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## **Not guilty**

(Continued from page 3.) Romney of Utah, the party's defeated 2012 presidential nominee, broke with the GOP.

Romney choked up as he said he drew on his faith and "oath before God" to vote guilty on the first charge, abuse of power. He voted to acquit on the second.

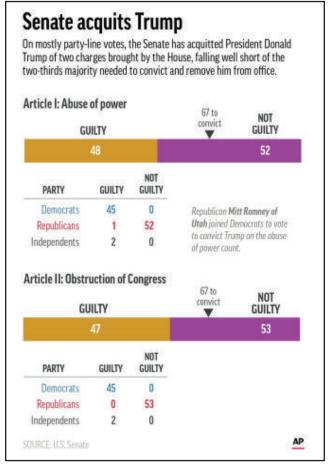
All Democrats found the president guilty on the two charges.

Both Bill Clinton in 1999 and Andrew Johnson in 1868 drew cross-party support when they were left in office after impeachment trials. Richard Nixon resigned rather than face sure impeachment, expecting members of his own party to vote to remove him.

Ahead of Wednesday's voting, some of the most closely watched senators took to the Senate floor to tell their constituents, and the nation, what they had decided.

Influential GOP Sen. Lamar Alexander of Tennessee worried a guilty verdict would "pour gasoline on the fire" of the nation's culture wars over Trump and "rip the country apart." He said the House proved its case but it just didn't rise to the level of impeachment.

Other Republicans siding



with Trump said it was time to end what McConnell called states where Trump is poputhe "circus" and move on.

Most Democrats, though, echoed the House managers' warnings that Trump, if left unchecked, would continue to abuse the power of his office for personal political gain and try to cheat again ahead of the the 2020 election.

Even key Democrats from lar - Doug Jones in Alabama and Joe Manchin in West Virginia - risked backlash and voted to convict.

"Senators are elected to make tough choices," Jones said.

Several senators trying to win the Democratic Party's nomination to face Trump

Bernie Sanders, Elizabeth actions. Other eyewitnesses publicans joining the House dashed back from early primary state New Hampshire to vote.

During the nearly threeweek trial, House Democrats prosecuting the case argued that Trump abused power like no other president in history when he pressured Ukraine to investigate Biden and his son, Hunter Biden, ahead of the 2020 election.

They detailed an extraordinary effort by Trump lawyer Rudy Giuliani that set off alarms at the highest levels of government. After Trump's July 25 call with Ukraine, the White House temporarily halted U.S. aid to the struggling ally battling hostile Russia at its border. The money was eventually released in September as Congress inter-

When the House probed Trump's actions, the president instructed White House aides to defy congressional subpoenas, leading to the obstruction charge.

Questions from the Ukraine matter continue to swirl. House Democrats may yet summon former national security adviser John Bolton to testify about revelations from his forthcoming book that of- most partisan impeachment ident @realDonaldTrump's fer a fresh account of Trump's in U.S. history, with no Re-full acquittal," he tweeted.

sure to surface.

the trial, the lead prosecutor, fastest trial ever, and the first Rep. Adam Schiff, D-Calif., with no witnesses. Seventeen appealed to senators' sense of ambassadors, national secudecency, insisting "right mat-rity officials and others had ters" and "truth matters" and testified in the House. Trump "is not who you are."

straint on the president's wrongdoing."

be vigilant," he said.

tant to launch impeachment terest. proceedings against Trump when she took control of the sent, but with a 53-47 Re-House after the 2018 elec- publican majority he refuted tion, warning against a parti- efforts to prolong the trial san vote.

But a whistleblower complaint of his conversation better job. Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskiy set impeachment came to a close, off alarms. The president's call was placed the day after common commitment to the Mueller announced the find- Constitution," and hoped to ings of his Russia probe.

When Trump told Pelosi in circumstances." September that the call was perfect, she was stunned. Pompeo, who had been drawn Days later, the speaker an- into the Ukraine affair, signed nounced the formal impeach- off on the Senate judgment ment inquiry.

Warren and Amy Klobuchar and documents are almost Democrats to vote for the charges. The Republican Sen-In closing arguments for ate kept up the pace with the

Trump's star attorney Alan Schiff told The Associated Dershowitz made the sweep-Press he hoped the votes to ing, if stunning, assertion convict "will serve as a con- that even if the president engaged in the quid pro quo as described, it is not impeach-"But we're going to have to able, because politicians often equate their own political Pelosi was initially reluc- interest with the national in-

> McConnell braced for diswith more witnesses, arguing the House should have done a

> Roberts, as the rare court of wished senators well in "our meet again "under happier

Secretary of State Mike later Wednesday. "Tonight, it The result was the quickest, was my pleasure to sign Pres-

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