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“By the way, it doesn’t really feel like we’re being impeached”: President Donald Trump speaks Wednesday during a campaign rally at Kellogg Arena in Battle Creek, Mich.

In historic vote, the House charges the president with abuse of power, obstruction.

By THOMAS BURR
The Salt Lake Tribune

Washington » It was a sad day. A somber day. A historic day.

And in the end, as expected, it was a partisan-filled day as the House voted largely along party lines to impeach President Donald Trump on charges of abuse of power and obstruction of Congress, making him only the third president to face a Senate trial and possible removal from office in the 243-year-old American experiment.

For Democrats, the drastic move was about holding the president to account for his efforts to leverage hundreds of millions in U.S. aid to a foreign ally in exchange for an announcement of an investigation into a political rival.

For Republicans, it was a continuation of a three-year campaign by Trump’s opponents to overturn the 2016 election.

“This vote this day is about one thing and one thing only: They hate this president,” Rep. Chris Stewart, R-Utah, said of Democrats. “They hate those of us who voted for him. They think we’re stupid.”

Stewart, a staunch Trump supporter, and his Republican colleagues from Utah, Reps. Rob Bishop and John Curtis, voted against both

articles of impeachment while Rep. Ben McAdams, the state’s only Democrat in Congress, backed the charges against Trump.

The evening vote, as expected, came down nearly along party lines with only two Democrats voting against both articles — one of whom has already said he’d switch to the Republican Party — and all GOP members casting ballots in lockstep against the impeachment. Independent Rep. Justin Amash, of Michigan, voted for impeachment.

Rep. Tulsi Gabbard, a Hawaii Democrat and presidential candidate, voted “present.”

Trump, at a rally in Michigan,

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dismissed the impeachment votes, noting “they’ve been trying to impeach me from day one.”

“After three years of sinister witch hunts, hoaxes, scams, tonight, House Democrats are trying to nullify the ballots of tens of millions of patriotic Americans,” he said, adding later that it wasn’t him who would be stained by the vote.

“Crazy Nancy Pelosi’s House Democrats,” he said, “have branded themselves with an eternal mark of shame.”

The divisive day, which comes nearly 21 years after the House

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House Television via AP

Rep. Chris Stewart, R-Utah, speaks Wednesday as the House of Representatives debates the articles of impeachment against Donald Trump.

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House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., announces the passage of the second article of impeachment, obstruction of Congress, on Wednesday at the U.S. Capitol.

A day that alters Trump’s legacy

By JONATHAN LEMIRE | The Associated Press

New York » The first line of President Donald Trump’s obituary has been written.

While Trump is all but certain to avoid removal from office, a portion of his legacy took shape Wednesday when he became just the third president in American history to be impeached by the U.S. House.

The two articles of impeachment approved along largely partisan lines on Wednesday stand as a constitutional rebuke that will stay with Trump even as he tries to trivialize their meaning and use them to power his reelection bid.

“It’ll be impossible to look back at this presidency and not discuss impeachment. It is permanently tied to his record,” said Julian Zelizer, a presidential historian at Princeton University. “Trump now always becomes part of the conversation about misusing presidential power. Ukraine will be his Watergate. Ukraine will be his Lewinsky.”

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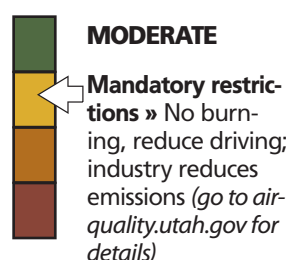
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Just 7 Democrats on stage for latest presidential debate

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