trouble, maybe violence. Everybody back home says we ought to get along.

Is this the way to start things? It is time to get back to dealing with the people’s business, dealing with the cancel culture.
Mr. RASKIN. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the distinguished gentleman from Georgia (Mr. JOHNSON).

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, for 244 years, America has stood as the world’s bellwether of democracy. Last week, the world saw America at perhaps its lowest moment. It was crazy. We all took the same oath when we swore to protect this country from enemies, both foreign and domestic; and now with a domestic enemy having arisen that is crazy, only the Vice President must invoke the 25th Amendment and protect this country from this domestic enemy.

The 25th Amendment was written for this moment. If not now, when would its use ever be appropriate? Vice President Pence, you have an opportunity to put country before self by implementing the 25th Amendment. Please muster the courage to protect America from maniacal behavior that threatens the very foundations of our democracy. Stop the violence, Mr. Vice President.

Mr. JORDAN. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. CHABOT).

Mr. CHABOT. Mr. Speaker, what happened Wednesday at the Capitol never should have happened. The actions of those who attempted to breach the Capitol Building, and then ultimately did, are inexcusable. Lawlessness and violence are never acceptable, which is why the political divide one may fall. Those who broke the law should be and will be identified and prosecuted.

In the aftermath of last week’s tragic events, most Americans continue to be saddened, angry, and wanting answers, and they are looking to us to provide a positive example of how to bring our Nation back together. Unfortunately, if what we are doing this evening is any indication, Congress might not be up to the task.

The Democrats’ attempt to invoke the 25th Amendment and to once again impeach President Trump a week before he will be leaving office anyway are, in my opinion, misguided. The push to encourage the Vice President to invoke the 25th Amendment is especially ill-advised.

The Constitution is clear that the role for Congress to play under the 25th Amendment is to decide if the powers provided to the president have been properly invoked in the event of a dispute between the President and Vice President or the majority of the Cabinet. In other words, we are to serve as judges under the 25th Amendment, not instigators.

By encouraging the Vice President to take action, supporters of this resolution are abandoning our constitutional role, which could have a significant legal consequence down the road. And even more importantly, rather than help to heal a divided nation, the Democrat’s effort will likely drive us even further apart.

Instead, Mr. Speaker, we should be turning our attention toward unifying the American people. It is time for us to tone down the political rhetoric, to work together, to solve the problems that face our Nation. It is time for us to put aside our differences and find common ground. After all, we are all Americans.

Mr. RASKIN. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from California (Mr. SWALWELL).

Mr. SWALWELL. On January 6th, Donald Trump incited radicalized terrorists to attack the Capitol to stop the counting of electoral ballots. Donald Trump won’t protect life and cannot uphold our Constitution, so we must do so today.

It is time for our country to unite, but unity in a national crisis starts with accountability, and that starts here in the people’s House. So let’s unite against the violence incited by Donald Trump to stop a peaceful transition of power, and unite for the safety of all Americans. Let’s unite against Donald Trump, who inscribed terrorists to carry a Confederate flag, display a noose, and desecrate the people’s House. And let’s unite for the custodial staff, largely people of color, who cleaned up after those White supremacists, because they still believe in this democracy, as imperfect as it was that day.

The most essential function of a President is to protect life and defend liberty. Donald Trump has failed to do that and is failing to do that. So Vice President Pence must invoke the 25th Amendment.

Mr. JORDAN. Mr. Speaker, may I inquire how much time each side has remaining?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Maryland has 16 minutes remaining. Mr. JORDAN. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Florida (Mr. STEUBE).

Mr. STEUBE. Mr. Speaker, I would be remiss if I didn’t address the atrocities occurring right here on the House floor today. A week ago, this building was attacked; and instead of working with Republicans to prevent that from ever happening again, the leader of her Democratic colleagues thinks an appropriate response is to prevent Members from exercising their Second Amendment constitutional rights in the very place that wasn’t secure a week ago.

This attack didn’t come from the inside. It came from the outside. And to respond by restricting Members’ Second Amendment rights in the very institution that is supposed to uphold those rights is appalling.

Take note, America. This is what you have to look forward to in a Joe Biden administration. If they can do it right here in the people’s House, they will attempt to do it across the country.

The plain language of the 25th Amendment is abundantly clear. Although I am an attorney, you don’t have to be an attorney to understand that the Vice President is the principal required to invoke the amendment. The beginning of the 25th Amendment 4 states: “Whenever the Vice President and a majority of either principal officers of the executive departments or of such other body as Congress may by law provide . . . declare that the President is unable to discharge the powers and duties of his office . . . Congress makes that determination. The Vice President does.

But my Democratic colleagues will stop at nothing to remove this President, even a week before his term expires. The plain reading of the 25th Amendment shows you that this is the wrong approach. An understanding of last week’s events demonstrates this is the wrong approach. And a consideration of the political tactics that we have seen in recent days, months, and years tells you that this is a disingenuous approach at best and 100 percent politically motivated.

I was elected in 2018. My entire congressional career has been consumed by impeaching or removing President Trump. After the Russia hoax and a phone call to the Ukrainian President, and then a failed impeachment attempt that resulted in an acquittal, here we are, a little more than a week away from a new President being sworn in, attempting this travesty both to the Constitution and to America as a whole.

This is dangerous, unconstitutional, and does nothing to heal this country and move this country forward.

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Ms. GARCÍA. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentlemanwoman from Texas (Ms. GARCÍA).
Last Wednesday, Members of this body hid from insurrectionists behind barricades and locked doors. Staffers of this hallowed institution texted to their loved ones, “They are banging on the doors outside. I love you.”

And dozens of us, including me, watched in real time as rioters stormed the Capitol through shattered windows and broken glass. The result of the President’s rhetoric has left five Americans dead.

Our response to anyone who seeks to overthrow the will of the people must be unwavering and resolute. I didn’t come to Congress to do this. But President Trump’s actions warrant his immediate removal from office.

Mr. JORDAN. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1½ minutes to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. FALLON).

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak against this resolution. I am at a loss.

I can’t believe the very first time that I have the honor and privilege to address this august Chamber is to talk about removing the President of the United States because he held a permitted, legal, and peaceful rally.

It is nothing but a wasteful political grandstand. No mistake: January 6 was a dark day in our esteemed Nation’s history. It was a dark and sad day.

On the afternoon of January 6, a mob breached our sacred Capitol. Donald Trump incited and control a violent mob and ran amuck on these grounds, but Donald Trump didn’t.

A mob committed despicable, evil actions of violence against fellow Americans, but Donald Trump didn’t. In fact, Donald Trump urged and, in fact, he demanded peaceful and nothing more. Our colleagues on the other side of the aisle want us to unnecessarily remove a President when we are measuring the time he has left, not in years, months, weeks, or days—he has got 182 hours left in office.

You don’t achieve unity by simply saying it. You achieve unity through actions. This resolution accomplishes not unity but, rather, is a waste of time, and fosters further divisiveness. I am going to vote “no” on this resolution.

Mr. RASKIN. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. NEGUSE).

Mr. NEGUSE. Mr. Speaker, I had planned remarks here, but I have to respond to my colleague. His words are simply too much to bear.

The gentleman talks a lot about the mob and culpability. Who summoned the mob? Who encouraged the mob? Who incited the mob? You know as well as I do that the President did. I stood here 6 days ago in this exact same spot, and I quoted Lincoln’s admonition that “we shall nobly save, or meanly lose, the last best hope of Earth.”

Less than 10 minutes later, a violent mob breached the Capitol, the first breach of this hallowed building, the citadel of liberty, since the War of 1812. Congress must respond. Our undertaking here is not about politics. It is a matter of conscience. I support the distinguished gentleman from Maryland’s resolution. I pray the Vice President will honor his oath and reconsider and invoke the provisions of the 25th Amendment.

Mr. JORDAN. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from Florida (Mr. GAAZ).

Mr. GAAZ. Mr. Speaker, well, they may be calling on the Vice President, but based on his letter, he is not answering.

Everybody in this country knows that they wanted to impeach President Trump on his first day in office. And it looks like they are going to want to impeach him on his last day too. But all he did in the middle was rescue our economy, rebuild our military, reform the VA, and reduce America’s involvement in foreign wars.

Now, I join the bipartisan caucus condemning the violence that we saw our Capitol, but Donald Trump’s hypocrisy is just downright disorienting.

President Trump called for protests that would be peaceful and patriotic. He got labeled a national security threat. Yet the gentleman from California can call on his supporters to get physical and in the faces of Republicans, and she gets the chairmanship of the Financial Services Committee.

Republican Members of Congress utilized a process contemplated in the Constitution to offer an objection, and we were labeled seditious.

Democrat Members of Congress raised funds for groups attacking our police, burning our cities, destroying our businesses, establishing autonomous zones, and they were celebrated as justice warriors.

Wednesday, they called for unity, democracy, and healing. Now, just days later, seeking power and political advantage over the Democrats supported to the mean. They have gone back to their natural state: the party of impeachment, removal, and division.

They are about to have unified control of the government. Maybe they would use this time to review an agenda for the American people.

The last two times the 25th Amendment was invoked, it was to facilitate a colonoscopy. Now they are using it to facilitate a transition to Joe Biden. How weird. Why?

I would call it virtue signaling, but there is no virtue in it. This removal effort isn’t for America. It is for them for their ability to showcase and wield power, and we see the power of cancelation and removal on full display in America today. Forbes Magazine has called for White House officials to be shamed and unemployable.

ABC News has called for the cleansing of the Trump movement. I don’t know what they are thinking about cleansing our fellow human beings sure is scary. Big Tech has driven consumers and conservatives off of...
monopolistic platforms, and when we created our own platform, Parler, it was nuked from the internet altogether.

The gentlewoman from New York was booted from a Harvard advisory board because of her openness to an alternative to social networks that had been taken by every single member of the Congressional Black Caucus in 2001.

Cancellations for some, celebrations for others for doing the exact same thing.

The President of the United States can’t tweet or post on Facebook, but we know from Project Veritas that the principal counsel for PBS can call for the government to steal children from Republicans and throw Molotov cocktails at the White House. We should allow America to heal before America is lost, but that is what is happening today.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The time of the gentleman has expired.

Mr. JORDAN. Mr. Speaker, I yield the gentleman from Florida an additional 30 seconds.

Mr. GAETZ. Mr. Speaker, the purpose of the resolution today, they want to show you that they can still tear things up. Whatever they do over the next 2 years, we will see if they are capable of building anything or anyone up.

This is a deeply unpopular impeachment. The public wishes we were here to deal with coronavirus, not the virus of Trump hatred that you seem to have found no vaccine for.

Mr. RASKIN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I heard one of our colleagues say it was the fault of the mob, not Donald Trump. But who summoned the mob? Who created the mob? Who assembled the mob, and lit the flame of this attack. Everything happened without the President.

Mr. JORDAN. Mr. Speaker, I yield the balance of my time.

Mr. RASKIN. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. Clyburn).

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this resolution. In recent days, it has become indisputable that this President is unable to uphold his oath to preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution.

On the contrary, he seems only capable of attacking the Constitution. Never before has a President sought to overturn a fair and secure election, threatening State officials to manufacture fraudulent votes. Never before has a President incited mob violence to block certification of his opponent’s victory.

Never before has a President refused to condemn and demand the cessation of an attack on our country.

The devastating bruises on our Nation’s soul can only begin to heal by removing the weapon used to bludgeon us.

The Vice President must invoke the 25th Amendment to immediately remove power from this dangerous President. And if he doesn’t, we must vote to impeach.

Mr. JORDAN. Mr. Speaker, I yield the balance of my time.

Mr. RASKIN. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the distinguished gentlewoman from California (Ms. Waters).

Ms. WATERS. Mr. Speaker, on January 6, 2021, domestic terrorists the President has empowered for years stormed the Capitol, the people’s House, and threatened the lives of the Speaker, Vice President, and countless other Members and staff.

None of us will ever forget that day.

The invasion of the Capitol was not only foreseeable, it was inevitable because of the many years the President has spent fanning the flames of hatred and racism in our country.

The facts are clear: The President rallied his supporters at the White House and then sent them to the Capitol to disrupt our democracy and overturn an election.

I won’t spend another second explaining why Donald Trump should have long ago been removed from office. Donald Trump showed us who he was from the very beginning. Too many people turned a blind eye, and, last Wednesday, our country paid the price.

Mr. RASKIN. Mr. Speaker, may I inquire how much time both sides have remaining?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Florida has 7½ minutes remaining. The gentleman from Ohio has 8 minutes remaining.

Mr. RASKIN. Mr. Speaker, I yield the balance of my time.

Mr. JORDAN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, this past year, governments told Americans: You can’t go to church, you can’t go to work, you can’t go to school.

One hour ago, Democrats told Republicans, new rules—new rules for the House.

Today, you can say anything you want about the President, no rule on decorum, no rule about attacking personality. They can say anything they want, and we see we have done that.

Today, on the floor, you have to wear a mask. If your mask comes below your nose, you are going to get fined.

And in order to come in here and debate and constitutionally represent...
Mr. PANETTA. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from California (Mr. PANETTA).

Mr. PANETTA. Mr. Speaker, on January 7 at 4 a.m., I was right outside those doors where, 14 hours earlier, a rioter was shot as she violently tried to enter this Chamber.

It was in the early morning and at that location that I had a brief conversation with Vice President MIKE PENCE right after we finished certifying the electoral college.

I was proud that we did our job that morning despite the violence we experienced earlier that day, but I knew that was not enough because of the seditious actions by President Trump before that riot and his inaction during that riot. So I said to the Vice President, ‘‘Mr. President, you have to keep us safe.’’

Tonight, with the President still in office, I am beyond asking; I am legislating to compel the Vice President to convene the Cabinet, to conclude that the President is not just unable but, clearly, he is unwilling and unworthy to discharge his duties.

So, through this legislation, I ask my colleagues to call on the Vice President to invoke the 25th Amendment, yes, to keep us safe and keep this Nation secure.

Mr. RASKIN. Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. JORDAN. Mr. Speaker, I yield 45 seconds to the gentleman from California (Mr. JORDAN).

Mr. JORDAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to the misuse of the 25th Amendment.

To preserve separation of powers, the authors of the 25th Amendment correctly intended section 4 to be initiated by the Vice President, not by the request of Congress.

Process concerns aside, the fact is, removing the President from office will not heal our Nation. It will not bridge our partisan divides, give Americans hope, or bring us together. It will only make things worse.

With just days away until President Trump leaves the White House and just days into our new Congress, we have more important things to do. We should hold Big Tech accountable. We should be working to help families and small businesses get through the pandemic. We should be working on jobs, on infrastructure, on energy, and all the other issues our constituents sent us here to address.

I am appalled by the violence that took place here last week. Those who assaulted police officers and forced their way into these hallowed halls are responsible for their criminal acts and must be brought to justice.

I cannot support the 25th Amendment, but I am also tired of the double standard, the double talk, and the double trouble that we have brought upon the American people. We have to stand for our Constitution. This is our Nehemiah moment, and we better take advantage.

Mr. RASKIN. Mr. Speaker, I yield 45 seconds to the gentleman from California (Mr. BERA).

Mr. BERA. Mr. Speaker, just over a week ago, we all took the oath of office, all of us, Democrats and Republicans, and part of that oath was to support and defend the Constitution against all enemies, both foreign and domestic.

It is quite clear what happened last Wednesday: a domestic attack on our government, a domestic attack on this body. Republicans have already acknowledged who instigated the attack. The lead instigator was the President of the United States.

Now it is our solemn duty to uphold that oath, to defend our Constitution against all enemies, foreign and domestic. There is nothing more solemn than what we have to do.

If my colleagues don’t want to invoke the 25th Amendment—that is one mechanism—we will give you an opportunity tomorrow to impeach the President. That is our duty. That is what we have to do. Let’s uphold our oath.

Mr. JORDAN. Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. RASKIN. Mr. Speaker, I yield 45 seconds to the gentleman from California (Mr. RASKIN).

Mr. RASKIN. Mr. Speaker, we are here tonight because a violent mob, incited by the President of the United States based on a lie, laid siege to Congress to overturn a Presidential election.

We have to ask ourselves, what would have happened if that mob succeeded? Why stop at one election? Why not two? Why not make Donald Trump President for life?

Thank God that did not happen and they did not succeed.

However, even after that terrible day of January 6, 2021, Donald Trump is still using the lie of a stolen election to turn American against American for his own selfish ends.

I hope even with only a few days left in office that Donald Trump is still a danger to our Republic and must be removed immediately.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The time of the gentleman has expired.

Mr. RASKIN. Mr. Speaker, 6 days ago, I was standing right here, fulfilling my constitutional duties to certify the election. And, 6 days ago, Donald Trump was on the Mall, whipping a
mob into a frenzy with false claims of stolen elections and unconstitutional schemes. It was a big lie, the same big lie he had been telling for weeks.

He told the mob, “We are going to the Capitol” and “to fight like hell,” and they did. Five died. Many more were hurt. And we were sent reeling away from something much worse.

My colleagues, upholding our oath, the Constitution, and our democracy means recognizing that every second that Donald Trump is President the Nation is at risk. We have the power to avoid actions that would further divide our country as we prepare to inaugurate the next President of the United States. I pledge to you that I will continue to do my part to work in good faith with the incoming administration to ensure an orderly transition of power. So help me God.

Sincerely,

Michael R. Pence,
Vice President of the United States.

Mr. DAVIDSON. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, I can’t say it better than the Vice President said it himself. Vice President Mike Pence said, last week, I did not yield to pressure to exert power beyond my constitutional authority to determine the outcome of the election, and I will not now yield to efforts in the House of Representatives to play political games at a time so serious in the life of our Nation.

Mr. Speaker, I include this letter in the RECORD.

THE VICE PRESIDENT,

Hon. Nancy Pelosi,
Speaker, House of Representatives.
Washington, DC.

Dear Madam Speaker: Every American was shocked and saddened by the attack on our Nation’s Capitol last week, and I am grateful for the leadership that you and other congressional leaders provided in convening Congress to complete the people’s business on the very same day. It was a moment that demonstrated to the American people that our democracy is still possible in Congress when it is needed most.

But now, with just eight days left in the President’s term, you and the Democratic Caucus are demanding that the Cabinet and I invoke the 25th Amendment. I do not believe that such a course of action is in the best interest of our Nation or consistent with our constitutional obligations. Last week, I did not yield to pressure to exceed my constitutional authority to determine the outcome of the election, and I will not now yield to efforts in the House of Representatives to play political games at a time so serious in the life of our Nation.

As you know full well, the 25th Amendment was designed to address Presidential incapacity or disability. Just a few months ago, when you introduced legislation to create a 25th Amendment Commission, you said, “this is necessary because the question of Presidential incapacity or disability must be determined by science and facts.” You said then that we must be “(v)ery respectful of not making a judgment on the basis of a conclusion we don’t think is based on a medical decision.” Madam Speaker, you were right. Under our Constitution, the 25th Amendment is not a means of punishment or usurpation. Invoking the 25th Amendment in such a manner would set a terrible precedent.

After the heinous events of this last week, our Administration’s energy is directed to ensuring an orderly transition. The Bible says that “for everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven . . . a time to heal . . . and a time to build.” That time is now. In the midst of a global pandemic, economic hardship for millions of Americans, and the tragic events of January 6th, now is the time for us to come together, now is the time to heal.

I urge you and every member of Congress to avoid this fractious and divisive matter further divide and inflame the passions of the moment. Work with us to lower the temperature and unite our country as we prepare to inaugurate our next President and Vice President.

May God bless us, and may He bless the United States of America.

Michael R. Pence,
Vice President of the United States.

[From The Washington Post, Jan. 12, 2021]
FBI REPORT WARNED OF ‘WAR’ AT CAPITOL,
CONTRADICTING CLAIMS THERE WAS NO INDICATION OF LOOTING
(By Devlin Barrett and Matt Zapotosky)
A day before rioters stormed Congress, an FBI office in Virginia issued an explicit warning that extremists were preparing to travel to Washington to commit violence and “war,” according to an internal document reviewed by The Washington Post that contradicts a senior official’s declaration the bureau had no intelligence indicating anyone at last week’s demonstrations in support of President Trump planned to do harm.

A situational information report approved for release to Capitol evacuees and rioters painted a dire portrait of dangerous plans, including individuals sharing a map of the complex’s tunnels, and possible rally points for would-be conspirators to meet in Kentucky, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts and South Carolina and head in groups to Washington.

“As of 5 January 2021, FBI Norfolk received information indicating calls for violence in response to ‘murders’ to begin on 6 January 2021 in Washington, D.C.,” the document says. “An online thread discussed specific calls for violence to include ‘Be prepared to bring your guns’ to begin on 6 January 2021 in Washington, D.C.”


As of 7 January 2021, FBI Norfolk received information indicating calls for violence in response to ‘murders’ to begin on 6 January 2021 in Washington, D.C.,” the document says. “An online thread discussed specific calls for violence to begin on 6 January 2021 in Washington, D.C.”

As of 8 January 2021, FBI Norfolk received information indicating calls for violence in response to ‘murders’ to begin on 6 January 2021 in Washington, D.C.,” the document says. “An online thread discussed specific calls for violence to begin on 6 January 2021 in Washington, D.C.”


As of 10 January 2021, FBI Norfolk received information indicating calls for violence in response to ‘murders’ to begin on 6 January 2021 in Washington, D.C.,” the document says. “An online thread discussed specific calls for violence to begin on 6 January 2021 in Washington, D.C.”


The Jan. 5 FBI report notes that the information it represents includes the view of the FBI's Norfolk office, but that the FBI is not to be shared outside law enforcement circles. This is not a “final evaluation of risk” and that it is receiving “an urgent request to take action” based on this raw reporting without prior coordination with the FBI.

Multiple law enforcement officials have said privately in recent days that the level of violence exhibited at the Capitol has led to difficult discussions within the FBI and the Justice Department about race, terrorism and whether investigators failed to register the degree of danger because the overwhelming majority of the participants at the rally were white conservatives fiercely loyal to Trump.

“Individuals/Organizations named in this [situational intelligence report] have been identified as participating in activities that are protected by the First Amendment to the United States Constitution,” the document says.

“Their inclusion here is not intended to associate the protected activity with criminality or a threat to national security, or to infer that such protected activity itself violates any law.”

“However,” it continues, “based on known intelligence and or specific historical observations, it is possible the protected activity could result in a reaction towards the subject individual or others in retaliation or with the goal of stopping the protected activity from occurring in the first instance. In the event such reaction occurs or if a police policy and federal law dictates that no further record be made of the protected activity.”

The document notes that one online comment advised, “If Antifa or BLM get violent, leave them dead in the street,” while another said they need “people on standby to provide whatever needs to be done, including water and medical, to the front lines. The individual also discussed the need to evacuate noncombatants and wounded to medical care.”

On Jan. 6, a large, angry crowd of people who had attended a rally nearby marched to the Capitol, smashing windows and breaking doors to get inside. One woman in the mob was shot and killed by Capitol Police; officials said she was one of three other in the crowd who had medical emergencies and died. A Capitol Police officer was injured.

The FBI said in a statement that its “standard practice is to not comment on specific intelligence products,” but added that FBI personnel would “routinely share information with their local law enforcement partners to assist in protecting the communities they serve.”

For weeks leading up to the event, FBI officials discounted any suggestion that the activities of Trump supporters upset about the scheduled certification of Biden’s election with Congress were security threats on a scale with the racial-justice demonstrations that followed the police killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis in May.

What happened at the Capitol is one of the most heavily guarded cities on the planet, and local and federal law enforcement agencies sought to take a low-key approach to last week’s events, publicly and privately expressing concerns that they did not want to repeat last year’s ugly clashes between protesters and police.

Some law enforcement officials took the view that protesters who support Trump are generally known for over-the-top rhetoric but not violent behavior and therefore the event did not pose a particularly serious risk, according to people familiar with the security discussions leading up to Jan. 6. Even corporate warnings were given none as stark as the one from the FBI’s Norfolk office.

FBI agents had in the weeks before the Trump rally visited suspected right-extremists, hoping to glean whether they had violent intentions, said a person familiar with the matter who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss the law enforcement activity. It was not immediately clear who was visited or if the FBI was specifically looking for information that might be pertinent criminally. These visits were first reported Sunday by NBC News.

In addition, in the days leading up to the demonstrations, some Capitol Hill staffers were told by supervisors to not come in to work that day, if possible, because it seemed the danger level would be higher than many expected, based on a perception of the warning who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss the matter. Capitol Police did not take the kind of extra precautions, such as frozen zones and hardened barriers, that are typically used for major events near the Capitol.

Federal agents are on high alert as the inauguration nears, with authorities bracing for possible violence not just in Washington but also nationwide, officials said.

The FBI recently issued a different memo saying that “a core of 50 state capitol[s] are being planned “at all 50 state capitol[s]” and in D.C. in the run-up to the inauguration, according to an official familiar with the matter. Speaking on the condition of anonymity to discuss a sensitive law enforcement matter.

“The memo—first reported by ABC News and a raw intelligence product, compiling information gathered by the bureau and several other government agencies, the official familiar with the matter said. Some of it is unverified, and the threat probably will differ significantly from place to place, the official said.

But the information it highlights to law enforcement is nonetheless troubling—including that there was data suggesting people might storm government offices or stage an uprising were Trump to be removed from office, the official said.

In a statement, the FBI declined to comment specifically on the memo about state capitol[s], saying, “Our efforts are focused on identifying, investigating, and disrupting individuals that are inciting violence and engaging in criminal activity. As we do in normal course of business, we are gathering intelligence product, compiling information to identify any potential threats and are sharing that information with our partners.”

The FBI respects ‘The rights of individuals to peacefully exercise their First Amendment rights,’ it said. “Our focus is not on peaceful protesters, but on those threatening their safety and the safety of other citizens with violence and destruction of property.”

Mr. DAVIDSON. Others are reporting a timeline that has the breach out of sync and highlights the importance. There is far too little that we know about this attack on our Capitol.

Here is what we do know. No one has defended this attack on our Capitol. On the contrary, we are missing—willingly missing—the moment of extreme unity in our Nation, just like what was willfully done earlier this year.

At a time of great political and partisan division, even seething anger, one thing all Americans should agree on is that these attacks were wrong. The President condemned them. He discouraged violence, not just on January 6 but on other days throughout the year as he talked about law and order and as he talked about something that we finally seem to agree on, that there is a clear distinction between the Constitution’s First Amendment protection of the right to assemble peaceably and riotous, unlawful acts.

There is a distinction between rioters and protesters. Frankly, it took us months to agree on that as a body in Congress, but the people of the United States of America agreed to it. They understood it.

I encourage my colleagues across the political spectrum the Members of Congress gathered here together today and tomorrow, to stand united and move forward with the agreement our country had, that this was wrong.

Mr. RASKIN. Mr. Speaker, I yield 45 seconds to Mr. ESPAILLAT from New York.

Mr. ESPAILLAT. Mr. Speaker, we have all known it for a while now, but this past week it has become undeniably clear: Donald J. Trump is unfit.

To the Secretaries of Agriculture, Defense, Commerce, Education, and Transportation: He is unfit.

To the Secretary of Health and Human Services, Homeland Security, Housing, Interior, and Labor: He is unfit.

To the Attorney General: He is unfit.

To the Vice President of the United States: He summons his goons. They shut their hoods and came with their racist Confederate flag to assassinate him, to assassinate the Vice President.

He is unfit. Invoke the 25th Amendment. If not, we will impeach him tomorrow.

Mr. JORDAN. Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. RASKIN. Mr. Speaker, I yield 45 seconds to the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS).

Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, after listening to all that I have heard this evening, I still have the faith and belief that we can come together as a unit.

I was reading my Bible the other day and saw that it said: Come and let us reason together. Otherwise, we shall all be destroyed by the edge of the sword. I say to my colleagues: Let’s reason together. You cannot erase truth with a lie. You cannot pretend that what has happened did not happen. Yes, we ought to have a President, but it is time for this one to go.

Mr. Speaker, I urge passage of this resolution and agree wholeheartedly.

Mr. JORDAN. Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. RASKIN. Mr. Speaker, I yield 45 seconds to the distinguished gentleman from California, Mr. THOMPSON.

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, the President of the United States instigated an attack against our democracy.

For months, he ginned up his supporters with lies about our election and incited them to violence. On the 6th of January, he unleashed a mob on the Capitol.
The President must be held accountable for this vile attack. He knew what he was doing, and now, five people are dead.

Congress will not be intimidated. America will not succumb to mob rule. That chapter can include the removal of a President who is unfit for office, and this President is unfit. He must be removed.

Mr. Speaker, I urge a yes vote on this issue. I urge a yes vote on impeachment tomorrow.

Mr. JORDAN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, what happened at the Capitol on January 6 was as wrong as wrong can be. It is not what America is about, and we condemn this violence. We commend the men and women of the Capitol Police for their bravery, and we mourn the loss of those lives that were taken last week.

Republicans have been consistent. We condemn the violence last summer; we condemn the violence last week. Democrats have been consistent about one thing: their endless quest to overturn the 2016 election. When this failed, he tried to intimidate local election officials into reversing the election. When this failed, he tried to intimidate local election officials into reversing the results. When these efforts were rebuffed, he made one final effort to exceed his limited authority and reject the results of a free and fair election. The risk that he might do so again in the next week is why he cannot be trusted for another minute as commander in chief, overseeing the nuclear codes and the U.S. Military.

The fastest way to protect our republic from Donald Trump is for the Vice President and the cabinet to take action under the 25th Amendment. I implore them to do so. But if they do not, my colleagues and I stand ready to defend our democracy from Donald Trump.

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H. Res. 21, calling on Vice President Pence to invoke his powers under the 25th Amendment. We are in the midst of a national emergency and President Trump must be removed from office immediately, before any further damage to this Capitol—or to our Republic—can be done.

Last week’s violent attack on the Capitol took root more than 5 years ago when Donald Trump first descended the escalator at Trump Tower to announce his run for President.

The hateful rhetoric, baseless accusations, and contempt for the democratic process were on full display that day. Later, they formed the foundation of his presidency. Last week, they reached a violent crescendo.

After losing his bid for reelection—in decisive fashion—President Trump embarked on a campaign of misinformation aimed at delegitimizing the results of a free and fair election. When this failed, he tried to intimidate local election officials into reversing the results. When those brave public servants refused to do his bidding, he made one final attempt to overthrow the democratic process by attacking the constitutionally mandated process of counting and certifying the electoral votes in a Joint Session of Congress.

Although the President had willing volunteers to join him, Vice President Pence refused to exceed his limited authority and reject the results of the election. That is when the President unleashed his supporters to storm the Capitol. And the result—an armed insurrection at our national security, and to the American people.

The Vice President has the authority and duty to certify the results of an election. If the Vice President refuses to do so, the President has no presidential authority or duty to certify the results of an election. If the Vice President is unable to discharge the powers and duties of his office, the President must step in to discharge the powers and duties of the office as Acting President.

Vice President Pence upheld his constitutional duty and oath of office that day. It is time for him to do so once more.

Under the 25th Amendment, the Vice President, along with a majority of the members of the Cabinet, can remove President Trump from office by a simple majority vote. The President’s decisions have led to the deaths of five people. He was doing, and now, five people are dead.

Mr. Speaker, I yield the balance of my time.

Mr. RASKIN. Mr. Speaker, I yield 30 seconds to the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. David Scott), who is the distinguished chairman of the Agriculture Committee.

Mr. Speaker, what we are discussing tonight isn’t about us. It is about the will of the American people.

They are brokenhearted. They are crying. And they are discouraged.

An overwhelming number of American people want this President out of office. That is why we have to do it now. We have to heal the wound. The longer the President is over there, the more we are tearing the heart and soul out of the American people. Let us do it now.

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

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this resolution. I thank my Speaker for scheduling this, and Rep. Raskin for his leadership and deep knowledge of our Constitution.

I speak today with sadness in my heart but with purpose in my bones. This Congress must take action to remove Donald Trump from office. We must be possible to reverse the results of a free and fair election. The risk that he might do so again in the next week is why he cannot be trusted for another minute as commander in chief, overseeing the nuclear codes and the U.S. Military.

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This is not a step to be taken lightly—but it is the step that must be taken today.

The President is clearly incapacitated and unable to exercise the powers of the presidency to protect the United States, as witnessed by the attack on the Capitol itself. Rather than immediately calling for an end to the violence and calling on his supporters to withdraw, the President waited several hours before releasing a half-hearted video that also failed to doubt his lies. They were mere ‘‘special people’’. All the while, he continued his efforts to subvert the election, seeking Senators who would object to the certification of as many as ten states’ electoral votes, without a shred of evidence that there was any reason to doubt their authenticity.

And reports indicate that the threat that our country faced on January 6th—from a president who would do anything to hold onto power—is ongoing. It is a national crisis. It demands immediate action.

I thank the Gentleman from Maryland, Mr. Raskin—a constitutional scholar and a valuable member of the Judiciary Committee—for bringing forward this important resolution, and I call upon the Vice President to do his constitutional duty and to protect the American people from one more day of a dangerous presidency.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of the resolution urging Vice President Pence and the Cabinet to remove President Trump from office.

In the interest of full disclosure, I want to make it clear that I’ve always thought that President Trump was unstable and unfit to hold the highest office in the land. But since the election, I believe that his actions have become more erratic and angry and dangerous.

He has developed an alternative worldview with no basis in reality in which he won more votes than Joe Biden, but the election was ‘‘stolen’’ from him. I suspect that he may actually believe that.

But the facts are clear. The 2020 Presidential election was one of the most open and transparent elections in our nation’s history according to election officials and observers, both Republican and Democratic. The FBI said that it found no evidence of widespread voter fraud. The Attorney General, chosen by the President, said that there was no evidence of widespread voter fraud. And the chairman of the bipartisan U.S. Election Assistance Commission said that there was no evidence of widespread voter fraud.

Nevertheless, Donald Trump has widely repeated this message in speeches and over social media in the months before and after the election, which has led to its widespread acceptance by thousands and perhaps millions of Americans.

In August, for example, he said ‘‘the only way we’re going to lose this election is if the election is rigged. Remember that. It’s the only way we’re going to lose this election.’’

But subsequently, he said ‘‘This is a case where they’re trying to steal an election . . . . They’re trying to rig an election, and we can’t let that happen.’’

After the election, he said, ‘‘If you count the legal votes, I easily win. If you count the illegal votes, I can win. If you count the illegal votes, they’re trying to steal the election from us.’’

And on Christmas Eve, he wrote on Facebook, in all capital letters, ‘‘VOTER FRAUD IS NOT A CONSPIRACY THEORY, IT’S A FACT!!!’’

What’s more disturbing is that his actions have displayed a similar unhinged quality. On election night, for example, he urged...
his supporters to harass workers counting votes in Arizona and Michigan. He had his campaign file over 60 lawsuits challenging the election processes in a number of states, nearly all of which were rejected by state and federal courts—including several which were rejected by the Supreme Court. He called Republican members of the Wayne County Board of Canvassers in Michigan and pressured them to declare the certification of the state’s election results. More recently, he called Georgia elections officials and pressured them to “find votes” to overturn the presidential election results in Georgia. And just last week, he reportedly ignored requests to mobilize the National Guard in the midst of the attack on the U.S. Capitol.

I believe that his false, misleading claims over an extended period of time, culminating in his speech on the morning of January 6—repeated and validated on conservative cable shows and social media—is the root cause of the assault on the Capitol last week.

President Trump has spent months and months undermining the American people’s faith in the November presidential election. I believe part of it may be a coping mechanism for him because he’s totally unwilling to accept that he was defeated by someone else. But I also believe that parts of it are criminal and a deliberate, lengthy effort to undermine and overturn what are, by all credible accounts, legitimate election results in order to stay in office.

Regardless of the motivation for his actions, the President currently appears to be unstable, unfit, and unable to carry out his duties as President of the United States. Moreover, his instability raises concerns for many, myself included, that in his last few days in office, he might take some dangerous action or pursue some policy that will harm the American people in a significant way.

This man currently controls the entire federal government, including the U.S. military, and he has the U.S. nuclear codes at his fingertips.

I fear for our nation as long as he remains in office under these circumstances.

That’s why I’m supporting this resolution today to urge Vice President Pence, and a majority of the Cabinet to remove him from office as soon as humanly possible. I believe that our future nation may be at stake.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. All time for debate has expired.

Pursuant to House Resolution 38, the previous question is ordered on the resolution and on the preamble, as amended.

The question is on adoption of the resolution.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. JORDAN. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(b) of House Resolution 8, the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 223, nays 205, not voting 5, as follows:

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[Roll No. 14]
The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CUÉLLAR). Pursuant to section 5(a)(1)(B) of House Resolution 8, the House stands adjourned until 9 a.m. tomorrow. Thereupon (at 11 o’clock and 27 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, January 13, 2021, at 9 a.m.

EXPENDITURE REPORTS CONCERNING OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL

Reports concerning the foreign currencies and U.S. dollars utilized for Official Foreign Travel during the first, second, third and fourth quarters of 2020, pursuant to Public Law 95–384, are as follows:

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REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Ms. SCANLON: Committee on Rules. H. Res. 38. A resolution providing for consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 21) calling on Vice President Michael R. Pence to convene and mobilize the principal officers of the executive departments of the Cabinet to activate section 4 of the 25th Amendment to declare President Donald J. Trump incapable of executing the duties of his office and to immediately exercise powers as acting President, and for other purposes (Rept. 117–1). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. McGovern: Committee on Rules. H. Res. 41. A resolution providing for consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 24) impeaching Donald John Trump, President of the United States, for high crimes and misdemeanors (Rept. 117–2). Referred to the House Calendar.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred as follows:

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<td>By Mr. Bowman (for himself, Mrs. Beaty, Mr. Blumenauer, Ms. Bush, Mrs. Clarke of New York, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Danny K. Davis of Illinois, Mr. Espallard, Mr. Garcia of Illinois, Mr. Horsford, Ms. Jacobs of California, Mr. Johnson of Georgia, Mr. Jones, Mr. Kahlil, Ms. Lee of California, Ms. Meng, Ms. Newman, Ms. Ocasio-Cortez, Ms. Omar, Ms. Pressley, Mr. Rush, Mr. Torres of New York, Ms. Velázquez, Ms. Williams of Georgia, Ms. Schakowsky, Mr. Green of Texas, and Mrs. Napolitano):</td>
<td>H.R. 276</td>
<td>A bill to establish a national commission to investigate the seditious attack on the United States Capitol and Congress on January 6, 2021, to study and propose recommendations to prevent the commission of such attacks in the future</td>
<td>Committee on Homeland Security</td>
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<td>By Mr. Gallego (for himself, Ms. DeGette, Mr. Lowenthal, Mr. Welch, Mr. Grijalva, Ms. Moore of Wisconsin, Mr. Huffman, Ms. Bonamici, Ms. Barragan, Mr. Kilmer, Mr. Thompson of Mississippi, Mr. Panetta, Mr. Smith of Washington, Mr. Schakowsky, Mr. Khanna, Mr. Cartwright, Ms. Stevens, Ms. Velázquez, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Sires, Ms. Brownley, Ms. Jayapal, Mrs. Carolyn B. Maloney of New York, Mr. Casten, Mr. Cleaver, Mr. Castor of Florida, Ms. DelBene, Mr. Krishnamoorthi, Mr. Hastings, Ms. Pingree, Mr. Connolly, Ms. Clarke of New York, Ms. Beatty, Mr. Care, Ms. Escobar, Mr. Blumenauer, Mr. Kim of New Jersey, Mr. Schiff, Mrs. Watson Coleman, Mr. Pallone, Ms. Escobar, Ms. Roybal-Allard, Mr. Brendan F. Boyle of Pennsylvania, Mr. Carrahal, Mr. Quigley, Ms. Talley, Mr. Obata, Ms. McCollum, Mr. McGovern, Mr. Foster, Ms. Bryan, Mr. Pocan, Mr. Evans, Mr. Garcia of Illinois, Mr. Napolitano, Mr. Takano, Ms. Schrier, Ms. Chu, Mr. Scotti, Ms. Dingell, Mr. Malinowski, Mr. Larsen of Washington, Mr. Nadler, and Mrs. Kaptur):</td>
<td>H.R. 278</td>
<td>A bill to prohibit the use of United States Government funds for art in United States embassies and consulates, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs</td>
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<td>By Mr. Spanberger (for himself, Ms. DeGette, Mr. Espallard, Mr. Garcia of Illinois, Mr. Golden of Tennessee, Mr.众议员 of Pennsylvania, Mr. Heflin, Mr. Lowenthal, Mr. Lowenthal, Mr. Welch, Mr. Cisummer, Ms. Moore of Wisconsin, Ms. Roybal-Allard, Mr. Hayes, and Mr. Foster of Pennsylvania):</td>
<td>H.R. 279</td>
<td>A bill to provide lasting protection for inventoried roadless areas within the National Forest System; to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned</td>
<td>Committee on Agriculture</td>
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<td>By Mr. McKinley:</td>
<td>H.R. 280</td>
<td>A bill to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to carry out a pilot program to test the feasibility and outcomes of integrating a substance use disorder and behavioral health treatment locator tool into the prescription drug monitoring programs of 5 eligible States; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce</td>
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<td>By Ms. Norton:</td>
<td>H.R. 281</td>
<td>A bill to assign the responsibility for conducting prosecutions for violations of the laws of the District of Columbia to the head of a local prosecutor’s office designated under local law of the District of Columbia; to the Committee on House Administration</td>
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<td>By Mr. Schwartz:</td>
<td>H.R. 282</td>
<td>A bill to amend certain retirement provisions for judges serving in territorial district courts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on House Administration</td>
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<td>By Mr. San Nicolas (for himself, Ms. Plaskett, and Mr. Sablan):</td>
<td>H.R. 283</td>
<td>A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to give States the option of monitoring covered criteria air pollutants in designated areas by greatly increasing the number of air quality sensors in exchange for greater regulatory flexibility in the methods of monitoring, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce</td>
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<td>By Mr. Stanton (for himself, Mr. Johnson of Georgia, Mr. Cohen, Ms. Escobar, Mr. Swalwell, Ms. Speier, Ms. Moore of Wisconsin, Ms. Roybal-Allard, Mrs. Hayes, and Mr. Foster):</td>
<td>H.R. 284</td>
<td>A bill to amend section 230 of the Communications Act of 1934 to limit the immunity of providers and users of interactive communications services to non-commercial content providers</td>
<td>Committee on House Administration</td>
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By Mr. TIFFANY (for himself, Ms. CHEN-NAN HUANG of New York, Mr. GIBBONS, Mr. GALLAGHER, and Mr. STAUBER)
H. R. 286. A bill to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to exclude the gray wolf from the lists of threatened species and endangered species published pursuant to such Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. FITZPATRICK (for himself, Mr. REED, Mr. GONZALEZ of Ohio, Mrs. KIM of California, Mr. UPTON, Mr. MOORE of Utah, and Mr. BACON):
H. Con. Res. 5. Concurrent resolution censuring President Donald J. Trump for trying to unlawfully overturn the 2020 Presidential election and violating his oath of office on January 6, 2021; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts:
H. Res. 35. A resolution electing Members to certain standing committees of the House of Representatives; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. HILL (for himself and Mr. MOORE of Utah, and Mr. BAلون):
H. Res. 40. A resolution impeaching Donald John Trump, President of the United States, for high crimes and misdemeanors; to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT
Pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following statements are submitted, regarding powers granted to Congress in the Constitution.

By Mrs. DINGELL (for herself, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, Mr. JONES, Mr. HASTINGS, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. MALINOWSKI, Mr. MCNERNEY, Mr. JEFFRIES, Mr. POCAN, Mr. CICILLINE, Ms. DIAZ-BALART, Mr. GARCIA of Texas, Mr. MORENOS, Mr. CLARK of New York, Mr. LEVIN of California, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mr. DÍAAMOURIER, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. PINO-OCHOA of New Mexico, Mr. CASTOR of Florida, Miss RICE of New York, Mr. CASTEN, Mrs. AXXE, Ms. BONAMICI, Ms. VELAZQUEZ, Ms. JAYAPAL, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Mr. SOTO, Ms. SPRIER, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. TUREY of New York, Ms. LAMMARK of California, Ms. SEWELL, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Ms. DELBENK, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Mrs. HAYEN, Mr. BROWN, Mr. SWALWELL, Ms. MATEIS, Mr. PHILLIPS, Mr. MPUKE, and Mr. RUSHi):
H. Res. 42. A resolution amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to fine Members, Delinquents, and the Resident Commissioner who do not wear masks in the Capitol complex; to the Committee on Rules, and in addition to the Committee on Ethics, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

H. Res. 43. A resolution thanking United States Capitol Police officers and other law enforcement officers and condemning actions on January 6, 2021; to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
the Militia according to the discipline prescribed by Congress; To exercise exclusive Legislation in all Cases whatsoever, over such District (not exceeding ten Miles square) as may, by Cession of particular States, and the acceptance of Congress, become the Seat of the Government of the United States, and to exercise like Authority over all Places purchased by the Consent of the Legislature of the State in which the Same shall be, for the Erection of Forts, Magazines, Arsenal, dock-Yards, and other needful Buildings; And To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof.

By Mr. TIFFANY:
H. R. 296.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 3

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions, as follows:
H. R. 28: Mr. Bacon, Mr. Buchson, Mr. Burgess, Mr. Cloud, Mr. Davidson, Mr. Finkstra, Mr. Gibs, Mr. Hardin, Mrs. Harshbarger, Mr. Jordan, Mr. Keller, Mrs. Lesko, Mr. Luetkemeyer, Mr. Murphy of North Carolina, Mr. Reschenthaler, Mr. Rodgers of Alabama, Mr. Smucker, and Mrs. Wagner.

H. R. 30: Mr. Quigley, Mr. Deutch, Mr. Thompson of Mississippi, Ms. Schaakowsky, Ms. Moore of Wisconsin, Ms. Norton, Ms. Cicilline, Ms. Kelly of Illinois, Mr. Raskin, Mr. Garamendi, Mr. Garcia of Illinois, Ms. Dean, Mr. Ruppersberger, Mr. Hastings, and Mr. Lowenthal.

H. R. 97: Mr. Morelle.

H. R. 148: Mrs. Rodgers of Washington and Mr. Delgado.

H. R. 173: Mr. Smith of Washington and Mr. Carson.

H. R. 179: Mrs. Hinson.

H. R. 181: Mr. Gallagher and Mr. Bergman.

H. R. 217: Mrs. Hinson, Mr. Gar tz, and Mr. McKinley.

H. R. 218: Mr. Wright, Mr. Weber of Texas, and Mr. Sessions.

H. R. 239: Mr. Nadler, Ms. Kuster, and Mr. Tonko.

H. R. 243: Mr. Westrup, Mrs. Rodgers of Washington, Mr. Wilson of South Carolina, Mr. Clyde, and Mr. Sessions.

H. R. 265: Mr. Soto.


H. J. Res. 12: Ms. Herrera, Mr. Allen, Mr. Good of Virginia, and Ms. Mace.


H. Con. Res. 4: Mr. Phillips.

H. Res. 14: Mr. Payne, Mr. Quigley, Ms. Waters, Mrs. Napoli tano, Mr. Price of North Carolina, Mr. DeSaulnier, Mr. Grij alva, Ms. Blunt Rochester, and Ms. DeGette.

H. Res. 21: Mrs. Luria, Ms. Loe r Fernande z, Mr. Johnson of Georgia, Mr. Gomez, Ms. Garcia of Texas, Mr. Perlmutter, Mrs. Napolitano, Ms. Matsui, Mr. Lawson of Florida, Mr. Royal All ard, Mr. Sires, Ms. New man, Mr. Welch, Mr. Smith of Washington, Mr. Casto of Texas, Ms. Lee of California, Ms. Sewell, Mr. Jones, Ms. Scanlon, Ms. Jacob sis of California, Mr. Hig gins of New York, Mrs. Bustos, Ms. Norton, Ms. DeGette, Ms. Clarke of New York, Mr. Malinowski, Ms. Dean, Ms. Velazquez, Ms. Adams, Mr. Schiff, Mr. Becker, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Vargas of Texas, Mr. Torres of New York, Mr. DeSaulnier, Ms. Schakowsky, Mr. Huffman, Mr. David Scott of Georgia, Mr. Carson, Mr. Blunt Rochester, Ms. Jackson Lee, Mr. DelBene, Mr. Blumenauer, Mr. Panetta, Mr. Parscale, Ms. Escobar, Ms. Omar, Ms. Nadler, Mr. Peters, Mr. Connolly, Mr. Takano, Mr. Brown, Mr. Barragan, Mr. Lofgren, Mr. Green of Texas, Mr. Costa, Mr. Evans, Mrs. Trahan, Mr. Payne, Mrs. Carolyn B. Maloney of New York, Mr. Brendan F. Boyle of Pennsylvania, Mr. Kilmer, Mr. Kahele, Ms. Speier, Mr. Gallego, Mr. Pal lone, Mr. Cuellar, Mr. Scott of Virginia, Ms. Castor of Florida, Ms. Williams of Georgia, Mr. Levin of Michigan, Miss Rice of New York, Mr. Car ralal, Ms. Houlahan, Mr. Ryan, Ms. Os casio-Cortez, Ms. Khanna, Mrs. McBath, Ms. Moore of Wisconsin, Ms. Kap tur, Mr. Suzuki, Ms. Dingell, Mr. Bowman, Mr. Lamb, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Courtney, Ms. Plaskett, Mr. Garamendi, Mr. Lowenthal, Mr. Casten, Mr. Vela, Ms. Wilson of Florida, Ms. Torres of California, Mr. Himes, Ms. Tlaib, Mr. Sarlan es, Mr. Soto, Mr. Yarmuth, Mrs. Kirkpatrick, Mrs. Hayes, Ms. Meng, Mr. Ruppersberger, Ms. Clarke of Massachussetts, Mr. Veasey, Mr. Pressley, Ms. Bonamici, Mr. O’Halleran, Mr. DeFazio, Mr. Trump, Ms. Titus, Mr. Auchincloss, Mr. Brera, Mr. Price of North Carolina, Mr. Sherman, Mr. Norcross, Mr. Espaillat, Mr. Thompson of California, Mr. Butterfield, Mrs. Watson Coleman, Mr. Sherrer, Mr. Sean Patrick Maloney of New York, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Garcia of Illinois, Ms. Brownley, Mr. Aguilar, Ms. G hi jalva, Ms. Bourdeaux, Mr. Morelle, Mr. Deutch, Ms. Waters, Mrs. Lee of Nevada, Ms. DeLauro, Ms. Craig, Ms. Stevens, Ms. Rush, Mr. Crow, Ms. Ross, Mr. Swalwell, Mr. Pocan, Mr. Larsen of Washington, Ms. Pingree, Mr. Davids of K a de ra, Ms. Lofgren, Mrs. Bratty, Mr. Sablan, Mr. Schneider, and Mr. McC ucin.

H. Res. 24: Ms. Royal All ard, Mr. Ruiz, Mr. Ruppersberger, Mr. Rush, Mr. Ryan, Mr. San Nicolas, Ms. Sanchez, Mr. Sarhan es, Ms. Scanlon, Ms. Schakowsky, Mr. Schiff, Mr. Schnei der, Mr. Schrader, Ms. Schrier, Mr. Scott of Virginia, Mr. David Scott of Georgia, Ms. Sewell, Mr. Sherman, Ms. Sherrill, Mr. Sires, Mr. Smith of Washington, Mr. Soto, Ms. Spanberger, Ms. Speier, Mr. Stanton, Mr. Stev ens, Ms. Strickland, Mr. Stuo zi, Ms. Swalwell, Ms. Takano, Mr. Thompson of Mississippi, Mr. Thompson of California, Ms. Titus, Ms. Tlaib, Mr. Tonko, Mrs. Torres of California, Mr. Torres of New York, Mrs. Trahan, Mr. Trump, Ms. Underwood, Mr. Vargas, Mr. Veasey, Mr. Vela, Ms. Velazquez, Ms. Wasserman Schultz, Ms. Waters, Mrs. Watson Coleman, Mr. Welch, Ms. Westton, Mr. Wild, Ms. Williams of Georgia, Ms. Wilson of Florida, Mr. Yarmuth, Mr. Richmond, Ms. Slotkin, Mr. Sarlan, and Mr. Golden.

H. Res. 26: Ms. Adams and Ms. Pressley.

H. Res. 31: Ms. Escobar, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Ryan, Mr. McGovern, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Connolly, Ms. Bonamici, Mr. Lowenthal, Mr. Welch, Mr. Huffman, Ms. Williams of Georgia, Mr. Kildee, Mrs. Fletcher, Ms. Norton, Mr. Hastings, Mr. Golden, Ms. Jacobs of California, Ms. Clarke of New York, Mrs. Hayes, and Ms. Sewell.

H. Res. 34: Ms. Velazquez, Mrs. Hayes, Mr. Danny K. Davis of Illinois, and Ms. Lee of California.
The Senate met at 12:30 and 2 seconds p.m. and was called to order by the Honorable DEB FISCHER, a Senator from the State of Nebraska.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. GRASSLEY).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable DEB FISCHER, a Senator from the State of Nebraska, to perform the duties of the Chair.

CHUCK GRASSLEY,
President pro tempore.

Mrs. FISCHER thereupon assumed the Chair as Acting President pro tempore.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL FRIDAY, JANUARY 15, 2021, AT 10 A.M.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned until 10 a.m. on Friday, January 15, 2021.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 12:30 and 40 seconds p.m., adjourned until Friday, January 15, 2021, at 10 a.m.
Ms. WILSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate KAMALA HARRIS on becoming vice president of the United States when she will be sworn into office on January 20, 2021, on the steps of the U.S. Capitol. Her journey to the White House is a path of many historic firsts.

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let alone a Congressmember. But Rose's spirit, determination, and boldness were an inspiration to me. She was passionate and compassionate, and always had a word of encouragement for me. I was lucky to have her as my constituent and I was lucky to have known her. I ask my colleagues to join me in remembering her. She was not just a woman of outstanding achievement, she was an extraordinary woman and a trailblazing public servant.

HONORING THE LIFE OF EVELYN FERNANDEZ

HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ
OF FLORIDA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, January 12, 2021

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Madam Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise to honor the life of Mrs. Evelyn Fernandez.

Mrs. Evelyn Fernandez was born on February 14, 1932, in Jamaica and migrated to the United States in the late 1970s and became a resident of Brooklyn, New York. She was a retired schoolteacher and passionate about education.

Mrs. Fernandez was a sincere woman who loved God and her church and was faithful in her service to The Faith Center Ministries. She was a woman of great faith who cared deeply for her fellow congregants and worked tirelessly to better the lives of all those in her community.

Mrs. Fernandez was the devoted mother of three sons and three daughters, among them Bishop Henry Fernandez, spiritual leader of The Faith Center Ministries in Sunrise, Florida. I join Bishop Fernandez and his family as they mourn the loss of this kind and compassionate soul.

In the days, weeks and months ahead, we will celebrate her life and honor her legacy. While this loss will be felt deeply by everyone, we are forever privileged to have shared this time with her on Earth. May her memory be a blessing.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF JOYCE ELLIS

HON. GUY RESCHENTHALER
OF PENNSYLVANIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, January 12, 2021

Mr. RESCHENTHALER. Madam Speaker, I rise to celebrate the life of Joyce Ellis, who passed away on December 16, 2020, at the age of 62. Ms. Ellis was a remarkable woman with a steadfast commitment to serving her community, and her leadership and advocacy for our region’s youth will be greatly missed.

At the age of 17, Ms. Ellis opened her first dance studio, eventually expanding her operation to include four studios throughout southwestern Pennsylvania. Ms. Ellis’ students performed across the Commonwealth, from community parades to Steelers and Pirates games. They were also nationally recognized at the Cherry Blossom Festival in our nation’s capital.

While Ms. Ellis was an accomplished dancer and choreographer, she was also deeply dedicated to mentorship. Students and parents remember her commitment to ensuring dancers of all skill levels were set up for future success. After receiving an Observer-Reporter Person of the Year award, Ms. Ellis best summed up her approach, “I really feel I was put on this planet to help people become better, and upon doing so, I become better.” At the heart of her career, Ms. Ellis felt a calling from God to leave her studies and reopen the LeMoyne Community Center in Washington, Pennsylvania, becoming Executive Director in 2007. Under her leadership, the once dilapidated building became a place filled with hope and promise.

Ms. Ellis fiercely believed the LeMoyne Community Center should be a source of stability and comfort for local children. She established a food program to provide meals for youths across Washington County and started Homework and More, a program hosting after-school activities and tutoring. When school was not in session, the center held summer camp and Coco’s Christmas, which sourced clothing, gifts, and meals for families in need. Madam Speaker, it is with profound sadness that I recognize the loss of Joyce Ellis. Ms. Ellis incubated and my advanced community through the LeMoyne Community Center, and her service will leave a lasting legacy for children and families in our region.

HONORING BENJAMIN CRUMP
AMERICAN CIVIL RIGHTS ATTORNEY AND MEMBER OF THE 5000 ROLE MODELS OF EXCELLENCE PROJECT

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON
OF FLORIDA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, January 12, 2021

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate Benjamin Crump, a nationally recognized civil rights attorney who seeks justice for families who’ve lost a loved one to police and racially charged violence, and a member of the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project.

In 2012, Mr. Crump represented the family of my constituent, Trayvon Martin, 17, who was killed by neighborhood watch vigilante George Zimmerman. He also has represented the families of 12-year-old Tamir Rice, who was killed by a Cleveland Police officer while holding a toy gun; and Michael Brown, 18, who was shot dead by a police officer in Ferguson, Missouri. He is currently representing the family of George Floyd, who was killed by a police officer in Minneapolis, and Jacob Blake, who was left paralyzed after being shot by a police officer in Kenosha, Wisconsin. Mr. Crump has collected millions of dollars for more than 200 victims and their families and his advocacy has significantly raised awareness of the racial inequalities embedded in our nation’s judicial system.

Mr. Crump, who has been described as “the hardest working attorney in the country,” earned his bachelor’s and law degrees from Florida State University. His grandmother, who helped raise him, once said, “When you get a chance to speak truth to power, you do it.” He remembers those words everyday no matter where he is and uses them as a guide. I have the utmost confidence that Mr. Crump will continue to serve underserved communities. He has exemplified his selflessness by dedicating a large part of his practice to pro bono cases, leaving low-income clients without debt. Because he is such an inspirational role model, Mr. Crump will be inducted into the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project at its 28th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Breakfast on Monday, January 18, 2021.

THE PRESIDENT IS MENTALLY UNFIT

HON. JOHN B. LARSON
OF CONNECTICUT
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, January 12, 2021

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Madam Speaker, we recently witnessed an unprecedented attack on the Capitol as a joint session of Congress convened to count and certify the Electoral College votes. This was an attack on not only the hallowed halls of the Capitol, but on the very heart and soul of our democracy: it was an attack on the peaceful transition of power.

There can be no doubt who instigated the insurrectionists and incited them to domestic terrorism. The President of the United States called on his supporters to march on the Capitol. He told them: “We’re probably not going to be re-elected so some of them because you’ll never take back our country with weakness. You have to show strength, and you have to be strong.”

In 2017, Dr. Harold Schwartz wrote this op-ed, published in the Hartford Courant. In it, he described several mental disorders that may be applicable to the President. It has proven to be remarkably prescient and foreshadowed the events of January 6, 2021. I include it in the RECORD here so that Members and the public may draw their own conclusions about the President’s fitness to serve out the remainder of his term. I, for one, believe that the President is a malignant narcissist lacking the capacity to discharge the duties of his office and call on the Vice President to invoke the 25th Amendment.

I’M NOT DIAGNOSING TRUMP: JUST SAYING ...

(By Harold I. Schwartz)

Psychiatrists are prohibited by the so-called Goldwater Rule for diagnosing public figures they have not personally assessed. This prohibition followed the 1964 election, when Barry Goldwater was the Republican candidate for president and felt by many to have extreme views. He was castigated in a survey of American psychiatrists and unfairly labeled with virtually every diagnosis in the book.

Fearful of the implications of diagnosing from afar, the American Psychiatric Association prohibited this activity to protect the credibility of American psychiatry and the privacy, dignity and confidentiality of public figures. On the one hand, the prohibition makes sense. On the other, it’s a gag rule preventing psychiatrists from contributing to the conversation.

It may not be necessary, however, for a psychiatrist to offer a diagnosis to join the discussion of just what is (or is not) wrong with Donald Trump. More information may suffice. In this spirit I bring you, straight from the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, DSM-V, psychiatry’s diagnostic bible, the descriptions of several mental disorders. Far be it...
from me to say they apply to Mr. Trump. You may decide.

Let’s start in the Personality Disorders section. There are many disorders within this category, each with a different name. Here are the characteristics, right out of the DSM-V of someone with Narcissistic Personality Disorder (You only need four of these to make a diagnosis):

1. Has a grandiose sense of self-importance (e.g., exaggerates achievements and talents, expects to be recognized as superior without commensurate achievements)
2. Is preoccupied with fantasies of unlimited success, power, brilliance, beauty, or ideal love.
3.Requires excessive admiration
4. Is a sense of entitlement (i.e., unreasonable expectation of especially favorable treatment or automatic compliance with his or her expectations)
5. Is interpersonally exploitative
6. Showed arrogant, haughty behaviors or attitudes

Another interesting personality disorder is Antisocial Personality Disorder, the technical term for the more commonly used psychopathy. I have selected criteria that you may find most salient (you only need three to qualify):

Deceitfulness, as indicated by repeated lying, use of aliases, or conning others for personal profit or pleasure
Irritability and aggressiveness, as indicated by repeated physical fights or assaults.
Consistent irresponsibility, as indicated by repeated failure to sustain consistent work behavior or honor financial obligations.
Lack of remorse, as indicated by being indifferent to or rationalizing having hurt, mistreated or stolen from another.

While it’s not a formal diagnosis, people who combine very severe narcissism with severe psychopathy are said to have Malignant Narcissism. It is the very worst forms of narcissism and psychopathy combined. You really don’t want to have a malignant narcissist in your life.

And because I’ve already suggested that elements of the various personality disorders often combine, here are a few of the features of Paranoid Personality Disorder that may be of interest: suspicion that others are harming or deceiving him or her, reading hidden demeaning or threatening meanings into other people’s words or actions.

Still another diagnosis is Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder. Just a few of the criteria for this include: failure to give close attention to details, difficulty sustaining attention to tasks, an avoidance of tasks that require sustained mental effort and ease distractability.

The definition of delusional thinking might be of interest. Delusions are defined as fixed false beliefs. But a fixed belief is not a delusion, as odd as that may seem to many.

If it is accepted and shared by the social cultural group the believer finds himself in. In a severe personality disorder it may be difficult to distinguish a fantastical wish from a delusion. But we are splitting definitional hairs here.

I must reiterate, lest I find myself at odds with my professional organizations: I have never interviewed Donald Trump and I am not diagnosing him. I am merely directing your attention to information that anyone can find on the Internet. It would be improper of me, as a psychiatrist, to do more. On the other hand, you don’t need a psychiatrist . . . or, a weatherman, to know which way the wind blows.

HONORING HARKER HEIGHTS, TX COUNCILMAN JOHN REIDER
HON. JOHN R. CARTER
OF TEXAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, January 12, 2021

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Madam Speaker, I’m honored to celebrate and recognize the extraordinary work of Harker Heights, TX Councilman John Reider. His eighteen years of dedication to his beloved city are the reflection of a true and devoted public servant. With his “can-do” spirit and high-minded vision, John is a trusted community leader. He is a man of integrity and commitment to excellence to every challenge he encountered. It’s public servants like him that make Harker Heights the welcoming, successful city that it is.

While John isn’t tired of the privilege of public service, he knows that everything has its season and the time has come to allow the next generation of leaders to take the stage. Stepping away from his office won’t give him much idle time as he remains a vital part of the Central Texas community, operating a successful property management company with his beloved family.

Retirement is meant to be celebrated and enjoyed. It is not the end of a career, but the beginning of a new adventure. It is my honor to recognize the selfless service of John Reider on the occasion of a true and devoted public servant.

HONORING EDWARD CARTWRIGHT MOORE
HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON
OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, January 12, 2021

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Lonnie G. Bunch III, Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, and a member of the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project.

BER OF THE 5000 ROLE MODELS
SECRETARY OF THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION AND A MEMBER OF THE 5000 ROLE MODELS OF EXCELLENCE PROJECT
HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON
OF FLORIDA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, January 12, 2021

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Lonnie G. Bunch III, Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, where he oversees 19 museums, 21 libraries, the National Zoo, numerous research centers, and several education units and centers. He is the first-ever African American to serve in this role.

Mr. Bunch, who grew up in Belleville, New Jersey, discovered early on his passion for the study of history and was greatly influenced by his grandfather. He regularly cites a conversation with him as a pivotal moment that shaped his career trajectory. While surveying a photograph labeled Unidentified Children, Bunch’s grandfather mused to young Lonnie, “Isn’t it a shame [for them] to live their lives, die, just to be listed as anonymous?” Consequently, he challenges himself to “make visible the invisible” and “give voice to the anonymous.”

From 1983 to 1989, Bunch served as the curator of history and program manager for the California African American Museum in Los Angeles, where he organized award-winning exhibitions highlighting black Olympians and African Americans in Los Angeles. Between 1989 and 2000, he held several positions at the Smithsonian, including associate director of the National Museum of American History, during which he oversaw the development of a major permanent exhibition on the American presidency.

As president of the Chicago Historical Society from 2001 to 2005, Bunch developed an exhibition on a teenage life titled Teen Chicago and launched an outreach initiative to increase museum attendance by diverse communities.
IN HONOR OF RAYMOND “RED” GOULET’S 98TH BIRTHDAY

HON. CHRIS PAPPAS
OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, January 12, 2021

Mr. PAPPAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Raymond “Red” Goulet, who is celebrating his 98th birthday this Thursday, January 14, 2021. A World War II veteran and longtime resident of Portsmouth, Mr. Goulet is beloved among many members of the community. Due to COVID–19 precautions, however, Mr. Goulet cannot celebrate his birthday with friends and loved ones.

During World War II, Mr. Goulet and his two brothers enlisted in the U.S. Army, where he served as a non-commissioned officer. Mr. Goulet has been a Pease Greeter for many years, doing so to make sure that our servicemembers know how much they are appreciated. Mr. Goulet has also forged a strong relationship with the Portsmouth Police Department, and in 2017, was honored by them with a special luncheon. Outgoing and affable, Mr. Goulet makes an impact wherever he goes, and all those who know him recount on his knack for making everyone around him feel valued.

Because of how much Mr. Goulet means to the community, friends and even strangers across New Hampshire have mobilized to make sure that Mr. Goulet receives many cards and notes of support on his birthday. And while cards cannot fully replace spending time with loved ones and friends, I hope all of these notes will show Mr. Goulet that so many people are thinking of him even as we all cannot be physically together.

On behalf of my constituents in New Hampshire’s First Congressional District, I want to wish Mr. Goulet a very happy birthday. I hope that he will be able to celebrate many more milestones in the coming years, and I want to thank him for his service to our country and his dedication to our community.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF PENNSYLVANIA STATE REPRESENTATIVE MIKE REESE

HON. GUY RESCHENTHALER
OF PENNSYLVANIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, January 12, 2021

Mr. RESCHENTHALER. Madam Speaker, I rise to celebrate the life of Pennsylvania State Representative Mike Reese, who passed away on January 2, 2021, at the age of 42. Representative Reese was a loving husband to his wife, Angela, father, mentor, and role model to his children Addison, Michael, and Claire, and friend to many in our region and across the Commonwealth.

A lifelong Pennsylvanian, Representative Reese graduated from Duquesne University and obtained a Master’s in Business Administration from Seton Hill University. Prior to his service in the state legislature, Representative Reese taught and served as an administrator at local schools and institutes of higher education in southwestern Pennsylvania. He also held the position of Chief of Staff for former Westmoreland County Commissioners Terry Marolt and Phil Light and assistant director and financial administrator for Westmoreland County.

In 2008, Representative Reese was elected to represent the 59th Legislative District in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, serving portions of Westmoreland and Somerset Counties. Throughout his service, Representative Reese was a tireless advocate for the people of southwestern Pennsylvania. His hard work and dedication did not go unnoticed, and he held several leadership roles, including Republican Caucus Secretary and Republican Caucus Chairman.

Madam Speaker, it is with profound sadness that I recognize the loss of State Representative Mike Reese. Representative Reese’s accomplishments will leave a lasting impact on the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and he will be greatly missed by his family, friends, and community.

REMEMBERING MARSHALL McKay

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI
OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, January 12, 2021

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Marshall McKay and his legacy as a champion of Native American heritage and the rights of indigenous people in his community and around the world. My wife Patti and I are devastated to learn of Marshall McKay’s passing, who died of COVID–19.

Born in Colusa, California, to a renowned Native American healer and basket weaver, Mr. McKay was the first person from his family to attend college. Following his graduation from Sonoma State University, he worked for the U.S. Department of Defense repairing and maintaining nuclear submarines for 15 years. Following his service, he became a founding member of the Native Arts and Cultures Foundation and was appointed to the Smithsonian Institution’s Board of the National Museum of the American Indian, which stands just a few blocks from this chamber.

In addition, Mr. McKay served on the Yocha Dehe Tribal Council from 1984 to 2015. His dedication to the work of the council culminated in a decade of service as its chair. During that time, the tribe was a key partner with the local community on several fronts and a benefactor to many local nonprofits. Through his many roles, Mr. McKay championed the environment and fought for tribal land-use rights.

His life’s work has had an indelible positive impact on his tribe, our state, and the nation. He was a beloved member of our community, and he will be deeply missed. Our hearts are with Marshall McKay’s family, loved ones, and tribe during this difficult time.

HONORING JOHN DAVIS, TENTH SECRETARY OF THE FLORIDA LOTTERY AND MEMBER OF THE 5000 RULE MODELS OF EXCELLENCE PROJECT

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON
OF FLORIDA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, January 12, 2021

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of John Davis, the tenth secretary of the Florida Lottery and a member of the 5000 Rule Models of Excellence Project.

With more than 20 years of service in the public and private sectors, Secretary Davis has developed a well-earned reputation as an exemplary leader. Before his appointment to the Florida Lottery in October 2020, he served as the executive vice president of the Orlando Regional Chamber of Commerce. During his tenure, he strengthened organizational structures that led to an acceleration in revenue and growth. In addition, he has served as president of the African American Chamber of Commerce of Central Florida, where he supervised organizations and businesses in six different counties. Secretary Davis also co-founded a private business that offers youth sporting programs and professional training services. He was named one of the Top 15...
Leaders to Watch by Orlando Magazine in 2018. Secretary Davis earned a bachelor's degree in political science from Florida State University, where he was an exceptional safety for the Seminoles' football team. In his spare time, he enjoys volunteering for the United Way, Valencia College, Volunteer Florida, and the Kappa Alpha Psi Achievement Foundation.

All of his leadership roles have been rooted in supporting students and helping younger generations fulfill their dreams. The Florida Lottery’s mission perfectly aligns with his goals and experiences: increasing revenue for the betterment of Florida’s education system. The organization has provided funding for more than 880,000 scholarships. In recognition of his distinguished career and record of public service, Secretary Davis will be inducted into the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project at its 28th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Breakfast on Monday, January 18, 2021. He will support the 5000 Role Models’ goal of saving children from the pits of destruction, drugs, and the criminal justice system.

I am incredibly proud to honor Secretary Davis and welcome him to the 5000 Role Models Project.

INTRODUCTION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA PROSECUTOR HOME RULE ACT OF 2021

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON
OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, January 12, 2021

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce the District of Columbia Prosecutor Home Rule Act of 2021 to give District of Columbia residents another important element of self-government that does not require statehood and is enjoyed by all other Americans, including those in the U.S. territories. The bill would establish a local prosecutor’s office designated under local law to prosecute all local crimes in the District. Under federal law, the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the District of Columbia, a federal entity, is responsible for prosecuting most local crimes committed by adults here, which is the greater part of its caseload, in addition to prosecuting federal crimes.

This bill is special because it effectuates a 2002 advisory referendum, approved by 82 percent of D.C. voters, to create a local prosecutor’s office.

There is no law enforcement issue of greater importance to D.C. residents on which they have less state representation of local crimes. The U.S. Attorney has no business prosecuting the local crimes of a jurisdiction, an anachronism that is a holdover from when the District had no home rule and that is out of place in any American self-governing jurisdiction. In fact, the territories of the United States—Puerto Rico, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa, and the Northern Mariana Islands—have the authority to prosecute all local crimes in their jurisdictions. A local D.C. prosecutor is long overdue, placing the District behind all other U.S. jurisdictions. The goal of saving citizens from the same jurisdiction over the criminal matters that state, local and territorial jurisdictions justifiably regard as mandatory.

Amending federal law to create a local prosecutor would be an important step toward our goal of achieving true self-government in the District. I urge my colleagues to support this important measure.

HONORING ANTHONY SAMPSON
OF TEXAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, January 12, 2021

Mr. VEASEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Anthony Sampson, a local business owner and former financial advisor, for his exemplary service and commitment to the Dallas Fort Worth Metroplex. Anthony is an active figure in the North Texas community. His achievements span decades, and his ongoing involvement in the community is visible in many aspects. Beginning his professional career with Allstate in 1983, Anthony quickly rose through the ranks and held several management positions. While growing with Allstate, he achieved over two dozen prestigious awards. In 1993, Anthony opened Sampson Financial Services, Inc./Allstate Insurance Agency in Arlington, TX and continues to lead his team to bring reassurance and stability to our community. Anthony is an active leader in the African American community and is committed to empowering youth through volunteering and community service. He helped found “100 Black Men of Greater Dallas-Fort Worth” to show young people how great their future can be. The hard work and spirit shown by him is an outstanding example of American success and ingenuity.

Anthony is a dedicated leader and mentor in our community; his commitment to the development of North Texans should be commended and remembered. By honoring Anthony Sampson, our Dallas Fort Worth, Texas residents will recognize his leadership and commitment to the betterment of our North Texas community and county.

REMEMBERING RICHARD ROMINGER
OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, January 12, 2021

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Richard Rominger and his legacy as a champion of rural communities and American farmers. Patti and I are proud to recognize a local agriculturalist of the Year by the California Farm Bureau Federation for his lifelong commitment to the agricultural community.

Richard and Evelyn Rominger served in the Department of Agriculture, and Patti ran the Foreign Agriculture Service’s food and famine programs. Richard was always the bulwark of support for the American family farmer. He knew the challenges facing farm families, and he knew how to use government to improve their lot. During the Clinton years the Department of Agriculture and Department of Interior, where I was also Deputy, teamed up to produce seminal studies on the effects of climate change, create the first Tahoe Summit, address droughts, support land conservation efforts nationwide, attack invasive species, and protect America’s great forest.

Governor Jerry Brown recognized Richard’s potential as a problem solver when he appointed Richard to serve as the Secretary of the California Department of Agriculture. A problem-solver was necessary with Medflies, drought, water wars, and agricultural labor problems in abundance. Undaunted by these challenges, Rominger steered a wise course that yielded a bumber of improvements.

Following his time in government, Richard returned to Winters—where he was raised—to continue his work supporting the U.S. agriculture industry. Richard was named Agriculturalist of the Year by the California State Fair and received the Distinguished Service Award from the California Farm Bureau Federation for his lifelong commitment to the agricultural community.

Richard was a dear friend for whom I have the deepest respect and admiration. His life’s work has had an indelible positive impact on our state and nation, and he will be deeply missed. Patti and I send our condolences to Evelyn and the Rominger family.

COMMENDING MAYOR DANIELLA LEVINE CAVA
OF FLORIDA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, January 12, 2021

Ms. WILSON of Florida, Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and commend Mayor Daniella Levine Cava on the occasion of her historic election as the first female Mayor of Miami-Dade County, Florida.

Daniella Levine Cava was sworn in as Mayor of Miami-Dade County on Tuesday, November 17, 2020, making history as the first woman to do so. Prior to her historic election, she served as the Miami-Dade County Commissioner representing District 8, first elected in 2014, and re-elected in 2018. Her district included Palmetto Bay, Cutler Bay, Homestead, and unincorporated areas of South Miami-Dade including Redland, Falls, Princeton, Naranja, Leisure City and parts of West Kendall.

While a member of the Miami-Dade County Commission, she served on the following Committees: Transportation and Finance; Infrastructure and Capital Improvements; Public Safety and Rehabilitation; and the Community Disparities Subcommittee of the Chair’s Policy Council. She also served on the Transportation Planning Organization and the Executive Board of the South Florida Regional Planning Council.
Additionally as a Commissioner, her efforts focused on delivering on a variety of issues like: Fighting for a fair share of resources for South Miami-Dade, increasing the County police force by 80 officers, expanding economic opportunity, championing parks and the environment; advocating for transit improvements and better planning, and hosting the annual South Dade Solutions Summit. She secured over $30 million in funds for infrastructure projects in South Miami-Dade.

Mayor Levine Cava came to elected office after having served as an advocate for South Florida families for over 30 years. She served special needs children and immigrants at Legal Services of Greater Miami, and then represented children in the child welfare system as Associate and Legal Director for the Guardian Ad Litem Program.

Madam Speaker, in the aftermath of devastating Hurricane Andrew, she was recruited to create a new intake system for child abuse cases with the Florida Department of Children and Families. Her efforts were concentrated on the neighborhoods of Miami-Dade County’s District 8, where she helped restore the lives and homes of those devastated by the storm.

In 1996, Mayor Levine Cava founded the social service organization Catalyst Miami, to help low- and middle-income families through education and advocacy. Catalyst helps approximately 5,000 people each year to become more self-sufficient.

The passionate work that Mayor Levine Cava has done in the community also includes service with notable organizations like the Florida Bar Committee on Legal Needs of Children; the boards of League of Women Voters, Orange Bowl Foundation, North Dade Medical Foundation, South Florida Health Information Initiative, and several national boards. She has been recognized and awarded for her impact on the community by numerous organizations including: the Commission on Ethnic, Red Cross, American Society for Public Administration, ACLU, National Council of Jewish Women and AAUW, among others.

Born in New York and raised partly in Latin America, Mayor Daniella received her bachelor’s degree in psychology with honors from Yale University and graduate degrees in law and social work from Columbia University.

She came to South Florida in 1980 to join her husband, Dr. Robert Cava, a Miami native, who returned home to join his father in medical practice. Mayor Levine Cava and her husband raised two children, Eliza and Edward Cava.

Madam Speaker, I urge you, my colleagues in Congress, and all Americans to join me in honoring Mayor Daniella Levine Cava for her historic election as the first female Mayor of Miami-Dade County, Florida and her dedication and commitment to her community and our great nation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION
HON. JOYCE BEATTY
OF OHIO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, January 12, 2021
Mrs. BEATTY. Madam Speaker, I was absent from the House Chamber on January 5, 2021, to attend a funeral in my district. Had I been present, I would have voted yes on Roll Call number 9.

INTRODUCTION OF COUP ACT
HON. JAMAAL BOWMAN
OF NEW YORK
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, January 12, 2021
Mr. BOWMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to share that I am introducing legislation to create a national commission to investigate the attempted insurrection on January 6th, and root out ties between white supremacists, white nationalists, and Capitol Police.

How did a group of armed, violent seditionists march into one of the most secure buildings, forcing Members of Congress to hide under their desks? What did the authorities know, and when did they know it? We need a national commission that will dig into the facts and openly share findings with the public.

What was abundantly clear last week was the stark contrast between the scarce and under-equipped security when insurrectionists stormed the Capitol—and how law enforcement agencies in D.C. and across the country rallied resources to brutalize and suppress demonstrators who were protesting in defense of Black lives and the lives of disabled people.

But what we saw last week is not new—it is a continuation of the American tradition of white backlash in the wake of social progress. And in this moment, I know that my colleagues and I will rise to the challenge and work to help our country heal. But none of this reconciliation can happen without truth and justice first.

As long as we allow white supremacy to continue to thrive in our society and our institutions, we will continue to suffer the consequences at the hands of its adherents. This is why it is so important that we pass my bill, the Congressional Oversight of Unjust Policing Act. My bill is the first step in the difficult task of investigating the failures in leadership and security that led up to the deadly events of January 6, 2021, and rooting out white supremacy in our law enforcement.

I urge my colleagues to cosponsor this legislation, and join me in moving it to full passage.
Tuesday, January 12, 2021

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate met at 12:30:02 p.m. in pro forma session, and adjourned at 12:30:40 p.m. until 10 a.m., on Friday, January 15, 2021.

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

CIVILIAN CONTROL OF THE ARMED FORCES

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine civilian control of the Armed Forces, after receiving testimony from Kathleen J. McInnis, Specialist in International Security, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; and Lindsay P. Cohn, U.S. Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 12 public bills, H.R. 275–286; and 10 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 5; and H. Res. 35–43, were introduced.

Additional Cosponsors:

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative DeGette to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

Election of Members to Certain Standing Committees:
The House agreed to H. Res. 35, electing Members to certain standing committees of the House of Representatives.

Election of Members to Certain Standing Committees:
The House agreed to H. Res. 36, electing Members to certain standing committees of the House of Representatives.

Recess:
The House recessed at 9:04 a.m. and reconvened at 6:01 p.m.

Administration of the Oath of Office: The Speaker administered the Oath of Office to Members-elect of the 117th Congress.

Whole Number of the House: The Speaker announced to the House that, in light of the administration of the oath of office to Members-elect, the whole number of the House is 433.

Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in honor and remembrance of the dedication and service of the fallen United States Capitol
Police Officers Brian D. Sicknick and Howard Leibengood.

Recess: The House recessed at 6:03 p.m. and reconvened at 6:18 p.m.

Recess: The House recessed at 7:06 p.m. and reconvened at 7:32 p.m.

Calling on Vice President Michael R. Pence to convene and mobilize the principal officers of the executive departments of the Cabinet to activate section 4 of the 25th Amendment to declare President Donald J. Trump incapable of executing the duties of his office and to immediately exercise powers as acting President: The House agreed to H. Res. 21, calling on Vice President Michael R. Pence to convene and mobilize the principal officers of the executive departments of the Cabinet to activate section 4 of the 25th Amendment to declare President Donald J. Trump incapable of executing the duties of his office and to immediately exercise powers as acting President, by a yea-and-nay vote of 223 yeas to 205 nays, Roll No. 14.

Pursuant to the Rule, the amendment to the preamble printed in H. Rept. 117–1 shall be considered as adopted.

H. Res. 38, the rule providing for consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 21) was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 222 yeas to 204 nays, Roll No. 13, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 219 yeas to 206 nays, Roll No. 12.

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Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 11:27 p.m.

Committee Meetings

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING; CALLING ON VICE PRESIDENT MICHAEL R. PENCE TO CONVENE AND MOBILIZE THE PRINCIPAL OFFICERS OF THE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS OF THE CABINET TO ACTIVATE SECTION 4 OF THE 25TH AMENDMENT TO DECLARE PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP INCAPABLE OF EXECUTING THE DUTIES OF HIS OFFICE AND TO IMMEDIATELY EXERCISE POWERS AS ACTING PRESIDENT

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H. Res. 24, Impeaching Donald John Trump, President of the United States, for high crimes and misdemeanors. The Committee granted, by record vote of 7–4, a closed rule providing for consideration of H. Res. 24, Impeaching Donald John Trump, President of the United States, for high crimes and misdemeanors. The rule provides two hours of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary or their respective designees. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the resolution. The rule provides that the amendment to the preamble printed in the Rules Committee report shall be considered as adopted and the resolution, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule provides that the prohibition against personality in debate with respect to references to the President shall not apply during consideration of H. Res. 21 or any special order of business providing for the consideration of H. Res. 24. The rule provides that during a covered period designated pursuant to section 3(s) of House Resolution 8 the Sergeant-at-Arms is authorized and directed to impose a fine against a Member, Delegate, or the Resident Commissioner for the failure to wear a mask in contravention of the Speaker’s announced policies of January 4, 2021. Testimony was heard from Representatives Raskin and Jordan.

IMPEACHING DONALD JOHN TRUMP, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, FOR HIGH CRIMES AND MISDEMEANORS

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of consideration. The rule provides that upon adop-
tion of H. Res. 24, H. Res. 40 is hereby adopted
and no other resolution incidental to impeachment
relating to H. Res. 24 shall be privileged during the
remainder of the 117th Congress. The rule provides
that H. Res. 8, agreed to January 4, 2021, is amend-
ed by striking “January 28” each place that it ap-
pears and inserting “February 11”. Testimony was
heard from Representatives Cicilline, Armstrong,
Green of Texas, and Jackson Lee.

**Joint Meetings**

No joint committee meetings were held.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY,**

**JANUARY 13, 2021**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

**Senate**

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

**House**

No hearings are scheduled.
Next Meeting of the SENATE
10 a.m., Friday, January 15

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: Senate will meet in a pro forma session.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
9 a.m., Wednesday, January 13

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Consideration of H. Res. 24—Impeaching Donald John Trump, President of the United States, for high crimes and misdemeanors (Subject to a Rule).

Extensions of Remarks, as inserted in this issue

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