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## House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 11, 2021, at 9 a.m.

## Senate

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2021

The Senate met at 1 p.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore (Mr. LEAHY).

### PRAYER

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

Let us pray.

Eternal God, author of liberty, take control of this impeachment trial. Lord, permit the words of the New England poet James Russell Lowell to provide our Senate jurors with just one perspective. Lowell wrote:

Once to every man and nation comes the moment to decide, In the strife of Truth with Falsehood, for the good or evil side.

Mighty God, could it really be that simple? Could it really be just truth striving against falsehood and good striving against evil?

Powerful Redeemer, have mercy on our beloved land.

We pray in Your magnificent 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.

### CONCLUSION OF MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Morning business is closed.

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

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senate will convene as the Court of Impeachment.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. I ask Senators to be seated.

#### THE JOURNAL

If there is no objection, the Journal of proceedings of the trial are approved to date.

I ask the Sergeant at Arms to make the proclamation.

The Acting Sergeant at Arms, Jennifer A. Hemingway, made the proclamation as follows:

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

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. I note the presence in the Senate Chamber of the managers on the part of the House of Representatives and counsel for the former President of the United States.

#### RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Democratic leader is recognized.

#### PROVIDING FOR RELATED PROCEDURES CONCERNING THE ARTICLE OF IMPEACHMENT AGAINST DONALD JOHN TRUMP, FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, in a moment, I will call up a resolution to govern the structure of the second impeachment trial of Donald John Trump.

It has been agreed to by the House managers, the former President's coun-

sel, and is cosponsored by the Republican leader. It is bipartisan.

It is our solemn constitutional duty to conduct a fair and honest impeachment trial on the charges against former President Trump—the gravest charges ever brought against a President of the United States in American history.

This resolution provides for a fair trial, and I urge the Senate to adopt it.

Mr. President, I send a resolution to the desk on my behalf and that of the Republican leader for the organizing of the next phases of this trial.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 47) to provide for related procedures concerning the article of impeachment against Donald John Trump, former President of the United States.

#### VOTE ON S. RES. 47

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The question is on agreeing to the adoption of the resolution.

Mr. SCHUMER. I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk called the roll.

[Rollcall Vote No. 56]

#### YEAS—89

Baldwin	Blunt	Burr
Barrasso	Booker	Cantwell
Bennet	Boozman	Capito
Blackburn	Braun	Cardin
Blumenthal	Brown	Carper

• This “buller” symbol identifies statements or insertions which are not spoken by a Member of the Senate on the floor.



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