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> WASHINGTON — U.S. Reps. Michael McCaul, R-Austin, August Pfluger, R-San Angelo, and nine other Republican impeachment managers presented the articles of impeachment Tuesday against U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security Alejandro Mayorkas to the Senate, urging Democrats to give the secretary a full trial.

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"We did our job in the House, and I pray that [Senate Majority Chuck] Schumer will do his job in the Senate as he is required to do under the Constitution," McCaul said during a news conference with other managers and several senators after delivering the articles to the upper chamber.

The House voted to impeach the secretary on Feb. 13 over charges of refusing to enforce the law and "breach of public trust." U.S. Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene, R-Georgia, introduced those articles late last year. Democrats in Congress and the Biden administration have blasted Mayorkas' impeachment as a specious abuse of a constitutional measure reserved for the most egregious offenses. The Senate requires a two third vote to convict Mayorkas — an

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exceedingly slim possibility considering Democrats hold the majority.

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disagreement. Talk about awful precedence"

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to Texas court where it belongs.

Schumer said senators would be sworn in as jurors Wednesday afternoon. Schumer

"We want to address this issue as expeditiously as possible," Schumer said on the

Senate floor Tuesday morning. "Impeachment should never be used to settle a policy

McCaul and Pfluger both sit on the House Homeland Security Committee, which has

jurisdiction over Mayorkas' department. McCaul was chair of the committee from

2013 to 2019. He served as a federal prosecutor with the Justice Department before

has previously indicated he would try to make the trial a quick affair.

Mark Green of Tennessee, Reps. Andy Biggs of Arizona, Ben Cline of Virginia, Andrew Garbarino of New York, Michael Guest of Mississippi, Harriet Hageman of Wyoming, Clay Higgins of Louisiana and Laurel Lee of Florida.

The other managers include Greene, House Homeland Security Committee Chair

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If Democrats quickly dismiss the articles of impeachment, the impeachment

U.S. Rep. Sylvia Garcia, D-Houston, said she saw the impeachment managers cross

the Capitol toward the Senate chamber, calling it "unceremonious" and "subdued"

impeachment of Mayorkas is a "sham," and Trump's impeachment proceedings had

managers' strategy in prosecuting Mayorkas. McCaul said he would prefer to have

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compared to her experience as an impeachment manager in the trial for former

president Donald Trump. She said it's hard to compare the two because the

managers will have few procedural options to force a longer trial, McCaul

acknowledged. He added that the managers would stress that a trial is a

constitutional requirement of the Senate.

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validity. "I can't even believe that they would want to serve as impeachment managers when you know that it's all just a sham," Garcia said of the Texas Republicans whom House Speaker Mike Johnson tapped to serve as impeachment managers. The Senate will determine the rules of the trial, which will dictate much of the

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House Republicans had pushed for impeaching Mayorkas for a year as they expressed

their frustration with the state of the southern border. Republicans routinely used

Mayorkas' appearances before the House, including during hearings nominally on

impeachment against Mayorkas early last year. U.S. Rep. Tony Gonzales, R-San

Both of Texas' senators, John Cornyn and Cruz, have previously expressed support

"Since 2021, Secretary Mayorkas has abdicated control of America's borders to a

magnitude unparalleled in our Nation's history," the senators wrote. "Absent

Secretary Mayorkas' immediate resignation, this impeachment should remain

Antonio, was a vocal supporter of Greene's effort, helping House Republican

for ousting Mayorkas. They were among 43 Senate Republicans who wrote to

issues unrelated to the border, to blast the administration's border policy.

U.S. Rep. Pat Fallon, R-Sherman, introduced a different set of articles of

leadership curry support with moderates.

faithful to Senatorial precedent."

Schumer earlier this month demanding a full trial.

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Cruz said Tester left the chamber "because apparently it was too frightening to hear

Tester's office said he was present in the chamber and was reviewing the articles of

impeachment. Tester could be seen leaving his desk when the impeachment

the managers simply read the facts of the people who were dying because of the

policies he supports."

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managers were in the chamber.

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Mayorkas has repeatedly rebuffed Republican calls to resign.

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