

Trump Acquitted in Second Impeachment Trial

The U.S. Senate acquitted former President Donald Trump Saturday on an impeachment charge of inciting an insurrection related to the Jan. 6 breach of the Capitol.

Sixty-seven votes were needed to convict him—two-thirds of the total—but only 57 senators voted in favor of the conviction. The month-long process has ended with Trump being the only president in U.S. history to be impeached and acquitted twice.

The seven GOP senators who voted to convict Trump on Saturday were Sens. Richard Burr of North Carolina, Bill Cassidy of Louisiana, Susan Collins of Maine, Lisa Murkowski of Alaska, Mitt Romney of Utah, Ben Sasse of Nebraska and Pat Toomey of Pennsylvania.

Franklin Graham, a staunch supporter of the former president, tweeted out his thoughts on Saturday: “The US Senate finally acquitted former President Donald J. Trump of all charges. Now that this is over, I hope they will get to work on solving the problems that are facing our country and are important to the lives of most Americans.”

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– Franklin Graham (@Franklin_Graham) February 13, 2021

Prominent Republican leaders in the Senate stepped forward with statements upon the conclusion of the trial:

Senator Ted Cruz, R-Texas, expressed his support for Trump, saying, “Donald Trump used heated language, but he did not

urge anyone to commit acts of violence.” He then condemned the rioters involved in the Capitol attack.

“Unfortunately, this impeachment trial did nothing to bring the domestic terrorists who committed this heinous attack to justice,” Cruz said.