

democratic process. It actually belittles our duty, and it belittles the votes of people who duly elected this President.

Madam Speaker, in closing, I call on Speaker PELOSI to sit down with the Republican leadership to establish an open and transparent process based on precedent.

IMPEACHMENT SHAM

(Mr. KEVIN HERN of Oklahoma asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. KEVIN HERN of Oklahoma. Madam Speaker, Republican or Democrat, we can all agree on this: When you have been accused of something, you have the right to publicly defend yourself.

My colleagues across the aisle are making heinous accusations about President Trump but are refusing to give him a voice in the process to defend himself.

Any impeachment proceeding in the history of our country has operated with full transparency and with a bipartisan effort, but that is not what is happening here.

Subpoenas are flying right and left without any consultation of the minority. Interrogations and hearings are happening in secret.

Why isn't the media demanding to be in the room instead of waiting for individuals to come out and get cherry-picked information?

The American people deserve better.

If they had solid evidence or even a factual basis for impeachment, they would be shouting it from the rooftops and broadcasting it on every screen in America.

This is a sham process. It makes a mockery of our government.

We must end this illegitimate inquiry and return to the rules and traditions that have governed this body for the last 232 years.

SO-CALLED IMPEACHMENT INQUIRY

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

Mr. NORMAN. Madam Speaker, I came to Congress to vote on legislation and basically go to work. What have we done for the last couple of weeks? Nothing.

Instead of concentrating on things that matter to this country, their intent is to reverse the election in 2016 of President Donald Trump.

In America, when you commit a crime, you get the evidence and then you have a verdict. What the Democrats, NANCY PELOSI and ADAM SCHIFF, are doing now, they have got the verdict. They are trying to get evidence, and then they are going to try to fish for a crime.

Madam Speaker, the public deserves better than this. We are better than

this. And this sham process, as has been done in the Soviet Union, should not be done in the Halls of Congress.

□ 1945

PUTTING PARTISAN POLITICS OVER THE GOOD OF OUR NATION

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

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to support President Donald J. Trump.

The Democrats' entire impeachment process has been a sham since day one. The chairman of the House Intelligence Committee, who was in charge of leading the inquiry, has lied to the American people.

Chairman SCHIFF made up his own version of the President's call with Ukraine. He lied about his dealings with the whistleblower and has misled the country about the Trump campaign and Russia for years.

Unfortunately, House Democrats again put partisan politics over the good of our Nation last night by blocking a vote to censure and condemn ADAM SCHIFF. The chairman in charge of this ridiculous impeachment inquiry must be held accountable for blatantly misleading the American people.

We have all seen the transcript of the call between President Trump and the President of Ukraine. There was nothing there. So my Democratic colleagues are left with making up their own stories and seeing what people will believe.

Democrats won't even allow noncommittee members to attend depositions and interviews, nor will they specify their authority to do so.

Madam Speaker, our country deserves better.

WHAT IN THE WORLD IS GOING ON IN THE PEOPLE'S HOUSE?

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

Mr. DUNCAN. Madam Speaker, the American people are asking: What in the world is going on in the people's House? But it is easy to see when you hear the words from Mr. GREEN from Texas, who said: "If we don't impeach this President, he will get reelected."

That has led to closed-door hearings, secret depositions, and a parity by a committee chairman. Nothing good happens in the dark behind closed doors. In fact, the German people knew this after reunification at the end of World War II.

At the end of years of being behind the Iron Curtain, they rebuilt their Parliament with a glass dome and a mirrored spire, directing sunlight into the chamber, a chamber made of glass walls for sunlight and transparency.

This people's House operates the same way, or at least it should, until

these hearings, behind closed doors, these secret depositions happen.

Madam Speaker, I support President Trump.

THE AMERICAN PEOPLE DESERVE MORE

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

Mr. NEWHOUSE. Madam Speaker, I stand with my Republican colleagues tonight as the people's House faces an unprecedented and illegitimate impeachment process.

House Democrats' secret impeachment proceedings behind closed doors are keeping the American people in the dark. Members in the minority are being shut out of the process, which threatens to erode the most basic standards of transparency in our Nation's government.

The Mueller investigation didn't give them what they wanted, so now they conduct secret proceedings behind these closed doors. This simply is unacceptable.

As I have continued to state on behalf of my constituents, Congress should be legislating on behalf of the American people, not wasting valuable legislative time and millions of taxpayer dollars.

We should be passing the USMCA and meaningful reforms for our farmers and ranchers. We should be passing bipartisan infrastructure legislation, and we should be addressing the devastating crisis of missing and murdered indigenous women.

Instead, House Democrats choose to continue endless partisan investigations and reckless impeachment inquiries. Madam Speaker, the American people deserve more.

LET'S GET BACK TO WORK

(Mrs. HARTZLER asked and was given permission to address the House for one minute.)

Mrs. HARTZLER. Madam Speaker, I rise today in defense of my constituents who deserve action on issues that will improve their lives and strengthen our Nation. However, instead of focusing on bipartisan solutions, House leadership is focusing on partisan antics to impeach the President.

On November 8, 2016, nearly 138 million Americans cast their votes to decide the occupant of the White House. Now these voters are being disenfranchised by Washington Democrats who seek to nullify the election results. They are using any means necessary to remove the President because they cannot beat him at the ballot box. Now, the latest attack is the deployment of a costly and partisan impeachment process.

Madam Speaker, I was elected to represent the great people of Missouri's Fourth Congressional District, and they have spoken. They want Congress