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### **BEHIND THE STATE'S SUPREME COURT IMPEACHMENT**

**Pray for true justice in West Virginia as their Senate considers the impeachment of every single Supreme Court in their state. These elected judges are being charged with corruption and breach of trust. Who we elect to every office matters! [Download our new, free "Prayer Guide for Electing Righteous Rulers."](#)**

***But God is the Judge; He puts down one and exalts another. (Ps 75:7)***

West Virginia's House of Delegates made history this week when it voted to impeach every sitting Supreme Court justice in the state....

The 11 articles of impeachment that passed Monday night against four justices in West Virginia — after hours of debate — set the stage for a showdown in the state Senate, which will try the judges and decide whether to remove them from office.

No date has been set for trial. In the meantime, two judges have quit and legislators are making their cases for or against the remaining jurists in an attempt to sway a case that could have long-lasting effects on one of the country's poorest states.

#### **Q: Who was impeached?**

A: The House of Delegates, which is made up mostly of Republicans, voted to remove two Democratic and two Republican justices. The Democrats are Chief Justice Margaret Workman and Justice Robin Davis. The Republicans are Justice Allen Loughry — who is also named in a federal indictment on charges related those made in the impeachment — and Justice Beth Walker. On Tuesday, Davis announced her resignation and accused Republicans of plotting against Democrats. Another Democrat, Justice Menis Ketchum, resigned last month and admitted to charges of wire fraud.

#### **Q: What's the back story?**

A: Local TV news journalists last year investigated the court and found that Loughry and other justices spent excessively on office renovations and furniture and failed to call each other out on the spending. The purchases included a \$32,000 couch and a \$7,500 wooden floor medallion for Loughry's office, as well as an \$8,000 chair for Davis. In total, the judges' spending on high-priced furniture and decor added

up to hundreds of thousands of dollars. Walker and Workman also stand accused of spending more than a \$100,000 each. Davis was impeached because of office renovations that cost \$500,000 and Loughry for \$363,000 in similar spending.

Loughry, Workman and Davis also were charged with letting some judges get paid more than they are legally allowed.

Loughry is under a 25-count federal indictment accusing him of making false statements and tampering with witnesses. He has an October trial date. He is said to have requested that state workers move furniture to his home. He is also accused of taking a state car to signings he conducted for his book, "Don't Buy Another Vote, I Won't Pay for a Landslide: The Sordid And Continuing History of Political Corruption in West Virginia."

**Q: Is the spending illegal?**

A: Federal prosecutors are preparing a case against Loughry to say he violated federal law. The FBI monitored the now-suspended judge after suspicions arose that he was defrauding the state. The alleged fraud included misuse of official cars and credit cards for nonwork business and lying to other judges about the matter, knowingly making false mileage claims when he was using a state car, and the illegal conversion "to his own personal use of a valuable and historic desk that belonged to the Supreme Court."

Loughry is also accused of intentionally misleading government investigators and trying to influence a court employee's testimony amid an investigation into his office renovations.

Under West Virginia law, the legality of spending by the judges is murkier. The state is atypical for allowing the Supreme Court to set and manage its budget. On Monday, legislators spent much of their time debating whether excessive spending among the judges was illegal or simply in bad taste. An amendment up for vote in the fall will give the Legislature the power to oversee the judicial budget.

**Q: Why do many Republicans and Democrats disagree on impeachment?**

A: Democrats largely supported the impeachment of Loughry, who was elected in 2012. But they came out strongly against impeaching members of their own party. That's because if judges are removed, their replacements would be appointed by Republican Gov. Jim Justice. Those new justices would be in place until 2020. The Legislature could also decide to call for special elections before then....

**Q: What do the justices say?**

A: Davis, who was on the court for 21 years, said she resigned only so her seat would be up for election in November instead of it being filled by a Republican appointee. Ketchum, who pleaded guilty to federal charges last month, will also see his replacement elected in November. Elected justices serve for 12 years....

**Q: What happens to court cases?**

A: The court completed the cases on its schedule before the summer break. Its next term starts in September. (Excerpts from Jaweed Kaleem article in the [Los Angeles Times](#))

## **A GREAT MOVE OF GOD IN MISSOURI**

**Offer thanks to the Lord for His faithfulness and awesome power to save! Prayer for our military with our special bookmark, or order some to give to friends. [Click HERE](#).**

***Only Jesus has the power to save! His name is the only one in all the world that can save anyone. (Acts 4:12)***

US Army Chaplain says a revival is taking place on the base of Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri.

Since March nearly 2,000 soldiers have reportedly come to the Lord.

Chaplain (Capt.) Jose Rondon ministers at the base each week and has been posting testimonies and baptisms of new converts on his Facebook page.

"Today, 380 soldiers came to salvation in Christ once and for all," Rondon says in one post. "Thanks CH Tony Cech for the excellent, clear, and powerful messages during the 3 services. Since March 11, 2018, we have seen 1,839 soldiers coming to Christ. God's doing an unbelievable work through our military at Fort Leonard Wood, MO. May God bring the same powerful conviction of sin and love for Him that we are experiencing at Main Post Chapel all throughout our Nation and His world."

In an interview with The Baptist Press, Rondon said that being intentional in sharing the gospel has been key to the conversions....

"To be intentional is to be faithful to Christ and obedient to His Great Commission," Rondon said. "But we will not succeed in making disciples until the lost make the first step to follow Christ as their Savior. To be intentional not only means to preach Christ's Word in the chapel, but to be sensitive to the Holy Spirit to share His message of reconciliation if, and when, the time fits."

In a video showing hundreds of soldiers singing "Amazing Grace," he commented, "I'm excited about the future of our military for millions of our Warriors who will sing GOD's Amazing Grace. Glory to Christ, the only God, Savior, and Lord in this life and the one to come." ...

... Rondon credits the record number of salvations to the prayers of those who have been praying and encourages them to not stop.

"I want you to know that God is doing great things," he said. "I'm asking you to please pray and help us to see not only today and since March 11th with almost 2,000 people coming to salvation in Christ Jesus, that the Lord is good and he desires not only to reconcile us, to reunite us to himself, through his death, burial and resurrection but also that he desires for the whole world and mainly our country, United States to know that if he's doing great things in the military, he's going to keep doing great things, in and throughout us for his glory in our society so in need of Christ Jesus our King." (Excerpts from [Charlene Aaron](#) article on CBN News)

## **TRANSGENDER NOMINEE FOR GOVERNOR: 'RADICALIZED CHRISTIANS' ARE A THREAT**

**Please continue to pray for these critical elections that are coming up in November! IFA has developed a new brochure about godly voting, designed to share with other Christians. [Click HERE to check it out.](#)**

***Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God." (Mark 10:27)***

Christine Hallquist, the new Democratic nominee for governor of Vermont and America's first major party transgender candidate, once tweeted that "radicalized Christians" are a problem that Americans currently "tolerate."

Hallquist made the comment in June 2017 about an article from "LGBTQ Nation" in which a girl was disqualified from a soccer team because she looked like a boy.

*And we worry about sharia law!! Radicalized Christians are a part of the American landscape, and we tolerate it.* <https://t.co/Q4UmEKAYLi> — Christine Hallquist (@Christinehinv) June 6, 2017

Hallquist's Twitter stream features several shots at Christians, including one tweet suggesting that a woman reported to have brutally stabbed her son to death because he was gay – was probably a Christian.

*I'll bet she called herself a "Christian"* <https://t.co/VFJWtQV4W3> — Christine Hallquist (@Christinehinv) January 17, 2017

Hallquist will challenge Vermont's incumbent Republican Governor Phil Scott in November. (Excerpts from Dale Hurd article on [CBN News](#))

## **TURKEY-US: A TIMELINE OF PLUMMETING RELATIONS**

**Pray for God's wisdom in dealing with this very troubling crisis with Turkey.**

***Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. (Phil 4:6)***

Turkish Prime Minister Erdogan prides himself on being the major Muslim figure not only in Turkey but the entire Middle East. He was tight with Egypt's Muslim Brotherhood before that government was overthrown by General Al-Sisi.

His ego is enormous, and Trump is taking him on for not releasing Pastor Brunson and other reasons (review **Turkey-US: A timeline of plummeting relations** - [Bloomberg](#)).

Fortunately, the beginning of the delivery of 100 F-35 stealth jets that were to be shipped to Turkey have been stopped by Congress and the president.

Erdogan is not backing down as Turkey's currency, stock markets and economy keep crashing.

Erdogan was the person who corrected Obama when he spoke of moderate Islam in his April 2009 speech to the Turkish Parliament; Erdogan said there is no such thing.

Relations between the United States and Turkey, key allies within Nato, have become increasingly troubled since the re-election of President Recep Tayyip Erdogan in June.

The two countries are in disagreement over the Syria conflict and over the fate of Turkish preacher Fethullah Gulen, who is in exile in the US and whose extradition Ankara has requested over his alleged role in the failed July 2016 coup.

### **Cool reception**

On June 24, 2018, Erdogan wins the presidential election at the first round, with 52.6 percent of the vote. His victory enhances his power, the vote marking the passage from a parliamentary to a presidential system where executive power is concentrated in the hands of the head of state.

“We’re working to set up a call between the president and the president of Turkey to reaffirm our strong bond,” she says.

The State Department says it respects the election result.

### **‘Total disgrace’**

On July 18, ties take a turn for the worse when a Turkish court orders an American pastor, Andrew Brunson, held for almost two years on terror charges, to remain in prison.

Trump urges Erdogan on Twitter to free him, describing his continuing detention as “a total disgrace”.

Brunson, who has lived in Turkey for 20 years and has been detained since October 2016, is accused of assisting Gulen’s network and the outlawed Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK). Both Ankara and Washington list the PKK as “terrorist”.

Brunson is also accused of spying for political and military ends.

He denies all the accusations.

On July 20, Washington refuses Erdogan’s proposal to exchange Gulen for the pastor.

On July 25 he is moved to house arrest.

“We welcome long overdue news...but it is not enough,” US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo says on Twitter.

A day later Trump demands Turkey free the pastor “immediately”, warning the United States is ready to impose “large sanctions” against Turkey.

Several days later Erdogan accuses Washington of showing an “evangelist, Zionist mentality”.

### **Sanctions**

On August 1 the United States announces sanctions against the Turkish interior and justice ministers, who they accuse of having played a major role in the arrest and detention of the pastor.

On August 4 Erdogan says Ankara will freeze the assets in Turkey of the US ministers of “justice and interior”. The identity of the ministers concerned is not clear.

### **‘Economic war’**

On August 10, Trump announces he has doubled steel and aluminium tariffs on Turkey to 50 percent and 20 percent respectively. “Our relations with Turkey are not good at this time!” he says on Twitter.

The Turkish lira plummets, losing some 16 percent of its value against the dollar in one day.

Speaking of “an economic war” Erdogan calls on Turks to support their struggling currency by exchanging any foreign money they hold for Turkish lira. “It is a national fight,” he says.

### **‘New allies’**

On August 11 Erdogan warns that Ankara will look for “new friends and allies... unless the United States starts respecting Turkey’s sovereignty.”

“It is wrong to dare bring Turkey to its knees through threats over a pastor.”

“Shame on you, shame on you. You are exchanging your strategic partner in NATO for a priest.”

### **Plot**

On August 12 Erdogan says the crash of the lira was a “political plot”.

“With God’s permission we will overcome this,” he says.

On August 13 he accuses the United States of seeking to stab Turkey “in the back”. (Excerpts from [Mail & Guardian/Agence France-Presse](#))