

adamantly support. This is a main priority of mine as the representative of several rural, underserved communities in Kentucky's First Congressional District.

As a member of the House Committee on Education and Labor, finding solutions to better serve our Nation's children is a goal we are constantly striving to build upon. I look forward to continuing to support important programs proven to serve and aid our Nation's children.

HONORING THE LIFE OF LIEUTENANT SANDEEP SINGH DHALIWAL

(Mrs. FLETCHER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. FLETCHER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Lieutenant Sandeep Singh Dhaliwal of the Harris County Sheriff's Office, who was shot and killed in the line of duty 3 weeks ago today on September 27.

As the first observant Sikh to serve in the Harris County Sheriff's Office and one of the first in Texas to receive a policy accommodation to practice his religion while serving as a police officer, Deputy Dhaliwal was a role model for Americans of all faiths who want to serve others.

Deputy Dhaliwal sold his successful business to join the sheriff's office out of a sense of duty and a desire to build a bridge between the department and the Houston area Sikh community. He was known for his energy, his optimism, and his giving heart, coordinating relief efforts for our community after Hurricane Harvey and traveling to Puerto Rico to do the same after Hurricane Maria.

Deputy Dhaliwal's service to our community and to our country is an example to us all. The people of Houston, Harris County, the Harris County Sheriff's Office and the Sikh community across the country celebrate the life and mourn the loss of this remarkable man, a selfless hero who represented the very best of our country's ideals.

IT'S TIME TO STOP THE MADNESS

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

Mr. KELLER. Madam Speaker, the impeachment inquiry being led by the House Democrats is a sham process. Over the last 3 weeks, we have seen a stunning lack of transparency, the failure to provide basic due process rights to the President, the selective leaking of testimony and information, and Members of Congress being refused entry to the closed-door hearings.

I was even denied this week the opportunity to review the Volker testimony, despite being on one of the committees responsible for fact finding in this nontransparent inquiry.

Since day one, Democrats in this Chamber have been attempting to over-

turn the results of the 2016 election by any means necessary. They have been so focused on impeachment, that recently it seems like this Chamber, Democrats' friends in the news, and pundits cannot focus on anything else.

As Democrats continue to focus on keeping the curtain closed on these proceedings to the public, the minority and the President, the American people are left to suffer without passage of the USMCA, bipartisan prescription drug reform, and border security measures.

The people in my district, both Republicans and Democrats, have repeatedly told me they are sick and tired of this nontransparent inquiry, and the fact that Congress fails to do anything other than focus on tearing down the duly-elected President.

It is time to stop this nonsense. It is time to stop the madness. It is time to stop the opaque inquiry for the benefit of the American people.

AMERICA IS BETTER THAN THIS

(Ms. DEAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. DEAN. Mr. Speaker, by abandoning our Kurdish allies in Syria, President Trump has allowed ISIS fighters to escape prison, strengthen Russia, Iran and Syria, and damaged our reputation around the world. He has also betrayed an ally that fought valiantly alongside American forces against ISIS and who lost 11,000 soldiers doing so.

The Washington Post reports that American soldiers are sickened by this betrayal. One retired four-star general described the President's decision as, "unsound, morally indefensible, and a disgrace." Our allies around the world are also disturbed. They watched America leave its friends vulnerable to attack. They took note as a predictable humanitarian crisis ensued. As The New York Times reports, many now see the United States as an unreliable, untrustworthy partner.

The President's decision cost many lives, including the lives of children, and it will have painful consequences for generations to come.

As our dear colleague, Representative ELIJAH CUMMINGS, so often said to us, we are better than this, America is better than this.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. VAN DREW). Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the President.

THE AMERICAN PEOPLE DESERVE FOR THIS CONGRESS TO GO TO WORK

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

Mr. ALLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in opposition to Speaker PELOSI's radical partisan prescription drug pricing plan.

Let's not forget the last time that Speaker PELOSI brought healthcare legislation it was rushed through this House, and it doubled our premiums and our deductibles skyrocketed.

There is no guarantee that H.R. 3 would lower the prices of drugs, but rather, it could mandate a one-size-fits-all government takeover of healthcare. It could pose a grave threat to innovation, research and development, and ultimately patient access to life-changing prescriptions.

The bill could have far-reaching economic consequences that would negatively affect jobs, the economy, and trade. The pharmaceutical industry employs over 800,000 workers and supports an estimated four million jobs in this country. I know this firsthand. Right in my district healthcare researchers are transforming patient care and creating local jobs at the same time.

This week the House Committee on Education and Labor marked up this legislation, and, unfortunately, my amendment was not adopted. My amendment would have prevented innovation and American manufacturing from moving out of the United States to China.

The American people deserve for this Congress to go to work and pass legislation that is bipartisan and has a chance to become law to lower drug prices.

AMERICANS SHOULD NOT HAVE TO DECIDE BETWEEN LIFE AND DEATH BECAUSE THEY CAN'T AFFORD PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

(Ms. GARCIA of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. GARCIA of Texas. Mr. Speaker, we all continue to mourn the passing of our dear friend ELIJAH CUMMINGS. He was an honorable man with a deep commitment to our Nation. He inspired many of us to always do what is right and to seek the truth. It is, therefore, fitting that H.R. 3 will be renamed in his Honor.

It is wrong and immoral that Americans spend more money per person on prescription drug prices than any other country in the world. No American should have to decide between life or death because they can't afford their prescription drugs.

This is personal to me. Many of my family members suffer from diabetes, as do many of my constituents. This is why I support H.R. 3. Let us honor the legacy of our dear colleague with action. Let's deliver lower prescription drug prices for the American people on his behalf and in his Honor.

Rest in power, Mr. CUMMINGS.

CONGRATULATING THE FLORIDA AIR NATIONAL GUARD'S 125TH FIGHTER WING

(Mr. RUTHERFORD asked and was given permission to address the House

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

Mr. RUTHERFORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Florida Air National Guard's 125th Fighter Wing on their return home after a 4-month deployment in support of Operation Spartan Shield.

During their deployment, the 125th Fighter Wing served as an essential and direct combat support component of that mission that provided intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance in southwest Asia and contributed to a successful mission. I thank these brave Air Force men and women who are willing to go abroad and risk their lives for our freedom.

We are incredibly proud of the more than 1,600 Air Force men and women who make up the 125th Fighter Wing to provide 24/7, 365 air homeland defense to combatant commanders worldwide, while simultaneously protecting the life and property of Floridians during times of crisis.

I especially want to thank their families and the northeast Florida community for supporting these brave men and women before, during, and after they are sent into harm's way.

Also, Mr. Speaker, as a 41-year law enforcement officer, I know what due process is and I know what fairness is when I see it. This impeachment process provides no due process, nor fairness.

CONGRATULATING MARILYN MIGUEL

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

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, Marilyn Miguel is 18 years old. She graduated from Vineland High School with a 4.0 this year, and she received a full-ride scholarship to Harvard University. She also has coordinated with Harvard for their new community outreach program, Service Starts with Summer, which encourages incoming freshmen to create service projects for their various communities.

As a first-generation college student and a second-generation Mexican American, Marilyn knew the importance of implementing a college preparation course for incoming seniors at her high school. Her free program ran from August 13 to 15, and Marilyn made sure to create an accessible, comprehensive college prep course for the people of south Jersey.

Marilyn says the goal of her program was to help people discover their own potential. Nothing could be more important. Programs like these are essential for the success of young people, and I commend Marilyn for bringing it to our community in south Jersey.

I wish Marilyn the best of luck at Harvard and to have a wonderful year. You are truly a star, and south Jersey is proud of you.

DEMOCRATS ARE TRYING TO IMPEACH THE PRESIDENT FOR FOLLOWING A LAW THAT THEY VOTED FOR

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

Mr. BARR. Madam Speaker, we know the Democrats' hyperpartisan closed-door impeachment process lacks any semblance of fundamental fairness. We know from the transcript between President Trump and President Zelensky that there was no quid pro quo.

But what many people don't know is this: In 2014, this House unanimously passed the Ukraine Freedom Support Act, which tasks the executive branch to use U.S. assistance to bolster democratic institutions of Ukraine and counter corruption and improve transparency and accountability of the Ukrainian Government. Every Democrat voted for this measure.

In 2017, this House overwhelmingly passed the National Defense Authorization Act, which required the administration to certify as a condition of providing assistance that the Government of Ukraine has taken substantial actions to counter corruption and increase accountability. 145 Democrats voted for that.

In 2019, the NDAA that passed this House required that certification requirement again, and 139 Democrats voted for that.

So here is the bottom line: Given recent elections, President Trump not only had the authority to address the issue of corruption in the call with President Zelensky, he had a legal duty to speak and secure assurances from the new Ukrainian Government that those anticorruption measures would be carried forward. The Democrats are trying to impeach the President for following a law that they voted for.

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REVIEW IMPEACHMENT PROCESS

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

Mr. MEUSER. Madam Speaker, let's review some facts surrounding this unfair, partisan impeachment process.

To begin with, a whistleblower claims to have secondhand information on the President's call with the Ukrainian President. The White House released the transcript of the call, making the whistleblower irrelevant.

The Ukrainian President, the most important witness, emphasized publicly that there was no quid pro quo and no pressure. Prior to having any of this information, or maybe they did, the Speaker announces an impeachment inquiry, and over 200 Democratic Members of the House agree, evidence be damned.

Since then, we have discovered that the chairman's staff met with the whis-

tleblower earlier than originally stated, yet stated that they didn't.

All hearings were held in secrecy, and there has been no due process.

Madam Speaker, a petty thief is provided more legal rights than the President of the United States. There is no transparency of testimony to Members of Congress or to the general public, and there has been no vote for an impeachment inquiry.

It appears these impeachment proceedings are not about whether the President did right or wrong or broke any laws. It is only about scoring political points while undermining the will of the electorate.

LET'S GET BACK TO WORK

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Madam Speaker, I rise today because I would sure like for Congress to get back to work doing what the American people really need.

It has been more than a year since the USMCA, a trade agreement with Canada and Mexico, was agreed to. We still haven't voted on it here in the House, despite bipartisan support. Why? Because a new and improved trade deal with our closest neighbors looks like it might be too much of a win for the President for the Democratic leadership to allow.

Since the Democrats have been in control of the House, what do we have to show for it, other than investigation after investigation? What have we accomplished in this Chamber for the American people? Not what we should be.

Hyperpartisan language has been injected into bills that both parties would otherwise support. Good, bipartisan legislation on lowering prescription drug prices that could pass committee unanimously languished because of hyperpartisan activity, undoing the good work of our committees and hurting Americans who are paying too much for prescription drugs.

As my Democratic colleagues dive headfirst into finding any excuse to impeach this President, they are leaving the American people hung out to dry.

Let's get to work. There are countless things other than this witch hunt.

ISSUES OF THE DAY

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. GARCIA of Texas). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2019, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. GOHMERT) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

Mr. GOHMERT. Madam Speaker, at this time, I yield to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. HURD), my friend.

Mr. HURD of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 2420, the National Museum of the American Latino Act.