

U.S. impeachment process



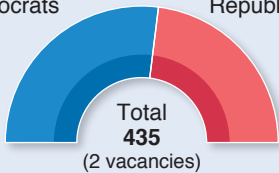
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

1 Articles of impeachment introduced: By any member if they suspect president is guilty of ***“treason, bribery, or other high crimes and misdemeanours”***

2 House vote: Simple majority sends process to Senate

Democrats
222

Republicans
211



Majority
votes for
impeachment

Majority
votes against
impeachment

No further
proceedings

President is impeached

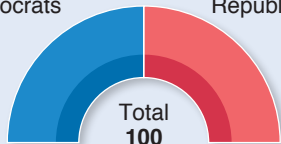
SENATE

3 Senate trial: Team of lawmakers from House – known as ***managers*** – play role of prosecutors. President has defence lawyers, Senate serves as jury

4 Senate vote: Conviction requires two-thirds majority

Democrats
48*

Republicans
50



*2 independents caucus with Democrats

Two-thirds
vote to
convict

Two-thirds
majority
not met

**President is
ousted**

President is
not convicted

Senate conviction, even after end of president's term, would prevent any future term in office