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Mr. RASKIN. Mr. Speaker, I represent 88,000 Federal workers in the Eighth Congressional District of Maryland who want to do their jobs for the American people.

They are DREAMers, too, and they are doers. They work at NIH, NOAA, the National Cancer Institute, the Food and Drug Administration, the Department of Defense, and the State Department.

My constituents and the people across the country who depend on them are in limbo because of the irresponsibility, the indolence, and the incompetence of President Trump, who called on his tweet machine for a “good shutdown” of the American Government that he barely opened up in the first place.

They worked overtime to get all of the Republicans behind their obscene tax break for the richest 1 percent of the country and foreign investors in Saudi Arabia, China, and the Cayman Islands, but they could not be bothered to pass a budget for the American people, which is our central constitutional function.

They don’t mind shutting down the government for the fifth time in 30 years, as long as their big campaign donors get the huge legislative payoff they are waiting for.

Let’s do our job, and let’s pass a real budget for the American people.

LET’S COME TO A COMPROMISE

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

Mr. MCNERNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to ask both sides of this Chamber to stop bickering and finger-pointing and start listening to each other. Let’s come to a compromise.

This government shutdown is a disgrace to this Congress and hurtful to this country. Both sides are blaming each other, and the American people are shaking their heads in disgust and disbelief.

Both sides have valid points, but, in this case, partial rights actually make a wrong. The government needs continuous funding. The military needs funding. Domestic programs, such as homeland security, children’s health, and the opioid epidemic, need proper funding. DACA needs a solution. The southern border needs securing.

Mr. Speaker, I ask Members of the House, let’s work together and find reasonable compromises for these important issues. Let’s look at each other as honorable people.

CONGRESS NEEDS TO GET BACK TO WORK

(Mr. RYAN of Ohio asked and was given permission to address the House

for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, this is about Members of Congress doing their job.

The number one function of a Congress is to put out a budget. This Congress spent the last 6 to 8 months giving away \$2 trillion to the wealthiest people in the country, and now we come to do a budget and say: Well, we don’t have any money.

We have priorities here, and it is about taking care of people who are getting hurt.

It is about a gentleman who drove a truck for 40 years, missing baseball games and soccer matches because he was on the road. Now that he needs his pension, it is cut in half, and this Congress isn’t doing a damn thing about it.

It is about the coal miner who climbed into a dirty hole for 40 years and now wants a pension. The Republican leadership here is absent.

It is about healthcare for kids, and it is about 11 million kids who are going to law school, going to college, going to med school, and all they want is a chance to sleep good at night.

This Congress needs to get back to work.

RESIGNATION AS MEMBER OF COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation as a member of the Committee on Ethics:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, January 20, 2018.

Speaker PAUL D. RYAN,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER RYAN: In light of media reports with regards to a settlement reached between my office and a former employee, I hereby resign from the House Committee on Ethics effective January 20, 2018.

Throughout this process, I have been in communication with the Committee and sought to handle a difficult matter ethically, appropriately and in accordance with guidance issued by the Committee. All actions were taken on the advice of the House Employment Counsel and I firmly deny the nature of the allegations made in this claim.

However, with a great respect for the integrity of the Committee, and the absolute need for any subsequent investigation of this matter to be beyond doubt and above reproach, I feel it is best for me to remove myself from the Committee at this time.

Sincerely,

PATRICK MEEHAN,  
Member of Congress.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the resignation is accepted. There was no objection.

ELECTING A MEMBER TO A CERTAIN STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the House Republican Conference, I

send to the desk a privileged resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 710

Resolved, That the following named Member be, and is hereby, elected to the following standing committee of the House of Representatives:

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS: Mr. Ratcliffe.

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 12 o’clock and 53 minutes p.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 pro tempore (Mr. BYRNE) at 5 o’clock and 31 minutes p.m.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, January 22, 2018.

Hon. PAUL D. RYAN,  
The Speaker, House of Representatives,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on January 22, 2018, at 5:06 p.m.:

That the Senate agree to the amendment of House of Representatives to the Senate amendment with an amendment H.R. 195.

That the Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 33. With best wishes, I am,  
Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS.

MAKING IN ORDER CONSIDERATION OF SENATE AMENDMENT TO HOUSE AMENDMENT TO SENATE AMENDMENT TO H.R. 195, FEDERAL REGISTER PRINTING SAVINGS ACT OF 2017

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that it be in order