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HOW IT ENDS: The heated partisan politics of Capitol Hill will jump to scorching today, when TRUMP’s staunchest GOP allies will launch a formal, public and futile effort to keep him in power by overturning the results of the Nov election. w/■Lillis■

The extraordinary gambit has convulsed the Capitol in the final days of Trump's reign and cleaved the GOP into warring factions - divisions that will bear long-lasting implications for both the future direction of the GOP and the success of ambitious 2024 hopefuls.

Such challenges have been tried before, but not on this scale: At least 13 Senate Republicans and more than 100 House Republicans are expected to vote to reject certification of Joe Biden’s EC victory

With Trump agitating his base and threatening to recruit primary challengers to run against disloyal lawmakers, many Republicans, particularly in the House, feel that it would be political suicide to defy him.

“We don’t have a choice,” said one.

What you need to know about today’s Electoral College challenges @alexanderbolton & @juliegraceb https://t.co/xixu6fvyPa

Five themes to watch during Electoral College battle @cimarcos

https://t.co/D4b41GRjbc

Trump election fight puts @VP Pence in no-win situation, by @jordainc & @Brett_Samuels27

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Pro-Trump protesters, DC police clash near White House ahead of election challenge @DomMastrangelo1 https://t.co/OEZtw1zTGt

Officials and some lawmakers are bracing for more potential violence today outside the Capitol.

Republicans “are inciting violence. Trump is too,” @GerryConnolly (D-Va.) told me. https://t.co/L5tMSQpkxJ

Outside the building, officials in Washington are bracing for tensions and even the possibility of violence as thousands of pro-Trump protesters pour into a famously liberal city.

Police have installed a perimeter fence around the Capitol complex, and House Sergeant at Arms Paul D. Irving has urged lawmakers to use secure underground tunnels to travel between their offices and the House chamber rather than walking or driving outdoors.

D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser has mobilized the National Guard, and implored D.C. residents to avoid downtown and not engage the pro-Trump factions. Downtown businesses boarded up their windows and doors.

Republicans "are inciting violence. Trump is too," warned Democratic Rep. Gerry Connolly, who represents the suburbs outside of Washington.

"Now the counting of ballots, which is a ministerial act, is now going to become an opportunity for political incitement and potential violence."