

THE FACTS ON DEMOCRATS' IMPEACHMENT SHAM

Today, the Senate voted to end the sham impeachment effort that House Democrats began 134 days ago. This was done after the Senate concluded – correctly – that Democrats fundamentally failed to prove their case.

This effort was political from the day one and Democrats goal to impeach the President began the day he was inaugurated.

- *The Washington Post, 1/20/17: “The campaign to impeach President Trump has begun”*
- *More than half of their caucus supported impeachment even before the whistleblower complaint.*
- *44% of their members voted in favor of impeachment before the President’s phone call with the President of Ukraine.*

When House Democrats launched their formal impeachment inquiry, they completely denied due process or fairness.

- *They selectively leaked information from depositions that were held behind closed doors*
- *These depositions denied the majority of members of Congress from having access to the information*
- *They denied the President’s counsel the ability to participate in these proceedings*
- *They refused to allow the President or Republicans to call witnesses or mount an affirmative defense*
- *The process was led by Adam Schiff, someone who was dishonest about his office’s connection to the whistleblower and read a fake transcript of the President’s call among many other efforts to deliberately mislead the public*

Democrats then rushed the process, putting their political timeline before any legitimate search for truth or the facts.

- *They conducted the fastest impeachment in history in a slapdash fashion, leaving an incomplete record.*
- *They refused to subpoena certain individuals or go to court to compel testimony because they were so committed to advancing impeachment, regardless of the facts.*
- *They did not obtain any first-hand information, and built an entire argument that relied on presumptions and assumptions, and no direct evidence.*

The fact that this was a political objective for them became clear when the House voted on the Articles of Impeachment.

- *Despite comments from Speaker Pelosi that impeachment must be “overwhelming, compelling, and bipartisan,” the only bipartisanship was in opposition. All Republicans in the House opposed impeachment, as did three Democrats.*
- *After voting to impeach the President, Speaker Pelosi celebrated this “accomplishment” by holding an elaborate ceremony and handing out commemorative pens, despite claiming the process was serious and somber for them.*
- *After claiming that impeaching the President was “an urgent national security concern,” the Speaker refused to transmit the Articles of Impeachment to the Senate for a full month showing the political nature of this endeavor.*

Once the Articles were in the Senate, the fundamental failure of Democrats’ case became abundantly clear.

- *Democrats argued that they had “overwhelming” evidence, while simultaneously claiming that they needed to hear information which served to demonstrate the weakness of their case.*
- *They ignored the facts that have existed from the beginning of the case that completely undercut their narrative.*
- *The Senate correctly voted to end the impeachment trial because House Democrats did not have the facts or evidence to prove their case, despite claiming that their case was “overwhelming,” hearing from 17 witnesses, and including more than 28,000 pages of evidence.*

Throughout the process, Democrats ground all of the nation’s business to a halt, preventing Congress from focusing on the issues that matter to the American people because of this partisan impeachment.

- *They finally - after months of needless delay - voted to pass USMCA, a deal negotiated by President Trump that will strengthen America.*
- *They continue to play politics on important issues, like reducing health care costs, securing the border, passing infrastructure legislation, instead of working across the aisle to find bipartisan solutions.*

The President has been acquitted. Now it’s time to retire Nancy Pelosi.

