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Trump rages as Democrats start voting to impeach him

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MEMBERS of Congress were last night voting on moves to impeach Donald Trump – making him only the third US president to face such a vote.

The Democrat-controlled House of Representatives spent six hours debating two articles of impeachment against Mr Trump – abuse of power over allegations he asked Ukraine to investigate political rival Joe Biden and obstruction of Congress in trying to cover it up.

House speaker Nancy Pelosi said: 'If we do not act now, we would be derelict in our duty.'

'It is tragic that the president's reckless actions make impeachment necessary. He gave us no choice.'

The House approved the rules for the debate by 228-197, with just two defections from Ms Pelosi's ranks.

No Republicans supported the procedural vote but the Democrats picked up backing from Michigan's Justin Amash, who left the Republican party this year



Under fire: US president Donald Trump faces two charges PICTURE: AP



Angry denials: A tweet, all in block capitals, posted by Mr Trump as the hearing was taking place PICTURE: TWITTER

to become an independent over his support for impeachment.

In a series of angry tweets, Mr Trump said he 'did nothing wrong'. One read: 'Such atrocious lies by the radical left, do nothing Democrats. This is an assault on America, and an assault on the Republican Party!'

Americans have been divided on impeachment, which could see Mr Trump removed from office and has led to protests. However, the Republican-controlled Senate is expected to vote to acquit him after a hearing next year.



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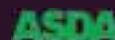
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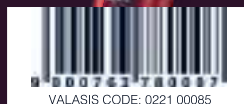
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