

of Congress. This vote, this day is about one thing and one thing only. They hate this president. They hate those of us who voted for him. They think we're stupid. They think we made a mistake. They think Hillary Clinton should be the president and they want to fix that. That's what this vote is about. They want to take away my vote and throw it in the trash. They want to take away my president and delegitimize him so that he can not be reelected. That's what this vote is about."

Rep. Stewart was, of course, reminded after his statement that were Trump to be successfully impeached, it would be Vice President Mike Pence who would assume the office of president.

Rep. Barry Loudermilk of Georgia: "The Constitution also guarantees that the accused can call witnesses to testify on their behalf, but the Republicans and the president were continually denied that right throughout this process. The 6th Amendment guarantees the right of the defendant to face their accuser, but not only have the Democrats prohibited Republicans and the president from questioning the so-called whistleblower, his identity has been kept

secret. Before you take this historic vote today, one week before Christmas, I want you to keep this in mind. When Jesus was falsely accused of treason, Pontius Pilate gave Jesus the opportunity to face His accusers. During that sham trial, Pontius Pilate afforded more rights to Jesus than the Democrats have afforded this president in this process."

Judiciary Committee Chair Jerry Nadler, a Democrat, responded to Loudermilk on the floor saying, "The president was given the opportunity to come and testify ... to send his counsel, to question witnesses. He declined to do so."

The articles must be submitted to the Senate to initiate a trial which will decide Trump's fate as president. That trial could begin as early as next month; however, House Speaker Pelosi's decision to wait to deliver the two Articles of Impeachment to the Senate until that body has laid out the rules for the trial—saying it needs to be known, "what sort of trial the Senate will conduct"—has for now created an impasse. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell has called Pelosi's reasoning for delaying the transmission of the articles from the house to the Senate "absurd." □

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House Judiciary  
Committee Chair

## Home for the holidays



The week of Christmas is forecast to bring both heavy snows and subfreezing temperatures to the valley floor. For the city's homeless population, solutions like the warming tent at the Volunteers of America Shelter, 315 Record St., may be their only option for finding a warm bed at Christmas. The warming tent was opened in November to accommodate overflow from the main shelter and will be open until March of 2020. The tent can hold 60 occupants, and is manned by volunteer personnel every night. However, the VOA still struggles with capacity issues even now.

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