

GOP Senators Plan to Oppose Vote, Call for Emergency Election Investigation

Eleven Senate Republicans say they will object to certifying the 2020 election Jan. 6 when Congress convenes for the historic joint session.

The results of December's Electoral College vote will be counted that day in Congress. As the count approaches, both House and Senate legislators are going public with plans to officially object to an election they believe to be fraught with illegal vote scams by Democrats, including both fake ballots and corrupting voting machines.

GOP Sens. Ted Cruz, Texas; Ron Johnson, Wis.; James Lankford, Okla.; Steve Daines, Mont.; John Kennedy, La.; Marsha Blackburn, Tenn.; and Mike Braun, Ind.; and GOP Cynthia Lummis, Wyo.; Roger Marshall, Kan.; Bill Hagerty, Tenn.; and Tommy Tuberville, Ala.; said in a joint statement that they will vote against accepting the election results until there is a 10-day audit.

Their effort is separate from one announced Wednesday by Sen. Josh Hawley, R-Mo., who said he will object to the failure of some states—most prominently Pennsylvania—to follow their own election laws.

“Voter fraud has posed a persistent challenge in our elections, although its breadth and scope are disputed,” the lawmakers said Saturday in a statement. “By any measure, the allegations of fraud and irregularities in the 2020 election exceed any in our lifetimes.”

In the House, it's said that at least 140 members will vote against counting the electoral votes Jan. 6—the day many

Americans have expected the next president to be announced.

The election has been contested for two months—and President Donald J. Trump has never conceded. Having both U.S. representatives and senators prepared to oppose the vote will force lawmakers to vote on whether to accept the election results as they have been reported. {eoa}