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Of Impeachment Debate
Officials Explain Timing

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WASHINGTON, July 24— House Judiciary Committee officials said today that there were two principal reasons for beginning the final impeachment debate in the evening today rather than in the daytime or tomorrow.

The first was that the committee leaders and staff need the time today to put the proposed articles of impeachment into a form that could be presented to the members for purposes of debate.

The second was that many of the Democratic members were eager to begin the debate during prime time on national television. The purpose of the opening debate, they argued, was to educate the public on the potential grounds for impeachment.