



Day 1 of the impeachment trial in the Senate lasted well into the early morning hours of Wednesday, Jan. 22. Nearly all of the amendments Democrats introduced, mostly to allow witness testimony, were tabled along strictly partisan lines, Republicans winning 53-47. The one exception was when Sen. Susan Collins (R-Maine) voted with Democrats on an amendment that would extend the amount of time House impeachment managers and Trump’s legal team have to respond to motions, but this motion too was tabled in a 52-48 vote.

Trump impeachment

Trials, updates and what BC needs to know

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On Dec. 18, 2019, the House of Representatives voted almost unanimously along party lines to charge President Donald Trump with two articles of impeachment.

The impeachment inquiry first initiated after a whistleblower provided alleged information of possible abuse of power by the President when he withheld military aid to Ukraine. By doing so, this may have pressured President Volodymyr Zelensky of Ukraine into pursuing an investigation into former Vice President Joe Biden’s son, Hunter Biden, after President Trump’s phone call with President Zelensky, on July 25.

During the call, Trump asked Zelensky to investigate the “whole situation in Ukraine.” Trump then said to Zelensky during their phone call, “There’s a lot of talk about Biden’s son, that Biden stopped the prosecution and a lot of people want to find out about that so whatever you can do with the Attorney General would be great,” referring to Attorney

General William Barr.

This sparked an impeachment inquiry in the House of Representatives, led by House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, in which there would be a vote on the articles of abuse of power and obstruction of Congress. “They’re the ones that should be impeached,” Trump said, referring to Democrats, after the second article of impeachment was approved.

Presently, the Senate trial is underway, after two articles of impeachment were handed off from the House of Representatives. The trial in the Senate will determine whether Trump will be removed from office. With word from Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, the trial commenced last Tuesday, and will most likely go six days a week (Monday-Saturday) and begin at 1 p.m. local time.

Make sure to tune in and follow along with the Senate trial proceedings. No matter what one’s political views entail, this is a historic piece of American history that the Clarion staff highly recommends staying up to date with.