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The Senate met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore (Mr. GRASSLEY).

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray. Eternal master, You sit on the throne of the Universe. We offer You today a sacrifice of Thanksgiving, for we borrow our heartbeats from You.

Inspire our lawmakers to love discipline and to cherish Your word, seeking always to glorify You. May they trust Your power and wisdom to supply what is needed to keep our Nation strong.

Have Your way, sovereign God. You are the potter; we are the clay. Mold and make us after Your will, while we are waiting yielded and still.

We pray in Your merciful Name. Amen.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The President pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CRAMER). The Senator from Iowa.

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to address the Senate as in morning business for 1 minute.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

### WOMEN'S SMALL BUSINESS MONTH

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, before I read, I want to apologize to the Small Business Women of America because October is National Women's Small Business Month, and my apologies because this speech should have been given on October 1 rather than at the end of the month.

October is National Women's Small Business Month, and I want to recognize the many women-owned businesses. They really help make our economy stronger. In Iowa, we work hard to inspire women to start businesses and support them in their entrepreneurial journeys.

According to American Express, Iowa ranks eighth out of 50 States for growth in the number of women-owned businesses, as well as in their own growth in employment and revenues.

The network growth for women entrepreneurs and access to resources have helped make the difference in these women's lives and our communities. I hope that this growth will continue and that we will continue to have a massive increase in the number of women's small businesses in America.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to speak for 1 further minute as in morning business.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

### IMPEACHMENT

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I know you aren't going to believe this—what happened in addition to President Trump being sworn in—but on January 20, 2017, President Trump was sworn into office and became our Nation's 45th President. Most Presidents enjoy what political scientists refer to as a "honeymoon" period. During that honeymoon period, these new Presidents are given a chance to push their agenda, and partisan politics usually takes a back seat—but not for this President.

On his Inauguration Day, January 20, 2017, a Washington Post headline read—so it had to be coming out even before he was sworn in—"The campaign to impeach President Trump has begun." That campaign has been in full swing ever since. Let's make no mistake: This process about concerns over alleged high crimes and misdemeanors, as the Constitution speaks about the

reasons for impeachment, doesn't really mean much compared to an effort to impeach this President that started before he ever was sworn in. No, instead, this is about the Democratic Party, still bitter years later, trying to undo the 2016 election.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the RECORD that article in the Washington Post, dated January 20, 2017.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

[From the Washington Post, Jan. 20, 2017]

THE CAMPAIGN TO IMPEACH PRESIDENT TRUMP HAS BEGUN

(By Matea Gold)

The effort to impeach President Donald John Trump is already underway.

At the moment the new commander in chief was sworn in, a campaign to build public support for his impeachment went live at [ImpeachDonaldTrumpNow.org](http://ImpeachDonaldTrumpNow.org), spearheaded by two liberal advocacy groups aiming to lay the groundwork for his eventual ejection from the White House.

The organizers behind the campaign, Free Speech for People and RootsAction, are hinging their case on Trump's insistence on maintaining ownership of his luxury hotel and golf course business while in office. Ethics experts have warned that his financial holdings could potentially lead to constitutional violations and undermine public faith in his decision-making.

Their effort is early, strategists admit. But they insist it is not premature—even if it triggers an angry backlash from those who will argue that they are not giving the new president a chance.

"If we were to wait for all the ill effects that could come from this, too much damage to our democracy would occur," said Ron Fein, legal director at Free Speech for People. "It will undermine faith in basic institutions. If nothing else, it's important for Americans to trust that the president is doing what he thinks is the right thing . . . not that it would help jump-start a stalled casino project in another country."

The impeachment drive comes as Democrats and liberal activists are mounting broad opposition to stymie Trump's agenda. Among the groups organizing challenges to the Trump administration is the American

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