

Dr. Burgess Weekly Video Address November 18, 2016

“Lame Duck Session”

Hello, this is your Congressman Michael Burgess.

After the country elected Donald Trump to be our next President, Congress returned to what is referred to as a “lame-duck” session. This is the stretch of time between the November election and January 3rd when the next Congress begins. Often during lame-duck sessions, Congress does not consider any major legislation or presidential nominations, so as to not undermine representative government.

To encourage accountability of the new president and the new Congress, controversial issues or legislation are left for the next Congress.

Generally it is better if major legislation is not advanced in a lame-duck session.

However, right now we must pass the National Defense Authorization Act, the Defense and Veterans Appropriations bills as standalone bills. We should never trifle with our soldiers and their benefits in the budget appropriations process.

These bills have gone through regular order in the legislative process—through hearings in the appropriations committees and subcommittees, now they need a vote in both the House and Senate floors.

Going into the 115th Congress, this unified Republican government will work together to change the status quo and create real progress for the American people.

At the start of this year, House Republicans are set to create a bold and specific agenda by listening to people in every corner of America. I am honored that you have entrusted me to represent you for another term. And I am looking forward to rolling up my sleeves and getting to work.

As always I appreciate your comments, your questions on this topic or any other issue. May God bless you and your families, and as the song says, God bless you Texas.