Tribal leaders have practical reasons for not siding for or against President Donald J. Trump’s impeachment. ‘Sovereignty is nonpartisan’

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It was the first day of the impeachment inquiry hearings and the media and public swarmed around and inside the Longworth House Office Building. There was only one topic being talked about on Capitol Hill, the impeachment hearings and the future of the country. But the tribal leaders walking around that same building for other meetings had a different agenda. As one member of a tribal council said that day, “no comment.” The tribal leader said there was too much at stake. The council had traveled to Washington to work on a water initiative and needed support from Republicans as well as Democrats.

The impeachment inquiry begins a new phase today, moving from the Intelligence Committee to the Judiciary Committee. This is where the articles of impeachment will be drafted for consideration by the House of Representatives.

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