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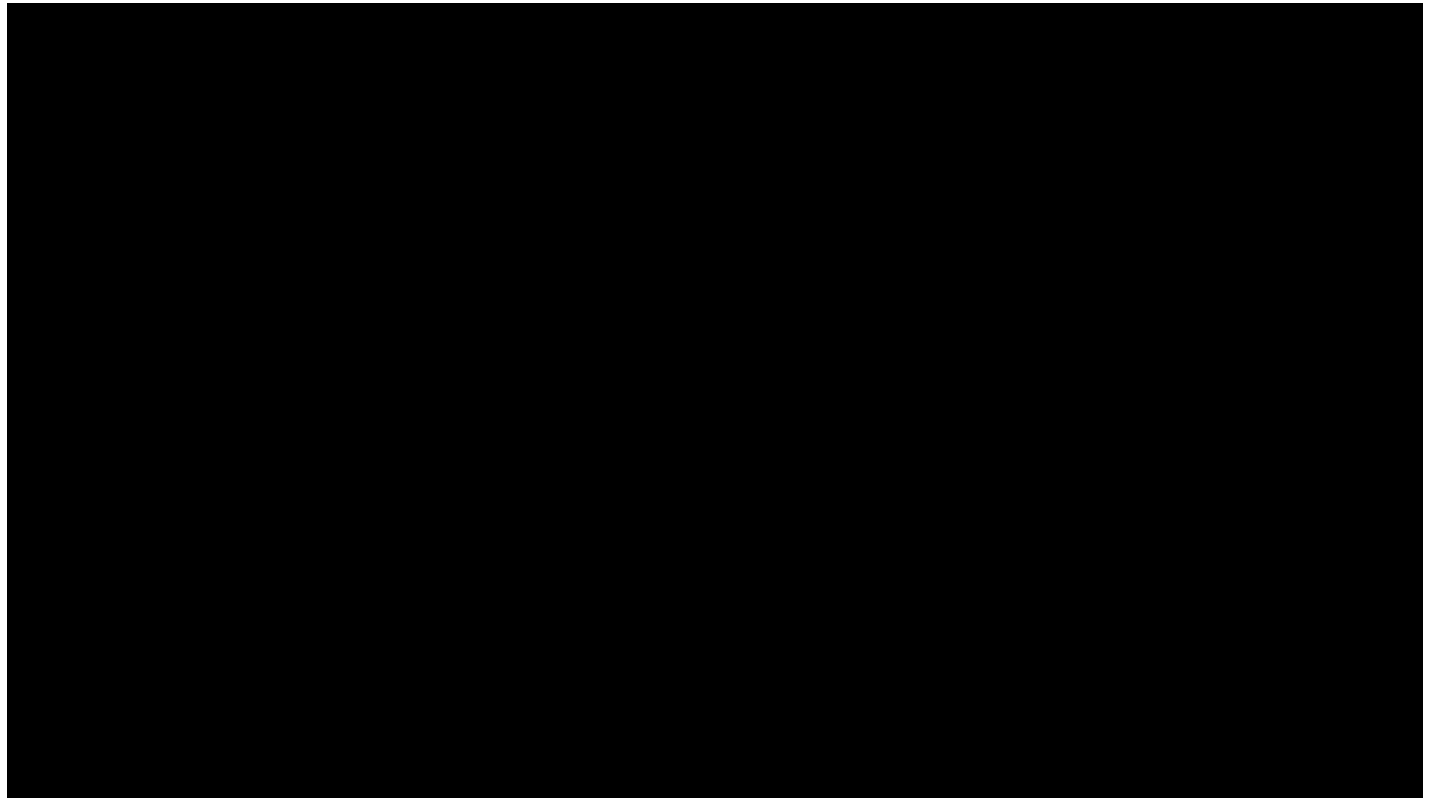


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# Kavanaugh protesters arrested at Capitol, after thousands march on Supreme Court



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## Thousands of anti-Brett Kavanaugh protesters rally in Washington

Thousands of anti-Brett Kavanaugh protesters rallied on Thursday outside the Barrett Prettyman Courthouse in Washington, where Kavanaugh currently works as a judge. Some chanted "We believe Christine Ford. We believe Anita Hill."



Murkowski of Alaska, Jeff Flake of Arizona and Susan Collins of Maine.

"Senator Murkowski, do you believe us?" a female speaker from Alaska said on the steps of the Supreme Court. "You better believe us. You better believe survivors."

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Protesters waved signs that said, "Believe Survivors" and "Kava Nope." Another read, "Susan Collins: Don't betray women. Vote No."

Some protesters may have been encouraged to attend the rally after the Party Majority PAC, a sponsor of the protest, listed the names of numerous supportive celebrities, including Alicia Keys, Eva Longoria, Whoopi Goldberg and Lena Dunham on its flier. Some news stories ahead of the event said they would be there, though none of those listed celebrities showed up.

Warren, who has acknowledged she is thinking of running for president in 2020 as a Democrat, was the biggest name to appear. Others who spoke included Linda Sarsour, the pro-Palestinian activist who helped lead the recent Women's March in Washington.

"I watched that hearing last Thursday, and I believe Dr. Ford," Warren said, referencing Kavanaugh accuser Christine Blasey Ford. "I watched that hearing last Thursday, and Brett Kavanaugh is disqualified."

Warren also took aim at the Republican men on the Senate Judiciary Committee.

The protests came the same day senators were able to read the FBI report on its investigation into Ford's allegations against Kavanaugh.

Republicans said the report was thorough and showed that the FBI could not corroborate any of the allegations against Kavanaugh.

"The whole report, you can stand on it and paint the ceiling," said Sen. John Kennedy, R-La.

"I learned nothing I didn't already know," said Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., who plans to vote for Kavanaugh.

Democrats, including those who have long said they planned to vote against Kavanaugh, said they weren't satisfied.

"There is much in there that raises more questions," said Cory Booker, D-N.J.

The prospects for Kavanaugh's confirmation now rest on four swing senators.

North Dakota Democratic Sen. Heidi Heitkamp, after staying on the fence for weeks, announced Thursday she will vote against Kavanaugh, citing in part his conduct at last week's fiery Hill hearing.



By Thursday afternoon, Capitol Police began arresting hundreds of protesters inside the Hart Senate Office Building who raised their fists and loudly started chanting "hey hey ho ho Kavanaugh has got to go." (NuNu Japardize/Fox News)

But at least two Republican swing senators indicated they were satisfied with the FBI's investigation.

Collins, who has stayed mum on her Kavanaugh stance, said Thursday that the bureau's supplemental background probe "appears to be a very thorough investigation."

And Flake, who originally requested the FBI re-open its investigation into the claims leveled against Kavanaugh by Ford, said no "new corroborative information came out" of the report.

The other two undecideds are Muskowicki and Democratic Sen. Joe Manchin of West Virginia.