

# House Democrats introduce Trump impeachment resolution claiming president incited 'insurrection'

The article states Trump's conduct 'followed his prior efforts to subvert and obstruct the certification of the 2020 Presidential election'

House Democrats introduced an impeachment resolution against President Trump on Monday for incitement of an "insurrection," just days after the Capitol riot, saying he warrants impeachment, trial, and "removal from office."

Democratic Reps. Ted Lieu, David Cicilline, Jamie Raskin, and Jerrold Nadler introduced the article of impeachment, charging the president with violating his oath of office.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., said Monday that the House "will move forward with bringing impeachment legislation to the Floor."

"The President's threat to America is urgent, and so too will be our action," Pelosi said.

House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer, later, said the House would meet at 9 a.m. on Wednesday to consider the article of impeachment.

## **HOUSE DEMOCRATS' QUICK 25TH AMENDMENT PUSH URGING PENCE TO REMOVE TRUMP BLOCKED BY REPUBLICANS**

"In his conduct while President of the United States—and in violation of his constitutional oath faithfully to execute the office of President of the United States, and to the best of his ability, preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the United States, and in violation of his constitutional duty to take care that the laws be faithfully executed, Donald John Trump engaged in high Crimes and Misdemeanors by inciting violence against the Government of the United States," the article reads.

The article alleges that before Jan. 6, the joint session of Congress to certify the presidential election results, Trump “repeatedly issued false statements asserting that the presidential election results were the product of widespread fraud and should not be accepted by the American people or certified by State or Federal officials.”

The article claims that before the Jan. 6 joint session the president addressed a crowd in Washington where he “reiterated false claims that ‘we won this election, and we won it by a landslide,’ and “willfully made statements that, in context, encouraged-and foreseeably resulted in-lawless action at the Capitol.”

The article refers to Trump’s statement: “If you don’t fight like hell you’re not going to have a country anymore.”

“Thus incited by President Trump, members of the crowd he had addressed, in an attempt to, among other objectives, interfere with the Joint Session’s solemn constitutional duty to certify the results of the 2020 presidential election, unlawfully breached and vandalized the Capitol, injured and killed law enforcement personnel, menaced Members of Congress, the Vice President, and Congressional personnel, and engaged in other violent, deadly, destructive, and seditious acts,” the article states.

The article adds that Trump’s conduct “followed his prior efforts to subvert and obstruct the certification of the 2020 Presidential election,” referring to his phone call earlier this month with Georgia Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger, where he pressured him to “find” enough votes to overturn the state’s election results.

“In all this, President Trump gravely endangered the security of the United States and its institutions of government,” the article states. “He threatened the integrity of the democratic system, interfered with the peaceful transition of power, and imperiled a coequal branch of Government.”

The article adds that he “betrayed his trust as President, to the manifest injury of the people of the United States.”

“Donald John Trump thus warrants impeachment and trial, removal from office, and disqualification to hold and enjoy any office of honor, trust, or profit under the United States,” it said.

The calls for Trump's removal come after the president spoke at a rally Wednesday, telling supporters that he would "never concede," and repeated unsubstantiated claims that the election was "stolen" from him and that he won in a "landslide."

## **BIDEN AVOIDS FIRM POSITION ON IMPEACHMENT**

During his remarks, he renewed pressure on Pence, claiming that he should decertify the results of the presidential election and send it "back to the states," claiming that if he did that, Trump would be president for another four years.

Trump's remarks came ahead of a joint session of Congress to certify the results of the presidential election. As members of the House and Senate raised objections to certain electoral votes, both chambers called for a recess and left their chambers as pro-Trump protesters breached the Capitol building.

Washington, D.C., police said the security breach at the Capitol resulted in four deaths - including a woman who had been shot inside the building - and at least 70 arrests.

Congress later returned and certified the Electoral College vote early Thursday, formally giving Joe Biden his presidential victory.

White House deputy chief of staff Dan Scavino posted a statement from the president on Twitter early Thursday morning, saying: "Even though I totally disagree with the outcome of the election, and the facts bear me out, nevertheless there will be an orderly transition on January 20th."

"I have always said we would continue our fight to ensure that only legal votes were counted," Trump said. "While this represents the end of the greatest first term in presidential history, it's only the beginning of our fight to Make America Great Again!"

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