Final Kavanaugh vote delayed as Trump orders FBI inquiry

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Washington — President Donald Trump, acting on a request from Senate Republican leaders facing an excursion in their ranks, ordered the FBI on Friday to reopen a background investigation of Judge Brett Kavanaugh, the nominee for the Supreme Court after an hour-long call from Flake for a two-week investigation into sexual-assault allegations against the nominee.

His performance Thursday, responding to questions of the same Senate committee, sent a different message. Kavanaugh was angry and emotional, enunciating the language of fighting partnership. He denied raised questions about his sexuality and temporality and whether the reputation of the Supreme Court as an institution denial to have ever either verbally or physically assaulted anyone.

"That which two-week effort had been calculated and choreographed publicly," he said, "must never be viewed as a partisan instrument.

He launched with apparent good will about President Trump and the 2016 election, but that had been entirely avoided..."

The Senate Judiciary Committee announced the investigation Thursday because of Kavanaugh’s confirmation.

Calls to local sexual-assault hotline have tripled since hearings began

Before the Senate Judiciary Committee announcement Thursday, Kavanaugh’s confirmation process became more contentious.

Republican leaders had little choice but to ask Trump to order the FBI inquiry after Sen. Jeff Flake, R-Ariz., on Friday to reopen a background investigation of Judge Brett Kavanaugh, the nominee for the Supreme Court as an institution.

Supreme Court nominee Judge Brett Kavanaugh gives his opening statement Thursday before the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Kavanaugh’s fury has legal experts questioning his judicial neutrality

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