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## HOUSE MOVES AHEAD ON IMPEACHMENT



### Vote on rules for public hearings is chance for each party to show solidarity

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democrats pushed a package of ground rules for their impeachment inquiry of President Donald Trump through a sharply divided House on Thursday, the chamber's first formal vote in a fight that could stretch into the 2020 election year.

The tally was 232-196, with all Republicans who voted opposing the resolution. Just two Democratic defectors joined them: freshman Rep. Jeff Van Drew of New Jersey and 15-term Rep. Collin Peterson of Minnesota, one of his party's most conservative members. Both represent GOP-leaning districts.

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President Donald Trump at the White House. At top, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi wields her gavel to mark Thursday's 232-196 vote, the first in the impeachment process against the president.

### Bacon: No impeachable offense, voters will get say on Trump soon enough

By JOSEPH MORTON  
WORLD-HERALD BUREAU

WASHINGTON — House Democrats voted Thursday to formalize their impeachment inquiry into President Donald Trump despite a unified wall of Republican opposition.

"Ultimately, do I think there's an impeachable offense? The answer is no," Rep. Don Bacon, R-Neb., told The World-Herald moments after the vote. "I think that that's what it comes down to. I really think it's the voters' decision here, and they're going to have a vote in 13 months."

The House tally was 232-196 in favor of a  
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## Bad weather, tariffs push farm bankruptcies higher in Midlands

By JOSEPH MORTON  
WORLD-HERALD BUREAU

WASHINGTON — Farm bankruptcies are on the rise in Nebraska and Iowa in the wake of this year's catastrophic weather events and rocky trade environment.

A new report by the American Farm Bureau Federation shows a 24% increase in Chapter 12 bankruptcies nationwide over the previous year.

"While filings remain well below the historical highs experienced in

the 1980s, the trend is a concern," the report says. "The support provided to farmers in 2018 and 2019 is expected to alleviate some of the financial stress, however, not all farmers will benefit from trade assistance, farm bill programs, crop insurance or disaster aid. As a result, it could take some time for the financial relief to manifest in the farm bankruptcy trends."

The report covers the 12-month period ending Sept. 30 and

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Retired Fire Capt. Louis Valencia remembered for his many roles in the community, especially South O. **Midlands**

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## Long-awaited cystic fibrosis drug could make condition manageable

THE WASHINGTON POST

A new cystic fibrosis therapy dramatically improved patients' lung function and showed clear signs of targeting the genetic root of the disease, instead of just alleviating symptoms.

The breakthrough has been sought for so long that some doctors and patients are moved to tears when talking about it.

The data, unveiled Thursday at a national conference in Tennessee and simultaneously published in

two leading medical journals, was so persuasive that the Food and Drug Administration last week approved the three-drug combination, called Trikafta — five months ahead of the agency's deadline. The drug could benefit 90% of patients with the disease, a major advance over previous drugs that worked in a tiny fraction of people with the disease or had more modest effects.

"I'm overjoyed," said Francis  
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