



What would articles of impeachment actually look like?

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WASHINGTON (SBG) – Acting Director of National Intelligence Joseph Maguire faced questions on Capitol Hill Thursday. He answered to allegations that President Donald Trump's call with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky included asking for help looking into possible democratic presidential opponent, Joe Biden.

The accusation prompted Speaker of the House, Nancy Pelosi, D-CA, to officially announce an impeachment inquiry.

“His actions in a telephone call with a head of state betrayed his oath of office, our national security and the integrity of our elections,” said Speaker Pelosi.

A screenshot of a tweet from Nancy Pelosi (@SpeakerPelosi). The tweet text reads: "Tune in as I speak live from the Capitol following the release of the whistleblower complaint. #ExposeTheTruth twitter.com/i/broadcasts/1...". Below the text is a video player showing Nancy Pelosi speaking at a podium in the House of Representatives. The video player has a caption that says "Nancy Pelosi is live" and "Nancy Pelosi @SpeakerPelosi". At the bottom of the tweet, it shows 4,685 likes and the time "11:02 AM - Sep 26, 2019".

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Before the call with Ukraine came to light, several democrats had already introduced articles of impeachment. They ranged from the Trump organization's business dealings overseas, accusations involving obstruction of justice in the Russia investigation during the 2016 election as well as accusations of bigotry. The question now is will the president's actions with Ukraine be the focus, or one of many, articles eventually introduced.

“There’s a debate going on about whether this is so grave, so serious, that maybe we focus on this so the American people can see the clarity of what happened and why it’s so troubling and wrong,” said Rep. Gerald Connolly, D-VA, about the Ukraine call.

Rep. Al Green, D-TX, who introduced one of the earlier articles of impeachment, believes an article on Ukraine won’t be the only one filed.

“Clearly there will be something alleging abuse of power, clearly not being faithful to the oath of office, but also clearly there is a cover up going on,” said Rep. Green.

Gene Healy is a vice president at The Cato Institute. He said it’s still too early to tell what democrats will do. He said it will really be a judgement call.

“Whether they think a one clean simple article of impeachment based on the conduct with the Ukrainian president is a better bet than a broad catch all approach,” said Healy.

There are still republicans to convince.

“What in this case rises to impeachment?” asked House Minority Leader, Rep. Kevin McCarthy, R-CA, “This is a president of the United States that had a conversation with a leader in another country.”