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Rubio says January 6 committee is a "complete partisan scam"



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Florida lambasted the House U.S. Capitol, calling it a its probe.

partisan scam. And I think ld be prosecuted and if

convicted, put in jail," Rubio said in an interview with "Face the Nation" on

Senator Rubio "I do not believe that we need a congressional committee to harass

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investigation beyond the January 6 attack.

"The purpose of that commission is to try to embarrass and smear and harass as many Republicans as they can get their hands on," he said.

Still, Rubio said those who committed crimes on January 6 should be charged.

"If you entered the Capitol and you committed acts of violence and you were there to hurt people, you should be prosecuted and they are being prosecuted," he said. "But the January 6 commission is not the place to do this."



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The resolution rebuked the two Republicans for "participating in a Democrat-led

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In court documents, federal prosecutors have accused supporters of former President Donald Trump charged for their conduct on January 6 of wielding weapons including Tasers, tomahawk axes, crowbars, flagpoles, baseball bats and fire extinguishers. Others have been accused of spraying police officers defending the building with chemical irritants.

The rioters who breached the Capitol building succeeded in temporarily stopping Congress from tallying state electoral votes and reaffirming President Biden as the winner of the 2020 presidential election, though lawmakers ultimately reconvened to complete the count once the violence subsided.

While the assault was more than a year ago, Trump has continued to claim that Vice President Mike Pence could have rejected electoral votes from key battleground states where he lost, and alleged in a statement last week that the vice president "could have overturned the Election!"

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Rubio says he does not believe the vice president has the authority to

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