

# Nine Republicans Vote for Impeachment Hearings, Ten Abstain

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In a stunning development which fell with the silence of a feather yesterday, 9 Republicans broke with their iron-fisted party to put country first, and voted to send Rep. Dennis Kucinich's article of impeachment HR 1345 to the Judiciary, where Chairman John Conyers will hold hearings on abuses of power by the Bush administration, according to the Congressional Quarterly's CQToday.

Ten Republicans abstained in this critical moment, while only 5 Dems did. The vote was neck and neck at many moments, with "Nays" pulling ahead twice.

Those Republicans are (Yea 238 - Nay 180):

Congressman Kevin Brady (TX)  
Congressman Wayne Gilchrest (MD)  
Congressman Walter B. Jones (NC)  
Representative Don Manzullo (IL)  
U.S. Congressman Tim Murphy (PA)  
Congressman Ron Paul (TX)  
Congressman Dave Reichert (WA)  
Congressman Christopher Shays (CT)  
Representative Mike Turner (OH)

One of the Republicans, Walter Jones, represents Camp Lejeune in North Carolina, one of the largest Marine bases in the country, and one which has borne heavily the sacrifice of the Iraq War.

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