

a total fraud, a power grab by those who lost the election, and an attempt to distract the American people from this wrongdoing.

First and foremost, let's make it clear: the Russians did not hack into and steal the Democratic National Committee's emails. In terms of the collusion with the Russians, it is now coming to light there are far worse things. But the stealing of those emails and then making them public—and, by the way, they were just making public honest emails. We are not talking about giving the public false information. We are talking about giving them information the Democrats didn't want them to have.

But in terms of collusion with the Russians, what is coming to light is that the Clinton Foundation—so these other charges that we have heard about President Trump may be something to distract us about something that was being done that was wrong and, of a similar light, that was wrong and being done by Hillary Clinton and her family.

In terms of collusion with the Russians, it has come to light that the Clinton Foundation collected more than or around \$150 million from Russian oligarchs that Clinton felt was deposited right into the Clinton Foundation coffers. These oligarchs then deposited \$500,000 right into the Clinton family's pockets for a speech. Yeah, they are going to give them a speaker's fee of \$500,000 for one speech. All of this was happening when Hillary was Secretary of State. It was also happening when our government was making a decision as to whether they should sell 20 percent of America's uranium reserves to Russia. Why we would never seriously consider that, I don't know.

But in my research, I have found evidence that, because that did not seem right, the FBI had an informant watching all of this go down, close up, right there in Russia—an informant. Instead of charging Hillary with a crime, which was not done by the FBI, a gag order was placed on this witness who was working as an informer for the FBI.

That gag order at the time, who put it on this witness?

Well, it was the head of the FBI.

Who was the head of the FBI?

Robert Mueller. That gag order was kept on by Mueller, the gag order on the informant that had this information about the negotiations for contributions to the Clinton fund of \$150 million. This guy was kept, and a gag order, all of this time, even while Mueller was head of the FBI. This is the same Mueller who is now the special prosecutor trying to find anything to charge Trump with collusion with the Russians.

That gag order over the witness implicating Hillary was not lifted until last week, when some of us stepped up and said: We have to have a public hearing on this and we need to make sure—not a public hearing on any type of negative or, let's say, illegal collusion with the Russian Government by

any American politician, which would have included Hillary, of course, and will include Hillary and anybody else who colluded with them.

Yes, I know, that I have advanced the idea of cooperating with the Russians, so this may seem out of place. But I have always felt whatever we do with the Russians needs to be what is in the interest of the people of the United States. Certainly giving away 20 percent of America's uranium reserves, and then gagging one of the witnesses to the discussions that were taking place at the time when, at the same time, oligarchs in Russia were providing the Clintons with \$150 million donation to their foundation, and a \$500,000 donation right into the personal pockets of Bill Clinton.

Now, we need to move forward on this. As we know, the special prosecutor, Mr. Mueller, who kept the gag order on this witness, who didn't charge Hillary in the beginning, now has found someone to indict. Paul Manafort has been indicted.

Isn't this interesting?

Our special prosecutor was tasked with trying to see if there was Russian collusion in the last election between the Trump people and the Russians in order to steal the election. And what did he come up with?

Basically, tax evasion by Paul Manafort, who is a longtime politico in this city.

And guess what. The tax evasion he is being charged with happened long before Paul Manafort had anything to do with Donald Trump. That is wrong. That is wrong. There is something really wrong there. We need to get a new special prosecutor or whatever. We need to have these hearings. Our Republicans need to get tough and we need to make sure that we are seeking out this information and documenting it.

For example, putting the people under oath. There were a group of people—policymakers—who made the decision of whether or not to sell that uranium to the Russians. They need to be put under oath and asked whether or not anyone representing the Clintons ever talked to them during that process and encouraged them for this deal of selling the Russians this uranium.

There are all kinds of avenues that we need to follow through on. Instead, Mr. Mueller ends up with some kind of a tax violation by one of the players that happened long before he was even associated with Donald Trump.

Something has gone haywire here. The American people need to see it. Especially when we understand now there is also evidence that during that election, the Clinton campaign paid Russian sources—it went through an intermediary. He was an English intelligence officer—paid millions of dollars to the Russians to get a scurrilous false report and video, or tape, or whatever it was, of President Trump in some type of compromising situation.

But we know now that was false and that Hillary Clinton's campaign and

these people talking about collusion with the Russians were paying, essentially, the Russians to give them this information.

Now, I would hope that this comes out and this becomes something that is explained and the American people understand. When they see this attack on our President by people who have a totally different view of how we should be in the world—remember, our last President could not say the words “radical Islamic terrorist.” He had a different approach than Hillary, the Secretary of State. We know what happened in Benghazi and elsewhere. We have a totally different approach to these challenges America faces overseas. It is all right.

President Obama was elected. Hillary was not elected. President Trump was elected. These efforts to undermine his authority are the worst kind of repudiation of the American way of life and the American system of government. We Americans must stand firm against radical Islam. We must stand firm and offer an alternative of strength and courage, as compared to the cowardice and nonsense that we have seen in the policies of the last 8 years.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. SIMPSON (at the request of Mr. MCCARTHY) for today after 4 p.m. on account of personal reasons.

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for the second vote series today, and November 3 on account of family illness.

PUBLICATION OF BUDGETARY MATERIAL

COMMITTEE ALLOCATIONS OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2018 CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET,
Washington, DC, November 2, 2017.

Mr. Speaker, pursuant to section 5206 of H. Con. Res. 71, the Fiscal Year 2018 Concurrent Resolution on the Budget, as passed by the House on October 26, 2017, I hereby submit for printing in the Congressional Record: (1) a 302(a) allocation for fiscal year 2018, consistent with title I of H. Con. Res. 71, for the House Committee on Appropriations; (2) 302(a) allocations for fiscal year 2018 and the period of fiscal years 2018 through 2027, consistent with title I of H. Con. Res. 71, for all House committees other than the Committee on Appropriations; and (3) a list of programs, projects, activities, or accounts identified for advance appropriations for purposes of enforcing section 5104 of H. Con. Res. 71.

Associated tables are attached. These committee allocations are made for the purpose of enforcing titles III and IV of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 and other budgetary enforcement provisions.

If there are any questions regarding these committee allocations, please contact Brad Watson of the Budget Committee staff.

Sincerely,

DIANE BLACK,
Chairman,
Committee on the Budget.