

I am very disappointed with this illegal impeachment of Trump.

While I am not a lawyer I know when things stink. I've spent my entire life associated with the military in one fashion or another and have retired with 30 years of service. I've seen a lot of BS and illegal maneuverings by so-called leaders.

Yesterday 5 Republicans voted to go ahead with the impeachment proceedings. SHAME on them, especially Romney who vehemently stated to Utahians that he fully supports Trump and then like a baby boy got his feelings hurt. A politician needs to be thick skinned and he is definitely not. Collins was surprise to me but Murkowski was expected for the same reason as Romney.

After reading the indictment to impeach, I then went to the US code and read the paragraph. On Rebellion or Insurrection and these are my thoughts.

First, as Rand Paul stated the impeachment should be dismissed on the grounds that Trump is a citizen and not a president.

Second, the US code indicates form of punishment. That makes insurrection a crime.

Third, our Constitution and laws guarantee certain rights to people charged with a crime. And this is where this entire debacle needs to be taken.

The Senate cannot impeach Trump because of two very important reasons. Rand Paul and others have already stated one reason – Trump is no longer president. The second reason is that the Senate is not a judicial branch and thus does not have the authority to “try” a citizen. But it goes deeper than this.

As a crime,

1. Trump would have to be charged by a legal authority. The Senate is not
2. He would have to receive a “speedy” trial. Pelosi on 2 attempts held back the charges
3. He would have to be judged by his peers. His peers in the Senate was the previous session of Congress not the current. Pelosi deliberately skewed the law in order for there to be more Democrats in the Senate than Republicans, thus “influencing “ the outcome of the “hearing.”

Since this is a crime, and if Trump is “impeached,” he has the ability to appeal and take the issue to the Supreme Court. Not good for the Democrats and certainly not good for the nation and its people.