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Green said that the House should go beyond condemning Trump and move to remove him from office.

It will be the third impeachment floor vote forced by Green in the last two years, but the first since Democrats took control of the House.

Green previously forced procedural votes on articles of impeachment against Trump in December 2017 and January 2018. Both efforts drew the support of about 60 House Democrats.

A floor vote will force all House Democrats to go on the record about an issue on which they have yet to reach consensus.

Green read aloud his articles of impeachment on the House floor, saying Trump is "unfit to defend the ideals that have made America great" and "unfit to ensure domestic tranquillity" and "promote the general welfare."

As he did in his previous articles of impeachment, Green accused Trump of having "sown seeds of discord among the people of the United States" by inflaming racial tensions and "brought the high office of president of the United States in contempt, ridicule, disgrace and disrepute."

Green, a member of the Congressional Black Caucus, forced the vote in January 2018 after The Washington Post reported Trump described African nations as "shithole countries."

Green gave House Democratic leaders a heads-up that he would be filing the articles of impeachment on Tuesday.

He filed them as a "privileged" resolution, which under House rules must be considered on the floor within two legislative days. That means the House will have to take action by Thursday.