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

And in the end, as expected, it was a partisan-fueled 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 dramatic 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.

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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 will switch to the Republican Party—and all GOP members casting votes in lockstep against the impeachment. Independent Rep. Justin Amash of Michigan, voted for impeachment.

Rep. Tulsi Gabbard, a Hawaii Democrat, voted for impeachment.


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