

So, the rule is the rule. This will almost certainly pass. I would just hope that everybody acts as good as they can. I mean, I hate to put it that simply, but this is an important issue.

I respect all the Members of this body. I know they have very different points of view on this. That is to be expected.

Generally, our debates are professional. Generally, that standard is something we are proud of and something that we aspire to. I hate to see it ever lowered or any exception provided.

I also have great confidence in the Speaker's Chair, and I know that they will enforce the appropriate level of civility and decency on the floor.

But, Mr. Speaker, I just ask my fellow Members to please, please think about this, because we have taken a very important safeguard off the rails of debate, so to speak.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. JORDAN), my very good friend, the distinguished Republican ranking member of the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. JORDAN. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Oklahoma (Mr. COLE) for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, this is scary. This is frightening, what is happening.

With less than 1 hour of debate, the Democrats bring a rule to the floor that says this: You can say anything you want about the President of the United States of America, no rules of decorum about what you say about the leader of our country.

In that rule, they say: If you don't wear a mask, you could get fined, no regard to whether you have already had COVID, whether you have had the vaccination. Your mask slips down a little bit, you get fined, in a rule with no debate?

In this rule, they say: To walk on the House floor, you have to go through a metal detector, a Member of the United States Congress walking on the floor to represent three quarters of a million people in our district?

And fourth, the rule is for the bill that says we should tell the Vice President of the United States to work to remove the President of the United States.

I have been here 14 years. I have never seen anything like this. And I do not know where this ends. I do not know where it ends, but it is dangerous where they are taking us.

You couple this with what we are seeing with the cancel culture mob out there, I do not know where this takes us.

I fear for the First Amendment. I fear for the Second Amendment. I fear for the Bill of Rights. I fear for the Constitution.

Mr. Speaker, I do not know where this takes us, but it is scary what they are throwing in a bill that we are going to debate for less than an hour, making these kinds of changes. I hope they reconsider.

Ms. SCANLON. Mr. Speaker, I am prepared to close. I would inquire if the gentleman has any more speakers.

Mr. COLE. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I want to urge all of my colleagues to vote "no" on this resolution.

The resolution asks this House to substitute its judgment for the Vice President's in making the grave decision to initiate procedures under section 4 of the 25th Amendment. Under the Constitution, this is a role that belongs exclusively to the Vice President and the Cabinet, not to the House of Representatives. Attempting to usurp this responsibility is not supported by the Constitution and would be a historic overreach.

Members should also take assurance from the Vice President's strong record of sound judgment. Rather than pressuring him into acting, we should be reassured by the knowledge that he would act on this topic as he does on all others in performing his duty, in a manner befitting his constitutional role as Vice President of the United States.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to vote "no" on the previous question and "no" on the rule, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Ms. SCANLON. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time.

Mr. Speaker, after the chaos and potentially—well, definitely criminal behavior that we saw here last week, there is no trust left between this administration and the majority of the American people.

The stability of our executive branch is a foundational piece of our democracy. This administration has failed or refused to uphold the most basic duties of protecting our Constitution and our national security or of respecting the coequal branches of our government.

Wednesday's bloody attack proved that this administration is an imminent and continuing danger to our country even in the waning days of this Presidency.

I am heartbroken for our country but more determined than ever to fight to preserve our democracy.

Mr. Speaker, I call on Vice President PENCE and the Cabinet to do the right thing. I call upon our colleagues to do the right thing: to put our country before the interests of any one man and to join us in ending this failed Presidency.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all of my colleagues to support the rule and the underlying legislation.

The material previously referred to by Mr. COLE is as follows:

AMENDMENT TO HOUSE RESOLUTION 38

At the end of the resolution, add the following:

SEC. 5. Immediately upon adoption of this resolution, the House shall proceed to the consideration in the House of the bill (H.R. 275) to establish the National Commission on the Domestic Terrorist Attack Upon the United States Capitol. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. The bill shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions in the bill are waived. The previous question shall be

considered as ordered on the bill and on any amendment thereto to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Homeland Security; and (2) one motion to recommit.

SEC. 6. Clause 1(c) of rule XIX shall not apply to the consideration of H.R. 275.

Ms. SCANLON. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time, and I move the previous question on the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on ordering the previous question.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. COLE. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(s) of House Resolution 8, the yeas and nays are ordered.

Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this question are postponed.

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 7 o'clock and 6 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 (Ms. JACKSON LEE) at 7 o'clock and 32 minutes p.m.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H. RES. 21, CALLING ON VICE PRESIDENT PENCE TO CONVENE AND MOBILIZE THE CABINET TO ACTIVATE SECTION 4 OF THE 25TH AMENDMENT TO DECLARE PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP INCAPABLE OF EXECUTING THE DUTIES OF HIS OFFICE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the vote on ordering the previous question on the resolution (H. Res. 38) providing for consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 21) calling on Vice President MICHAEL R. PENCE to convene and mobilize the principal officers of the executive departments of the Cabinet to activate section 4 of the 25th Amendment to declare President Donald J. Trump incapable of executing the duties of his office and to immediately exercise powers as acting President; and for other purposes, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on ordering the previous question.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 219, nays 206, not voting 7, as follows:

[Roll No. 12]

YEAS—219

Adams	Gomez	O'Halleran
Aguilar	Gonzalez,	Ocasio-Cortez
Allred	Vicente	Omar
Auchincloss	Gottheimer	Pallone
Axne	Green, Al (TX)	Panetta
Barragán	Grijalva	Pappas
Bass	Haaland	Pascarell
Beatty	Harder (CA)	Payne
Bera	Hastings	Perlmutter
Beyer	Hayes	Peters
Bishop (GA)	Higgins (NY)	Phillips
Blumenauer	Himes	Pingree
Blunt Rochester	Horsford	Pocan
Bonamici	Houlihan	Porter
Bourdeaux	Hoyer	Pressley
Bowman	Huffman	Price (NC)
Boyle, Brendan	Jackson Lee	Quigley
F.	Jacobs (CA)	Raskin
Brown	Jayapal	Rice (NY)
Brownley	Jeffries	Richmond
Bush	Johnson (GA)	Ross
Bustos	Johnson (TX)	Roybal-Allard
Butterfield	Jones	Ruiz
Carbajal	Kahele	Ruppersberger
Cárdenas	Kaptur	Rush
Carson	Keating	Ryan
Cartwright	Kelly (IL)	Sánchez
Case	Khanna	Sarbanes
Casten	Kildee	Scanlon
Castor (FL)	Kilmer	Schakowsky
Castro (TX)	Kim (NJ)	Schiff
Chu	Kind	Schneider
Cicilline	Kirkpatrick	Schrader
Clark (MA)	Krishnamoorthi	Schrier
Clarke (NY)	Kuster	Scott (VA)
Cleaver	Lamb	Scott, David
Clyburn	Langevin	Sewell
Cohen	Larsen (WA)	Sherman
Connolly	Larson (CT)	Sherrill
Cooper	Lawrence	Sires
Correa	Lawson (FL)	Slotkin
Costa	Lee (CA)	Smith (WA)
Courtney	Lee (NV)	Soto
Craig	Leger Fernandez	Spanberger
Crist	Levin (CA)	Speier
Crow	Levin (MI)	Stanton
Cuellar	Lieu	Stevens
Davids (KS)	Lofgren	Strickland
Davis, Danny K.	Lowenthal	Suozzi
Dean	Luria	Swalwell
DeFazio	Lynch	Takano
DeGette	Malinowski	Thompson (CA)
DeLauro	Maloney,	Thompson (MS)
DelBene	Carolyn B.	Tlaib
Delgado	Maloney, Sean	Tonko
Demings	Manning	Torres (CA)
DeSaulnier	Matsui	Torres (NY)
Deutch	McBath	Trahan
Dingell	McCollum	Trone
Doggett	McEachin	Underwood
Doyle, Michael	McGovern	Vargas
F.	McNerney	Veasey
Escobar	Meeks	Vela
Eshoo	Meng	Velázquez
Espallat	Mfume	Wasserman
Evans	Moore (WI)	Schultz
Fletcher	Morelle	Waters
Foster	Moulton	Watson Coleman
Frankel, Lois	Mrvan	Welch
Fudge	Murphy (FL)	Wexton
Gallo	Nadler	Wild
Garamendi	Neal	Williams (GA)
Garcia (IL)	Neguse	Wilson (FL)
Garcia (TX)	Newman	Yarmuth
Golden	Norcross	

NAYS—206

Aderholt	Brady	Cole
Allen	Brooks	Comer
Amodi	Buchanan	Crawford
Armstrong	Buck	Curtis
Arrington	Bucshon	Davidson
Babin	Budd	Davis, Rodney
Bacon	Burchett	DesJarlais
Baird	Burgess	Diaz-Balart
Balderson	Calvert	Donalds
Banks	Cammack	Duncan
Barr	Carl	Dunn
Bentz	Carter (GA)	Emmer
Bergman	Carter (TX)	Estes
Bice (OK)	Cawthorn	Fallon
Biggs	Chabot	Feenstra
Bilirakis	Cheney	Ferguson
Bishop (NC)	Cline	Fischbach
Boebert	Cloud	Fitzgerald
Bost	Clyde	Fitzpatrick

Fleischmann	Keller	Reschenthaler
Fortenberry	Kelly (MS)	Rice (SC)
Fox	Kelly (PA)	Rodgers (WA)
Franklin, C.	Kim (CA)	Rogers (AL)
Scott	Kinzie	Rogers (KY)
Fulcher	Kustoff	Rose
Gaetz	LaHood	Rosendale
Gallagher	LaMalfa	Rouzer
Garbarino	Lamborn	Roy
Garcia (CA)	Latta	Rutherford
Gibbs	LaTurner	Salazar
Jimenez	Lesko	Scalise
Gohmert	Long	Schweikert
Gonzales, Tony	Loudermilk	Scott, Austin
Gonzalez (OH)	Lucas	Sessions
Good (VA)	Luetkemeyer	Simpson
Gooden (TX)	Mace	Smith (MO)
Gosar	Malliotakis	Smith (NE)
Graves (LA)	Mann	Smith (NJ)
Graves (MO)	Massie	Smucker
Green (TN)	Mast	Spartz
Greene (GA)	McCarthy	Staubert
Griffith	McCaul	Stefanik
Grothman	McClain	Steil
Guest	McClintock	Steube
Guthrie	McHenry	Stewart
Hagedorn	McKinley	Stivers
Harris	Meijer	Taylor
Harshbarger	Meuser	Thompson (PA)
Hartzler	Miller (IL)	Tiffany
Hern	Miller (WV)	Timmons
Herrell	Miller-Meeks	Turner
Herrera Beutler	Moolenaar	Upton
Hice (GA)	Mooney	Valadao
Higgins (LA)	Moore (AL)	Van Drew
Hill	Moore (UT)	Van Duyn
Hinson	Mullin	Wagner
Hollingsworth	Nehls	Walberg
Hudson	Newhouse	Walorski
Huizenga	Norman	Waltz
Issa	Nunes	Weber (TX)
Jackson	Obermole	Wenstrup
Jacobs (NY)	Owens	Westerman
Johnson (LA)	Palazzo	Williams (TX)
Johnson (OH)	Palmer	Wilson (SC)
Johnson (SD)	Pence	Wittman
Jordan	Perry	Womack
Joyce (OH)	Pfingler	Wright
Joyce (PA)	Posey	Young
Katko	Reed	Zeldin

NOT VOTING—7

Crenshaw	Napolitano	Webster (FL)
Granger	Steel	
Murphy (NC)	Titus	

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Mr. ARMSTRONG changed his vote from “yea” to “nay.”

Messrs. JOHNSON of Georgia, NORCROSS, and Ms. SPEIER changed their vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So the previous question was ordered. The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

MEMBERS RECORDED PURSUANT TO HOUSE RESOLUTION 8, 117TH CONGRESS

Adams (Brown)	Dingell (Stevens)	Kirkpatrick
Axne (Stevens)	Doyle, Michael	(Gallego)
Baird (Bucshon)	F. (Cartwright)	Kuster (Pingree)
Bergman	Eshoo	Lamborn
(Walberg)	(Thompson)	(Walberg)
Bilirakis	(CA)	Langevin
(Fortenberry)	Fallon (Nehls)	(Lynch)
Bishop (GA)	Fleischmann	LaTurner (Mann)
(Butterfield)	(Kustoff)	Lawson (FL)
Blumenauer	Fletcher (Allred)	(Evans)
(Beyer)	Frankel, Lois	Lee (NV)
Bonamici (Clark)	(Clark (MA))	(Stevens)
Boyle, Brendan	Jimenez	Leger Fernandez
F. (Jeffries)	(Cammack)	(Davids (KS))
Buchanan	Gonzalez (OH)	Lieu (Beyer)
(Cammack)	(Joyce (OH))	Lowenthal
Cárdenas	Grijalva (Garcia)	(Beyer)
(Gallego)	(IL)	McEachin
Carson	Hastings	(Wexton)
(Underwood)	(Wasserman)	McNerney
Costa (Correa)	Schultz	(Huffman)
DeSaulnier	Jayapal (Raskin)	Moulton
Johnson (TX)	Nadler (Jeffries)	(McGovern)
(Jeffries)	Ocasio-Cortez	
Jones (Jacobs)	(Tlaib)	
(CA)	Pascarell	
Kaptur (Stevens)	(Pallone)	

Payne	Schneider	Walorski (Banks)
(Wasserman)	(Sherrill)	Watson Coleman
Schultz	Sires (Pallone)	(Pallone)
Peters (Beyer)	Smith (WA)	Wild (Scanlon)
Porter (Wexton)	(Courtney)	Wilson (FL)
Pressley (Garcia)	Strickland	(Hayes)
(IL)	(Kilmer)	Young
Richmond	Thompson (MS)	(Malliotakis)
(Butterfield)	(Butterfield)	
Rush	Tonko (Pallone)	
(Underwood)	Vela (Gomez)	

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the resolution.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. COLE. Madam Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(s) of House Resolution 8, the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 222, nays 204, not voting 7, as follows:

[Roll No. 13]

YEAS—222

Adams	Frankel, Lois	McNerney
Aguilar	Fudge	Meeks
Allred	Gallego	Meng
Auchincloss	Garamendi	Mfume
Axne	Garcia (IL)	Moore (WI)
Barragán	Garcia (TX)	Morelle
Bass	Golden	Moulton
Beatty	Gomez	Mrvan
Bera	Gonzalez,	Murphy (FL)
Beyer	Vicente	Nadler
Bishop (GA)	Gottheimer	Napolitano
Blumenauer	Green, Al (TX)	Neal
Blunt Rochester	Grijalva	Neguse
Bonamici	Haaland	Newman
Bourdeaux	Harder (CA)	Norcross
Bowman	Hastings	O'Halleran
Boyle, Brendan	Hayes	Ocasio-Cortez
F.	Higgins (NY)	Omar
Brown	Himes	Pallone
Brownley	Horsford	Panetta
Bush	Houlihan	Pappas
Bustos	Hoyer	Pascarell
Butterfield	Huffman	Payne
Carbajal	Jackson Lee	Pelosi
Cárdenas	Jacobs (CA)	Perlmutter
Carson	Jayapal	Peters
Cartwright	Jeffries	Phillips
Case	Johnson (GA)	Pingree
Casten	Johnson (TX)	Pocan
Castor (FL)	Jones	Porter
Castro (TX)	Kahele	Pressley
Chu	Kaptur	Price (NC)
Cicilline	Keating	Quigley
Clark (MA)	Kelly (IL)	Raskin
Clarke (NY)	Khanna	Rice (NY)
Cleaver	Kildee	Richmond
Clyburn	Kilmer	Ross
Cohen	Kim (NJ)	Roybal-Allard
Connolly	Kind	Ruiz
Cooper	Kirkpatrick	Ruppersberger
Correa	Krishnamoorthi	Rush
Costa	Kuster	Ryan
Courtney	Lamb	Sánchez
Craig	Langevin	Sarbanes
Crist	Larsen (WA)	Scanlon
Crow	Larson (CT)	Schakowsky
Cuellar	Lawrence	Schiff
Davids (KS)	Lawson (FL)	Schneider
Davis, Danny K.	Lee (CA)	Schrader
Dean	Lee (NV)	Schrier
DeFazio	Leger Fernandez	Scott (VA)
DeGette	Levin (CA)	Scott, David
DeLauro	Levin (MI)	Sewell
DelBene	Lieu	Sherman
Delgado	Lofgren	Sherrill
Demings	Lowenthal	Sires
DeSaulnier	Luria	Slotkin
Deutch	Lynch	Smith (WA)
Dingell	Malinowski	Soto
Doggett	Maloney,	Spanberger
Doyle, Michael	Carolyn B.	Speier
F.	Maloney, Sean	Stanton
Escobar	Manning	Stevens
Eshoo	Matsui	Strickland
Espallat	McBath	Suozzi
Evans	McCollum	Swalwell
Fletcher	McEachin	Takano
Foster	McGovern	Thompson (CA)

Thompson (MS) Underwood
Titus Vargas
Tlaib Veasey
Tonko Vela
Torres (CA) Velazquez
Torres (NY) Wasserman
Trahan Schultz
Trone Waters

NAYS—204

Aderholt Gonzalez (OH)
Allen Good (VA)
Amodei Gooden (TX)
Armstrong Gosar
Arrington Graves (LA)
Babin Graves (MO)
Bacon Green (TN)
Baird Greene (GA)
Balderson Griffith
Banks Grothman
Barr Guest
Bentz Guthrie
Bergman Hagedorn
Bice (OK) Harris
Biggs Harshbarger
Billirakis Hartzler
Bishop (NC) Hern
Boebert Herrell
Brady Herrera Beutler
Brooks Hice (GA)
Buchanan Higgins (LA)
Buck Hill
Bucshon Hinson
Budd Hollingsworth
Burchett Hudson
Burgess Huizenga
Calvert Issa
Cammack Jackson
Carl Jacobs (NY)
Carter (GA) Johnson (LA)
Carter (TX) Johnson (OH)
Cawthorn Johnson (SD)
Chabot Jordan
Cheney Joyce (OH)
Cline Joyce (PA)
Cloud Katko
Cole Keller
Comer Kelly (MS)
Crawford Kelly (PA)
Curtis Kim (CA)
Davidson Kinzinger
Davis, Rodney Kustoff
DesJarlais LaHood
Diaz-Balart LaMalfa
Donalds Lamborn
Duncan Latta
Dunn LaTurner
Emmer Lesko
Estes Long
Fallon Loudermilk
Feenstra Lucas
Ferguson Luetkemeyer
Fischbach Mace
Fitzgerald Malliotakis
Fitzpatrick Mann
Fleischmann Massie
Fortenberry Mast
Foxy McCarthy
Franklin, C. McCaul
Scott McClain
Fulcher McClintock
Gaetz McHenry
Gallagher McKinley
Garbarino Meijer
Garcia (CA) Meuser
Gibbs Miller (IL)
Gimenez Miller (WV)
Gohmert Miller-Meeks
Gonzales, Tony Moolenaar

Watson Coleman
Welch
Wexton
Wild
Williams (GA)
Wilson (FL)
Yarmuth
Mooney
Moore (AL)
Moore (UT)
Mullin
Nehls
Newhouse
Norman
Nunes
Oberholte
Owens
Palazzo
Palmer
Pence
Perry
Pfluger
Posey
Reed
Reschenthaler
Rice (SC)
Rodgers (WA)
Rogers (AL)
Rogers (KY)
Rose
Rosendale
Rouzer
Roy
Rutherford
Salazar
Scalise
Schweikert
Scott, Austin
Sessions
Simpson
Smith (MO)
Smith (NE)
Smith (NJ)
Smucker
Spartz
Stauber
Stefanik
Steil
Steube
Stewart
Stivers
Taylor
Thompson (PA)
Tiffany
Timmons
Turner
Upton
Valadao
Van Drew
Van Duyn
Wagner
Walberg
Walorski
Waltz
Weber (TX)
Wenstrup
Westerman
Williams (TX)
Wilson (SC)
Wittman
Womack
Wright
Young
Zeldin

NOT VOTING—7

Bost Granger
Clyde Murphy (NC)
Crenshaw Steel

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So the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

MEMBERS RECORDED PURSUANT TO HOUSE RESOLUTION 8, 117TH CONGRESS

Adams (Brown) Bergman
Axne (Stevens) (Walberg)
Baird (Bucshon) Bilirakis
(Fortenberry)

Bishop (GA) (Butterfield)
Blumenauer
(Beyer)
Bonamici (Clark
(MA))
Boyle, Brendan
F. (Jeffries)
Buchanan
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Costa (Correa)
DeSaulnier
(Matsui)
DesJarlais
(Kustoff)
Deutch (Rice
(NY))
Dingell (Stevens)
Doyle, Michael
F. (Cartwright)
Eshoo
(Thompson
(CA))
Fleischmann
(Kustoff)
Fletcher (Allred)
Frankel, Lois
(Clark (MA))
Gonzalez (OH)
(Joyce (OH))
Grijalva (García
(IL))
Hastings
(Wasserman
Schultz)
Jayapal (Raskin)
Johnson (TX)
(Jeffries)
Jones (Jacobs
(CA))
Kaptur (Stevens)
Kirkpatrick
(Gallego)
Kuster (Pingree)
Lamborn
(Walberg)
Langevin
(Lynch)
LaTurner (Mann)
Lawson (FL)
(Evans)
Lee (NV)
(Stevens)
Leger Fernandez
(Davids (KS))
Lieu (Beyer)
Lowenthal
(Beyer)
McEachin
(Wexton)
McNerney
(Huffman)
Nadler (Jeffries)
Napolitano
(Correa)
Ocasio-Cortez
(Tlaib)
Pascarell
(Pallone)
Payne
(Wasserman
Schultz)
Peters (Beyer)
Porter (Wexton)
Pressley (García
(IL))
Richmond
(Butterfield)
Rush
(Underwood)
Schneider
(Sherrill)
Sires (Pallone)
Smith (WA)
(Courtney)
Strickland
(Kilmer)
Thompson (MS)
(Butterfield)
Titus (Connolly)
Tonko (Pallone)
Vela (Gomez)
Walorski (Banks)
Watson Coleman
(Pallone)
Wild (Scanlon)
Wilson (FL)
(Hayes)
Young
(Malliotakis)

CALLING ON VICE PRESIDENT PENCE TO CONVENE AND MOBILIZE THE CABINET TO ACTIVATE SECTION 4 OF THE 25TH AMENDMENT TO DECLARE PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP INCAPABLE OF EXECUTING THE DUTIES OF HIS OFFICE

Mr. RASKIN. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 38, I call up the resolution (H. Res. 21) calling on Vice President MICHAEL R. PENCE to convene and mobilize the principal officers of the executive departments of the Cabinet to activate section 4 of the 25th Amendment to declare President Donald J. Trump incapable of executing the duties of his office and to immediately exercise powers as acting President, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BUTTERFIELD). Pursuant to House Resolution 38, the amendment to the preamble, printed in House Report 117-1, is adopted, and the resolution, as amended, is considered read.

The text of the resolution, as amended, is as follows:

H. RES. 21

Whereas on Wednesday, January 6, 2021, the day prescribed under section 15 of title 3, United States Code, for the counting of electoral votes, Congress experienced a massive violent invasion of the United States Capitol and its complex by a dangerous insurrectionary mob which smashed windows and used violent physical force and weapons to overpower and outmaneuver the United States Capitol Police and facilitated the illegal entry into the Capitol of hundreds, if not thousands, of unauthorized persons (all of whom entered the Capitol complex without going through metal detectors and other security screening devices);

Whereas, the insurrectionary mob threatened the safety and lives of the Vice President, the Speaker of the House, and the

President pro tempore of the Senate, the first three individuals in the line of succession to the presidency, as the rioters were recorded chanting “Hang Mike Pence” and “Where’s Nancy” when President Donald J. Trump tweeted to his supporters that “Mike Pence didn’t have the courage to do what should have been done to protect our country” after the Capitol had been overrun and the Vice President was in hiding;

Whereas the insurrectionary mob attacked law enforcement officers, unleashed chaos and terror among Members and staffers and their families, occupied the Senate Chamber and Speaker Nancy Pelosi’s office along with other leadership offices, vandalized and pilfered government property, and succeeded in interfering with the counting of electoral votes in the joint session of Congress;

Whereas the insurrectionary mob’s violent attacks on law enforcement and invasion of the Capitol complex caused the unprecedented disruption of the Electoral College count process for a 4-hour period in both the House and the Senate, a dangerous and destabilizing impairment of the peaceful transfer of power that these insurrectionary riots were explicitly designed to cause;

Whereas 5 Americans have died as a result of injuries or traumas suffered during this violent attack on Congress and the Capitol, including Capitol Police Officer Brian D. Sicknick and Ashli Babbitt, Rosanne Boyland, Kevin Greeson, and Benjamin Phillips, and more than 50 police officers were seriously injured, including 15 officers who had to be hospitalized, by violent assaults, and there could easily have been dozens or hundreds more wounded and killed, a sentiment captured by Senator Lindsey Graham, who observed that “the mob could have blown the building up. They could have killed us all”;

Whereas these insurrectionary protests were widely advertised and broadly encouraged by President Donald J. Trump, who repeatedly urged his millions of followers on Twitter and other social media outlets to come to Washington on January 6 to “Stop the Steal” of the 2020 Presidential election and promised his activist followers that the protest on the Electoral College counting day would be “wild”;

Whereas President-elect Joseph R. Biden won the 2020 Presidential election with more than 81 million votes and defeated President Trump 306-232 in the Electoral College, a margin pronounced to be a “landslide” by President Trump when he won by the same Electoral College numbers in 2016, but President Trump never accepted these election results as legitimate and waged a protracted campaign of propaganda and coercive pressure in the Federal and State courts, in the state legislatures, with Secretaries of State, and in Congress to nullify and overturn these results and replace them with fraudulent and fabricated numbers;

Whereas President Trump made at least 3 attempts to intervene in the lawful vote counting and certification process in Georgia and to coerce officials there into fraudulently declaring him the winner of the State’s electoral votes, including calls to Georgia Governor Brian Kemp and a State elections investigator, and an hour-long conversation with Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger badgering him to “find 11,780 votes” and warning of a “big risk” to Raffensperger if he did not intervene favorably to guarantee the reelection of President Trump;

Whereas President Trump appeared with members of his staff and family at a celebratory kickoff rally to encourage and charge up the rioters and insurrectionists to “walk down to the Capitol” and “if you don’t fight like hell, you’re not going to have a