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4 undecided senators hold Kavanaugh's fate in their hands

By Laura Hillman
WASHINGTON — The eyes of the political nation are riveted on three Republican and one Democratic senator who aren't saying, as yet, whether they will vote on the politically loaded question of whether Brett Kavanaugh should sit on the Supreme Court.

One Democratic senator facing a tough re-election in North Dakota, says President Trump won handsily in 2016, announced she's against Kavanaugh. Suspense remains, however, among the other undecideds.

They'll have to vote with their decisions soon. Even before the FBI had delivered its report on the allegations against Trump's nominee, Senate Republican leaders set the chamber barreling toward an up-or-down vote sometime this weekend. But first, these four are reading the FBI report as they navigate the political minefield that Kavanaugh's nomination has created.

Notably, some could vote yes and still, in an Arkansas-primed question under the Senate's always-interesting rules and traditions, be seen as "no."

A look at the key senators and what to watch:

THE STATE OF THINGS
The White House at 11:30 p.m. These five Wednesday decisions are reading the FBI report as they navigate the political minefield that Kavanaugh's nomination has created by Christian Blawie (left) and several announcing her with the two were in high school. Kavanaugh strongly denies the allegations and says he has never sexually assaulted anyone. White House spokesman Raj Shah says the report is "not credible."

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Sen. Jeff Flake (left) denies knowledge of allegations while shepherding Kavanaugh / A2 | Sen. Lisa Murkowski (second from left) says she'll vote against Kavanaugh / A2 | Sen. Joe Manchin (third from left) says he'll vote against Kavanaugh / A2 | Sen. Susan Collins (right) says she'll vote against Kavanaugh / A2

AZ company recalls beef blamed for 57 illnesses

By Melissa Hoffman
TULSA, Okla. — An Arizona company voluntarily recalled more than 4.8 million pounds of beef that could be contaminated with salmonella, federal officials announced Thursday.

The beef was sold under the names Cedar River Farms, Perfect Choice, Gourmet Burger, Great Beef Farms, Slow Cooker Beef, and others.

The beef was packed between July 26 and Sept. 7 and shipped to retailers nationwide, including Walmart, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service.

Some of the products have a sell-by date in late September.

An epidemiological investigation found 57 people in 10 states, including 15 in Arizona, 12 in Colorado and six in Utah, have become ill so far. Fourteen people were hospitalized. No deaths have been reported, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said.

The recalled beef is



Mealworm larvae eat a piece of carrot at the UK's entomology lab, where students are working on raising edible insects.

Grad student's goal: Remove bugaboo about eating insects

By Melissa Hoffman
Lafayette was once barely considered a food, fit only for prisoners or the poor. Now, it's a delicacy, and many wonder how it could ever have been considered disgusting.

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"The trick is that we would make them purge their guts so there's no substrate (diet and compost) in them, and then you freeze them," Slagle said. "You could cook them like a steak, you could grind them up, you could do whatever you want."

Critics will purge within 24 hours of being removed from the substrate, according to Slagle. Right now she's focusing on establishing the colonies, but in December, she plans to get some grains tested to determine the nutritional quality, which is an important step toward integrating them into the food industry.

"I make crickets to the point of chips of the insect world, because they're just kind of crunchy, but if you want people to eat insects as a snack, you have to get them to purge their guts with potato chips," Slagle said.

"We're looking at grains and extrudates, things that are a higher density than what we're trying to do," she said.

If the bugs are to be used as a protein source, they'll need to be processed in this topic is central to the study. Slagle said she doesn't need added water, like, water, because they get their water from the soil and air and food.

"The whole idea of our project is we're taking waste



Max, 10, holds a cricket he raised in his backyard. He says he likes to eat them. The boy is a low-cost, accessible food resource.

ARIZONA INSECT FESTIVAL

The city's annual event is holding its annual Arizona Insect Festival from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 21. The festival, which is free and open to the public, is held at the Environmental and Natural Resources Building at 1304 E. Lowell St., near North First Avenue.

There will be numerous booths, staffed by UK students and researchers, that also serves to get up close with various insects. Free parking is available at the Sixth Street parking garage, just north.



Slagle picks up a host of fly species in the lab at Arizona State. "We're looking at grains and extrudates, things that are bigger and actually have some 'beef' to them," Slagle says.

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other horrific things that livestock go through during processing."

Dankowski said insects are also a low-cost, accessible resource. Insect farms can be located in urban environments, creating local options for consumers.

"This can even be used now to grow mushrooms that sit on your kitchen counter," Dankowski said. "You can produce protein to add to your diet on a regular basis and just sit on your counter."

Once they figure out the science, Slagle said there's still the task of getting programs, similar to mushroom, to take off in North America over its insect-eating taboo.

"They're the ones who are going to get creative with it and make it yours, because if you paid a biologist, you're not just going to eat it," Slagle said. "You don't just walk out into a field and grab something, you have to work to expand the culture through ingredients and make them into delicious food."

Another way to incorporate eating insects is the Arizona Insect Festival, on Oct. 21. Slagle said her lab is taking the mushrooms that will be distributed to festival-goers. Slagle said mushrooms have an early start, similar to mushrooms.

"There might be crickets too," Slagle said. "You can

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Shall said on CNN that the FBI reached out to 10 people and interviewed nine. Democrats said that has limited given the allegations by Ford and Kavanaugh's Yale classmates, national business who says Kavanaugh flouted his grand in her face.

All 100 senators, split in the high court, access to one copy of the FBI report on the high court, according to the Senate Judiciary Committee. That's created a backlog of senators in a Capitol complex already tense over the same for every senator, but on Kavanaugh, it's possible a senator who votes on the first question could vote against Kavanaugh's confirmation. That strategy would give lawmakers a day to look-into what they might have to wait until Friday to read the report.

The full Senate should hold a final confirmation vote. That initial vote is called "cloture," which is Senate jargon for bringing debate to a close. Agreement by a majority of the 100 senators would advance Kavanaugh's nomination.

Second, an executive order on Saturday, senators will take a final vote on whether to confirm Kavanaugh. If the state is not possible, it's a lifetime seat.

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