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Protestors Gather As Vote Comes To A Close

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On the morning of May 26, a group of nonviolent protestors gathered outside the Capitol Building in central Washington, D.C. to protest what is believed to be the first wave of new legislation prohibiting discrimination against magical persons, the act of which would result in fines dependent on severity. Crowds were forming as of 6 A.M., with nearly 2,000 people gathered by noon. Protesters were repeating chants of "Get Away, Fae" and "Human Supreme", with signs to match, but most common was an anti-magic symbol believed to be derived from symbology used in the Salem Witch Trials, accompanied by the word 'Impure'. When interviewed, protester Jane Smith insisted that, "Magic [people] are a nuisance to our lives and endanger our children." Her statements were met with shouts of agreement from onlookers. Despite their vehement words, most protesters confirmed that this was a peaceful assembly, with no plans for increased hostility. Protesters were demanding that Congress listen to their fears and instead pass legislature that would restrict or ban the use of magic, either in public spaces or in everyday life. Concerns based on the uncertain nature of magic and the desire to keep communities free of confusion and danger have led these people to protest so outwardly on this occasion.



Tensions rose as word leaked on social media that the vote would take place at 5:00 P.M., Eastern Standard Time. As the hour approached, some protesters grew restless, approaching barriers placed at the steps of the Capitol Building and heckling police officers and security personnel. At 5:41 P.M., Eastern Standard Time, it was announced that the Senate had voted in favor of the new legislature, at which time crowds began to disperse. Though widely considered only the first wave towards the protection of magical persons, President Wilson has been very vocal in his support of these new bills. More on Page 6.