

Brazilian Senate Committee Votes 'Yes' to Impeach President Dilma Rousseff



Brasilia, May 6 (RHC-teleSUR)-- A special committee of Brazil's Senate has voted to continue impeachment measures against President Dilma Rousseff. The 21-member committee voted 15 to 5 to continue proceedings against Dilma after accepting a recommendation put forward by Senator Antonio Anastasia.

The question of impeachment will now be considered by a full session of the Senate. Controlled by the opposition, the Senate is due to vote on Tuesday on whether to try the president, at which point she will be automatically suspended during a trial that could last up to 180 days.

Five senators, who make up nearly one quarter of the committee, are involved in the Petrobras state oil corruption probe known as Operation Car Wash that has been at the center of the country's fraud scandals for the past two years.

Of the 21-member committee that voted Friday on whether to recommend Rousseff's impeachment, over half -- or 12 officials -- face charges of corruption and other crimes, according to data from Transparencia Brasil.

President Dilma Rousseff, however, has not been implicated in the scandal and the impeachment charges brought against her are related to the management of the state's bank accounts, of which she has not been charged.

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