

Dr. Burgess Weekly Address September 27, 2019  
Be Careful of the Precedents We Set

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Hello, this is your Congressman Michael Burgess.

This week, Democrats chose partisan politics over effectively serving the American people. Speaker Pelosi announced a formal impeachment inquiry into allegations of Presidential misconduct by an intelligence community whistleblower. This inquiry is premature. Congress received the full whistleblower complaint just yesterday. We cannot pass judgement without considering the facts. At this moment, I have seen nothing to warrant a response of this order of magnitude that would result in the impeachment of the President of the United States as a remedy. I believe these actions assert guilt without assessment of the evidence and serve to undermine the work President Trump was doing this very week in the United Nations on behalf of the United States of America.

Due to the media attention surrounding the whistleblower allegations, President Trump chose to release the transcript of his call with Ukrainian President, Volodymor Zelenskyy. Now the precedent has been set that a president should release confidential phone call transcripts. World leaders need to have confidence that when speaking to a United States President that their words will not be broadcasted to the media in general.

The country is suffering because of this impass. It is national trauma. It is not Congress' job to give the advantage to one political party or the other. Congress needs to focus on providing real solutions to the problems afflicting every day Americans.

For example, we have yet to consider the United States Mexico Canada Trade Agreement that would replace NAFTA. Americans deserve a fair trade agreement with Canada and Mexico, our two largest trading partners. Democrats for years have said they disliked NAFTA. NAFTA pushed jobs out of the United States, they said. They wanted to repeal NAFTA. Now they have their chance. And yet, Democrats have not brought the agreement to the House for a vote. The work has been done. The U.S. Trade Representative said the agreement is ready to come to Congress, but Democrats are distracted with partisan politics.

In addition, Americans have asked for a solution to rising drug costs. This week, I led the Republicans in a hearing on drug prices. While I do not agree with the

Democrats' proposed legislation, I know that this is a real problem that needs real solutions. It is time to get back to the business of legislating for the American people.

As always, I appreciate your comments and your questions on this issue or any other issue. May God bless you and your family, I wish you continued good health, and as the song says, God bless you Texas.