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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, February 3, 2020, at 1:30 p.m.

Senate

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31, 2020

The Senate met at 1:15 p.m. and was called to order by the Chief Justice of the United States.

TRIAL OF DONALD J. TRUMP, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

The CHIEF JUSTICE. The Senate will convene as a Court of Impeachment.

The Chaplain will lead us in prayer.

PRAYER

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

Let us pray.

Eternal Lord God, you have summarized ethical behavior in a single sentence: Do for others what you would like them to do for you. Remind our Senators that they alone are accountable to You for their conduct. Lord, help them to remember that they can't ignore You and get away with it for we always reap what we sow.

Have Your way, Mighty God. You are the potter. Our Senators and we are the clay. Mold and make us after Your will. Stand up, omnipotent God. Stretch Yourself and let this Nation and world know that You alone are sovereign.

I pray in the Name of Jesus. Amen.

The CHIEF JUSTICE. Please join me in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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 CHIEF JUSTICE. Senators, please be seated.

THE JOURNAL

The CHIEF JUSTICE. If there is no objection, the Journal of proceedings of the trial is approved to date.

The Deputy Sergeant at Arms will make the proclamation.

The Deputy Sergeant at Arms, Jennifer Hemingway, made the proclamation as follows:

Hear ye! Hear ye! Hear ye! All persons are commanded to keep silent, on pain of imprisonment, while the Senate of the United States is sitting for the trial of the articles of impeachment exhibited by the House of Representatives against Donald John Trump, President of the United States.

The CHIEF JUSTICE. The majority leader is recognized.

ORDER OF PROCEDURE

Mr. MCCONNELL. For the information of all colleagues, we will take a break about 2 hours in.

The CHIEF JUSTICE. Pursuant to the provisions of S. Res. 483, the Senate has provided up to 4 hours of argument by the parties, equally divided, on the question of whether or not it shall be in order to consider and debate under the impeachment rules any motion to subpoena witnesses or documents.

Mr. Manager SCHIFF, are you a proponent or opponent?

Mr. Manager SCHIFF. Proponent.

The CHIEF JUSTICE. Mr. Cipollone, are you a proponent or opponent?

Mr. CIPOLLONE. Opponent.

The CHIEF JUSTICE. Mr. SCHIFF, you may proceed.

Mr. Manager SCHIFF. Before I begin, Mr. Chief Justice, the House managers will be reserving the balance of our time to respond to the argument of counsel for the President.

Mr. Chief Justice, Senators, fellow House managers, and counsel for the President, I know I speak for my fellow managers, as well as counsel for the President, in thanking you for your careful attention to the arguments that we have made over the course of many long days.

Today, we were greeted to yet another development in the case when the New York Times reported with a headline that says:

Trump Told Bolton to Help His Ukraine Pressure Campaign, Book Says

The President asked his national security adviser last spring in front of other senior advisers to pave the way for a meeting between Rudolph Giuliani and Ukraine's new leader.

According to the New York Times:

More than two months before he asked Ukraine's president to investigate his political opponents, President Trump directed John R. Bolton, then his national security adviser, to help with his pressure campaign to extract damaging information on Democrats from Ukrainian officials, according to an unpublished manuscript by Mr. Bolton.

Mr. Trump gave the instruction, Mr. Bolton wrote, during an Oval Office conversation in early May that included the acting White House chief of staff, Mick Mulvaney, the president's personal lawyer Rudolph W. Giuliani and the White House counsel, Pat A. Cipollone, who is now leading the President's impeachment defense.

You will see in a few moments—and you will recall Mr. Cipollone suggesting that the House managers were concealing facts from this body. He said all the facts should come out. Well, there is a new fact which indicates that Mr. Cipollone was one of those who were in the loop—yet another reason why we ought to hear

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