



UNITED STATES CONGRESS

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ON IMPEACHMENT PROCEDURES RESOLUTION

Why are we taking this vote?

Soon it will be the appropriate time to begin publicly presenting the facts surrounding the President's misconduct to the American people in a serious and professional manner—including focused, staff-led questioning. The Resolution codifies the rules of the road for the upcoming open hearings before the Intelligence Committee, and the actions that will be undertaken by the Judiciary Committee as they consider whether to bring articles of impeachment. The Resolution ensures minority rights in both the Intelligence and Judiciary committees' hearings, and due process will be afforded the White House in the Judiciary Committee. This is a necessary step in building out the next phase of the impeachment inquiry. For weeks, House Republicans have demanded that the House conduct the inquiry in the open. Now that we have the chance to vote on the rules of this next open phase of the inquiry, they're moving the goalposts because they cannot defend the president on the damning facts that have emerged and will further be made public through these open hearings.

What due process are you giving Trump?

The resolution offers the President the full protections in the Judiciary Committee's proceedings that were afforded Presidents Nixon and Clinton. The President will receive reports and evidentiary material, may attend and ask questions at the presentation of evidence, and may propose additional evidence. He may attend hearings of the Judiciary Committee, question witnesses, and raise objections. In addition, the President may be invited to offer a concluding presentation.

When will Trump receive that due process?

Consistent with Nixon and Clinton, the President's additional due process protections will be in the Judiciary Committee.

What rights are you giving the Minority?

Consistent with House and Committee rules, which have been followed throughout this entire process, the Minority has the right to fully participate in all questioning, propose witnesses and subpoenas and seek votes on their requests. For example, throughout this investigation,

Republican Members and staff have been given equal time to question witnesses and have equal access to testimony transcripts.

How do your new rules align with what was done in Nixon/Clinton?

The resolution provides for all of the due process protections for President Trump that were afforded to Presidents Nixon and Clinton, including allowing the President's counsel to attend and ask questions at the presentation of evidence, question witnesses, and raise objections.

Why did we bring this to the floor rather than just passing it in committee?

A full House vote is *not* required to initiate an impeachment inquiry, as a federal judge affirmed last week. So contrary to the claims of the President and House Republicans, this is not an attempt to "fix" the impeachment process.

The House Majority is committed to conducting a fair and transparent impeachment inquiry. The resolution ensures there can be no doubt of that commitment and lays the foundation for the next phases of our impeachment inquiry, including open hearings by the Intelligence Committee and proceedings in the Judiciary Committee.

Did GOP have input in the procedure changes?

Notwithstanding their ability to participate fully in the investigation, Republican leadership consistently has acted in bad faith to disrupt the investigation and distract the American public with baseless claims about process. The resolution will provide the Minority additional opportunities to participate in this investigation. We hope that our Republican colleagues are as committed as we are to conducting this investigation in a manner that is respectful and mindful of our duty to protect our democracy and uphold our constitution. The Republicans will have the opportunity to present their views on the resolution when it is debated on the House floor.