



CONGRESS

House Democrats impeach Trump

Trump warns Democrats will pay next November

By **DAVE BOYER**
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

Newly impeached President Trump said Democrats were on a "suicide march" with their historic vote Wednesday night, as his campaign team planned to make Democrats pay at the polls in 2020.

Addressing supporters at a campaign rally in Battle Creek, Michigan, while the House was impeaching him back in Washington, Mr. Trump served notice that his status as an impeached president running for reelection will haunt his Democratic opponents at the ballot box.

"This lawless, partisan impeachment is a political suicide march for the Democratic Party," Mr. Trump declared, noting his rise in approval ratings. "Have you seen my polls in the last four weeks?"

Clearly enthused by the crowd's support, Mr. Trump also told his audience, "it doesn't really feel like we're being impeached."

Shortly after the House voted to impeach a president for only the third time in history, a campaign aide brought a sign to the front of the stage to show Mr. Trump the vote totals while he was in the midst of his speech.

"Every single Republican voted for us," Mr. Trump said, reacting to his impeachment in real time. "So we had 198 ... We didn't lose one Republican vote."

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ANTICLIMATIC VOTE: House Speaker Nancy Pelosi announces the passage of the second article of impeachment, obstruction of Congress, against President Trump by the House on Wednesday. The vote fell along party lines.



IMPEACHED STATUS: President Trump addressed supporters during a campaign rally in Battle Creek, Michigan, as the House voted to impeach him.

Republicans hold line in partisan vote; no sign Senate will convict

By **GABRIELLA MUÑOZ, ALEX SWOYER AND S.A. MILLER**
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

House Democrats on Wednesday achieved their goal of affixing a black mark to President Trump's tenure in the White House, impeaching him in a historic and yet anticlimactic party-line vote.

The Democrats passed two articles of impeachment, the first for abuse of power and the second for obstructing Congress.

The 230-197 vote on the first article and 229-198 vote on the second article branded Mr. Trump as only the third impeached president in U.S. history. It also rendered him the first president to suffer that indignity in a purely partisan vote.

The bipartisan vote was in opposition to impeachment, with two Democrats voting against the article accusing Mr. Trump of abuse of power and three Democrats voting against the article accusing him of obstructing Congress.

Democratic Reps. Jefferson Van Drew of New Jersey and Collin Peterson of Minnesota joined the Republicans in opposing both measures. Mr. Van Drew has announced that he plans to switch to the Republican Party over the impeachment episode. Rep. Jared Golden, Maine Democrat, joined them in opposing the second article also.

The chamber's only independent, Rep. Justin Amash of Michigan, voted for impeachment on both counts. He quit the GOP earlier this year in protest of Mr. Trump.

In a twist, 2020 Democratic presidential hopeful Rep. Tulsi Gabbard of Hawaii voted "Present" for both articles.

As the House voted, Mr. Trump told a campaign rally in Battle Creek, Michigan, that "it doesn't really feel like we're being impeached."

"We did nothing wrong," he said of impeachment. "And we have tremendous support in the

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HEALTH CARE

Appeals court sends individual mandate back to lower bench

By **ALEX SWOYER AND TOM HOWELL JR.**
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

A federal appeals court ruled Wednesday that Obamacare's individual mandate runs afoul of the Constitution because it is no longer a tax following President Trump's decision to rearrange his predecessor's program.

But the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, in a 2-1 decision, put off a thornier question — whether other parts of the Affordable Care Act can still stand without the lever that forced Americans to either get insurance or pay a penalty.

Judges asked the lower court to go back and evaluate which provisions can survive, setting up a high stakes review and injecting new uncertainty ahead of the 2020 election.

"It may be that all of the ACA is severable from

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REBUTTING CLAIMS: Department of Justice Inspector General Michael E. Horowitz said his report did not exonerate the FBI.

ACCOUNTABILITY

Horowitz says questions remain about FBI motives for wiretap

By **JEFF MORDOCK**
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

The FBI's top brass has not been cleared of wrongdoing for the slew of errors in the agency's Trump-Russia collusion probe and serious questions remain, Justice Department Inspector General Michael E. Horowitz said

Wednesday.

Testifying before a Senate panel, Mr. Horowitz rebutted claims his report released last week exonerates the FBI.

He pointedly cautioned that his investigation of FBI abuses in obtaining a wiretap warrant for Trump campaign aide Carter Page did not reach any

conclusions about the agents' motives. The findings, he said, do not determine whether animosity toward Mr. Trump was a factor in the FBI's stunningly sloppy application to the secret Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act court.

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SECURITY

U.S. rocket launch may have drawn Russian ship's notice

By **BILL GERTZ**
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

The Russian intelligence-gathering vessel that was operating erratically off the East Coast this week may have timed its latest foray into waters close to the United States with the Monday launch

in Florida of a new commercial communications satellite by the private company SpaceX.

As The Washington Times and other news outlets first reported this week, the Coast Guard on Sunday issued a warning that the Russian spy ship Viktor Leonov was operating in an "unsafe" manner off the coast of Georgia and South Carolina. The

warning came in response to reports the ship was transiting in bad weather without running lights and making "erratic movements."

The Coast Guard urged all ships near the Leonov to use extreme caution.

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