

The Time For Playing Games Is Over

THE U.S. SENATE VS. “THE PELOSI POLKA”

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(Jan. 6, 2020) — Well, well, well. Maybe it is just a coincidence, but the [statement](#) yesterday morning by Senator Lindsey Graham tracks very closely the tactic posited by Ren Jander [here](#) and by your faithful servant [here](#). Whether or not Senators Mitch McConnell and Lindsey Graham (or their staffers) peruse The P&E is secondary to the need to make sure the Democrats in the Congress understand that the Pelosi/Nadler/Schiff cabal in the House of Representatives cannot – and will not – preclude the Senate from moving forward. “Impeach and shelve” is not a winning strategy but instead, a monumental blunder.

Moreover, the aforementioned House cabal needs to understand that it is entirely without the power or jurisdiction to dictate to the Senate how any “trial” on an impeachment will be conducted. That is a matter completely committed to the Senate by Art. 1, § 3, Cl. 6 under the Constitution’s grant to that body of the “*sole* Power to try all Impeachments.” (Emphasis added). “Sole” power does not mean “shared” power or “conditioned-upon-approval-of-the-House” power. It means exclusive power to try impeachments. Clearly, the House cabal did not major in plain English.

Parenthetically, and as noted in the Jander post above, the legal counsel for the cabal (and Hah-vahd law professor Noah Feldman) might wish to take a look at the U.S. Supreme Court decision in *Nixon v. United States*, 506 U.S. 224 (1993), before insisting that the Senate dance to the Pelosi Polka regarding the establishment of “ground rules” to ensure the type of “fair” trial in the Senate which was repeatedly denied to President Trump in

the House. The Democrats have placed their hatred for President Trump front and center, displacing their purported “love of country” and casting to the wayside any pretense of the same. Oh, and they also want you to retain them in power. Really?



Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi (Source: [website](#))

Indeed, when one sees the [reaction](#) of Squad Member Representative Omar (D. MN) to the recent “neutralization” of one of the leading purveyors of Islamic terrorism in the world and the [lamentations](#) of Squad Leader Representative Ocasio-Cortez (D. NY) that the president did not consult with Congress prior to the action, one is hard-pressed to decide which “side” these folks support. Truly, there is “[something wrong](#)” with them.

Once again, the Democrats – or at minimum, the Democrats in the U.S. House of Representatives – continue to demonstrate beyond any reasonable doubt that they have forfeited any claim of right or ability to govern a free people in a constitutional republic such as ours. Period. Boom. Or, as Mr. Jander might say: Full stop. The time for playing games is over.
