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HOUSE ADVANCES ARTICLES

Partisan tally triggers GOP-run Senate trial to remove President Trump from office

THE WHITE HOUSE REACTS

Trump, who joins Clinton, Johnson in rare rebuke, calls process 'assault on America'

IMPEACHED



BRENDAN SMIALOWSKI/GETTY-AFP

President Donald Trump, shown last week in Washington, was impeached by the House on Wednesday on charges of abuse of power and obstruction of Congress.

"[A] great day for the Constitution of the United States, a sad one for America that the president's reckless activities necessitated us having to introduce articles of impeachment."

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi

"This vote is about one thing, and one thing only: They hate this president."

Rep. Chris Stewart, R-Utah

Abuse, obstruction charges stem from call with Ukraine

BY LISA MASCARO AND MARY CLARE JALONICK
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The U.S. House voted Wednesday night to impeach President Donald Trump on charges of abuse of power and obstruction of Congress for enlisting a foreign ally to investigate a political rival ahead of the 2020 election and later stonewalling Congress.

Trump became the third president in U.S. history to be impeached, and the only one in modern times to be running for reelection facing the political equivalent of an indictment.

Democrats led the voting on the first article of impeachment, abuse of power, and approved another, obstruction of Congress, in what many framed as their duty to protect the Constitution to uphold the nation's system of checks and balances.

The House voted 230-197-1 on abuse of power. Two Democrats voted against: Rep. Jeff Van Drew of New Jersey and Rep. Collin Peterson of Minnesota. Those two lawmakers and freshman Rep. Jared Golden, D-Maine, also voted against obstruction of Congress. That vote was 229-198-1.

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Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi holds a news conference after the House passed articles of impeachment against Trump.

MORE INSIDE

An incredulous and defiant President Donald Trump stared down Wednesday's impeachment votes as he has every obstacle in his presidency; broadcasting his grievances by tweet. **A5**

'Pray for me': State delegation faced vote for the history books

BY DANIELA ALTIMARI

U.S. Rep. Jahana Hayes hadn't planned to take calls from constituents in the hectic hours before the most consequential vote of her political career.

But when the freshman Democrat walked off the House floor and into her office Wednesday, she overheard an aide engaged in a contentious conversation with a caller critical of her decision to support impeaching President Donald Trump.

The congresswoman took the phone and listened to the caller's concerns. "I'm not hiding from this vote," Hayes said later. "Some people were very upset, and some people were very supportive but I wanted to hear from [all] of them."

Like the other four Democrats
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Settlement OK'd

State lawmakers unanimously ratified a seven-year, \$1.8 billion settlement Wednesday to end a long-running lawsuit between the state and its hospitals over taxes. Officials said the state could have faced a judgment of as much as \$4 billion if the hospitals' case went to trial. **Connecticut, Page B1**

Hardship programs

The commission that regulates electric rates on Wednesday ordered Eversource and United Illuminating Co. to take immediate steps to ensure that struggling families who are already eligible for hardship protection don't have their lights and heat shut off during the winter months. **Connecticut, Page B1**



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Arctic blast


Dangerous cold settled in across Connecticut late Wednesday when an arctic blast brought subzero wind chills as a bitter encore to heavy snow squalls that ripped across the state in the afternoon. **Connecticut, Page B3**


Tesla foothold

Tesla Inc., barred by state law from selling in Connecticut, is instead leasing its electric vehicles from its Milford site, getting a prized foothold in Connecticut's lucrative market. The carmaker is in compliance with state law because it has a license to lease cars, the deputy commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles said Wednesday. Dealers had argued Tesla's model of selling directly to consumers would kill jobs and weaken consumer protections. **Connecticut, Page B1**

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