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### So What's Next for Blagojevich and Illinois?



ILLINOIS-- Governor Rod Blagojevich is one step closer to being forced out of office after the Illinois House spoke loud and clear during Friday's impeachment vote; only one representative objected.

"A pattern of abuse that I never thought we would see here in the state of Illinois and I hope we never see again" says Rep. Lou Lang.

Even though Blagojevich has been impeached by the House he still has to face the Senate and will go on trial later this month.

"I'm confident that at the end of the day I will be properly exonerated" says Governor Rod Blaggjevich.

Blagojevich claims he's innocent despite reports that accuse him of "abuse of power," and "a pattern" of corruption.

The governor says he has no intention of stepping aside but he may have no choice. A judgment to remove the governor has less to do with the law and more to do with politics.

"We don't need to find the Governor guilty of a crime in order to find that he is not fit" says Rep. Barbara Flynn Currie.

Illinois' Chief Supreme Court Justice Thomas Fitzgerald will preside over the trial. A 2/3 vote in the Senate would remove Blagojevich from power but after Fridays nearly unanimous vote in the House it's expected that Blagojevich's days as Governor are numbered.

"This state will rise from the ashes and reaffirm to our citizens everything that is great about the state of Illinois" says Rep. John Fritchey."

If found guilty by the Senate, experts predict Blagojevich will be removed from office within the next two months and Lt. Governor Pat Quinn would take over.

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