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CARL AZUZ, CNN 10 ANCHOR: First topic today on CNN 10, a down the middle explanation of the impeachment inquiry in the U.S. House of

Representatives. I'm Carl Azuz. Thank you for watching. The controversy started with a phone call. In late July, U.S. President Donald Trump spoke

with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky. That conversation factored into a complaint made later by an anonymous whistle blower, someone who

aims to expose potential wrong doing. In the call President Trump spoke of former U.S. Vice President Joe Biden and his son. Between 2014 and 2016,

Vice-President Biden was a regular visitor to Ukraine. It had a new government. The U.S. government supported it and the Obama Administration

had offered Ukraine \$1 billion in assistance.

In recounting one of his trips there, Vice-President Biden said he told the Ukrainian government to fire one of its top attorneys if it wanted the

American aid money. Several countries blamed the prosecutor for not doing enough to investigate corruption in Ukraine. The Ukrainian government

fired the prosecutor and got the U.S. aid. But in his phone call this summer with Ukraine's new leader, President Trump said it was unfair that

the Ukrainian prosecutor was fired in 2016. He added quote, "there's a lot of talk about Biden's son that Biden stopped the prosecution and a lot of

people want to find out about that" and he asked the Ukrainian president to look into it.

Democrats in the House of Representatives say in doing that, President Trump abused his power to pressure a foreign government to dig up dirt on

Biden because he's a political rival in next year's election. They also accuse the Trump Administration of illegally preventing Congress from

getting more info from the whistle blower who made the original complaint. President Trump has suggested that any wrong doing has to do with former

Vice-President Biden because the Ukrainian prosecutor he wanted to be fired was investigating a Ukrainian gas company that Biden's son was

working for.

There`s been no evidence of wrong doing by Joe or Hunter Biden.

On Wednesday, the White House released a summary of the phone call between President Trump and Ukrainian President Zelensky. It also released the

original complaint made by the whistle blower. The reaction in the U.S. Congress to the call summary was mostly along party lines with Democrats

saying it confirms the need for an impeachment inquiry, an investigation into President Trump actions, and Republicans saying it shows that

President Trump did nothing wrong.

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UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi saying that everything was completely changed after President Trump came out and

admitted that he did indeed in some form speak with and potentially pressure the Ukrainian president to investigate Joe Biden.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: This isn`t relitigating the past. This isn`t relitigating the election with Hillary Clinton. This is about the

president abusing his office in seeking political dirt about an election that`s upcoming.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: We have seen a slew of House Democrats really adding their voice to call for impeachment inquiry to begin. Some moderate swing

state members of the House, also some allies of Speaker Pelosi so very clear that she says and she felt that the time now has come.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Trump keeps talking about this unredacted transcript of his phone call with the Ukrainian president suggesting that if people will

just read this they will see how misdirected these efforts are.

PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP: I think it`s ridiculous. It`s a witch hunt. I`m leading in the polls. They have no idea how they stop me. The only way

they can try is through impeachment. That call was perfect. It couldn`t have been nicer. What Joe Biden did for his son, that`s something they

should be looking at.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Speaker Pelosi happens to be the Speaker of this House but she does not speak for America when it comes to this issue.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Our job is to legislate not to continue to investigate something in the back that we can't find any reason to impeach this president.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: The American people are going to view this and roll their eyes because it's going to sound to them like much of the same thing they've been hearing for the last three years.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: So what's the process. How does impeachment work? Well, the investigation is going to go forward and if the people in charge

of the House of Representatives the Democrats think that there is enough to go forward with impeachment. The House Judiciary Committee will consider

what's called Articles of Impeachment which are specific charges and if they vote Articles of Impeachment then the full House of Representatives

will vote on whether Donald Trump will be impeached. Now if there is a majority in support of impeachment, Donald Trump doesn't lose his office.

That's like a formal charge. It's like an indictment. So if Donald Trump is indicted the way Bill Clinton impeached and - - and that is indicted.

Then the case will go to the United States Senate, it takes two-thirds, 67 votes in the Senate to remove a president from office. I think everyone

believes it's very unlikely in a Republican controlled Senate that Donald Trump will ever be removed from office by the Senate but that's the next

step if there is impeachment voted in the House of Representatives.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: So what could the outcome be. The easiest scenario and probably the most unlikely scenario is they move forward in the House

with impeachment and they remove him in the Senate under that scenario Vice-President Pence becomes President Pence, again very unlikely. The

other scenarios would be they'd move forward with impeachment or articles in the House. He's acquitted in the Senate and we'll see what that means

for 2020. Could very well energize the president of supporters, it could also energize Democrats. Now listen, if they don't go forward in any way

and no impeachment articles come out of the House, we don't know what happens with that. Does the president essentially dodge a bullet and his

supporters are energized and therefore Democrats are demoralized in 2020? We just have to wait and see how these scenarios play out.

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AZUZ: 10 Second Trivia. What is the largest mammal in the weasel family? Wolverine, Pine Marten, Sea Otter or Polecat. It's the sea otter which can

grow to a weight of 90 pounds that's the largest weasel on earth.

Perfect timing for Sea Otter Awareness Week. That's going on right now and today we're taking you to an aquarium in California where two adult sea

otters are helping rehabilitate abandoned pups so they can learn how to survive in the wild.

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UNIDENTIFIED MALE: We're here today at the Monterey Bay Aquarium. The aquarium itself was designed originally to highlight the marine life, the

diversity and the richness of marine life in this local environment. We work with stranded sea otters. The sea otters are coming in with a variety

of injuries, illness, orphaned pups. The animals that are here are being rehabilitated for release back into the wild. We're basically working with

nine sea otters behind the scenes right now. The youngest of the newest is a two week old pup who it's kind of difficult to see but she's sleeping on

the hull out right now.

She will be here behind the scenes in what we call our intensive care unit for probably six more weeks before we start introduction to self

(inaudible). So up here on the roof we've got two tanks where we keep animals. Sea otters wind up eating anywhere, depending on what treatments

they're doing, between 25 and 35 percent of their body weight a day which is obviously a lot of food. If we're going in to do a feeding, let's say

with a pup. We want to be able to have a disguise on. The disguises that we use it's mostly to break up our human form. We're trying to minimize

the likelihood of that the individual pups are going to habituate to us.

Autumn (ph) hang on. They might want to film you tossing that in, are you

OK with that? Ultimately the goal here is that we want to provide an enriched and rewarding environment for these animals that are extremely

intelligent and it's kind of a combination of fun and work for them while they're out here.

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AZUZ: We're doing a little trolling on 10 out of 10 today. Imagine walking through a park in Belgium on the hunt for hidden trolls. They

can't be too hard to find and they stand between 13 and 26 feet tall and they were a gift from a Danish artist to a park that hosts a famous music

festival. They're all made out of recycled wood and there are seven of them lying around or sitting around or toting buckets next to pots.

Unless

you're looking to be "goblin" up some time on an unusual "trogglodyte". You might have to overcome your "troll phobia". Getting some "self elf" before

spending time with "gnome sweet gnome" at such a "kobold" destination. Still it makes for a "fairytale" ending to CNN 10. I'm Carl Azuz.

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