

MIDNIGHT IN WASHINGTON: TODAY'S SENATE VOTE [UPDATE-2]

[NB: Updates will appear at the bottom of this post. /~Rayne]

This post is dedicated to today's U.S. Senate's proceedings with regard to the trial of Donald J. Trump under articles of impeachment for abuse of power and obstruction of Congress.

The Senate is scheduled to convene at 4:00 p.m. ET* for the vote. Debate is underway already.

Senate live video link

C-SPAN live video via YouTube

C-SPAN's live feed at their site

Eleven Films made a video in which House Intelligence Committee chair Adam Schiff's closing arguments are the centerpiece.

There's a weak chance that GOP members of Congress could prove me wrong and do impartial justice. There might be a few who vote to convict Trump.

But I doubt it, not when they have proven time and again to be weak and craven, like Sen. Susan Collins who could be persuaded with a little cash to claim Trump has learned a lesson from impeachment.

NEW: Susan Collins told @NorahODonnell she believes the president has learned a "pretty big lesson" from impeachment and will be "much more cautious" about seeking foreign assistance in the future. <https://t.co/uvC7lzBhIg>

— Grace Segers (@Grace_Segers) February 4, 2020

What a pathetic fool. Mainers deserve so much better.

“When he was asked about Sen. Susan Collins (R-Maine) saying he had learned a lesson during impeachment, the president said he’d done nothing wrong: ‘It was a perfect call.’”

<https://t.co/hbDM22HmUx>

– Kyle Griffin (@kylegriffin1) February 5, 2020

The worst part of what’s to come? Just as Trump made his “perfect call” the day after Robert Mueller’s testimony before Congress, Trump will feel vindicated if he is not removed from office today.

His vile minions will manipulate him in his addled state into wreaking revenge.

White House liaison Eric Ueland just walked by a pen of reporters and said “I can’t wait for the revenge.”

– Daniel Flatley (@DanielPFlatley)
January 23, 2020

And every one of the GOP members of Congress who did not vote to impeach and did not vote to convict and remove Trump will own what’s to come.

You’ll note I’m not holding my breath for impartial justice.

** Note the time change from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Debate speeches are still underway as of 3:25 p.m.*

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UPDATE-1 – 2:15 P.M. ET –

Give it up for Mitt Romney. I’m still in doubt this will persuade any other GOP senators to do the right thing and vote to convict.

#BREAKING Republican Romney says he'll
vote to convict Trump at Senate
impeachment
trial pic.twitter.com/MsWjzpCSn5

– AFP news agency (@AFP) February 5,
2020

ADDER: Oh gads Mitt's splitting the baby. He's going with one vote to convict on abuse of power, one vote to acquit on obstruction of Congress. I don't even know how he could imagine ordering people not to comply with requests and subpoenas from the House isn't obstruction.

UPDATE-2 – 4:50 P.M. ET –

As expected, the GOP senators voted along party line to acquit Trump. Mitt Romney was the exception, voting to convict on abuse of power but acquitting on obstruction of Congress.

You own all of this, GOP. Everything up to now, everything that follows now that you've turned your back on the rule of law. You are tied with a cord of steel to this forever.

The GOP senators who are up for re-election this year are:

Capito, Shelley Moore (R-WV)
Cassidy, Bill (R-LA)
Collins, Susan M. (R-ME)
Cornyn, John (R-TX)
Cotton, Tom (R-AR)
Daines, Steve (R-MT)
Enzi, Michael B. (R-WY)
Ernst, Joni (R-IA)
Gardner, Cory (R-CO)
Graham, Lindsey (R-SC)
Hyde-Smith, Cindy (R-MS)
Inhofe, James M. (R-OK)
McConnell, Mitch (R-KY)
Perdue, David (R-GA)
Risch, James E. (R-ID)
Rounds, Mike (R-SD)
Sasse, Ben (R-NE)
Sullivan, Dan (R-AK)

Tillis, Thom (R-NC)

Alexander, Lamar (R-TN) – retiring, seat is open.

Roberts, Pat (R-KS) – retiring, seat is open.

McSally, Martha (R-AZ) – is up for election; she's an appointee who replaced a previous short-term appointee, Jon Kyl.

Find their opponents and give them a hand. Vote everyone of these scofflaws out of office.