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## Impeaching Bakala



Unlike in the U.S. Senate, where Mitt Romney crossed party lines yesterday in one of the two impeachment votes, no Czech MP from the "presidential parties" took such a historic step in the [final impeachment vote against Miloš Zeman](#). No MP from ANO, ČSSD, KSČM or SPD voted on Sept. 26 to remove Zeman. In the other recent Czech "impeachment" vote, no present MP voted last week against [censuring Zdeněk Bakala](#) for failing to [appear before the OKD commission](#). Not even Ondřej Veselý of ČSSD or Miroslav Kalousek of TOP 09, who were the only two to vote against [accepting the OKD report](#), stood up for Bakala. Not a single MP disputed that it is a violation of the law for someone living abroad to decline to appear before a Czech parliamentary commission. We questioned this in [Aug. 2018](#) and still have our doubts. Is this the kind of "impartial justice" that [Romney spoke about yesterday](#)? No, but no one ever lost political points by voting against Zdeněk Bakala.

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