

Representation from any State, the Executive Authority thereof shall issue Writs of Election to fill such Vacancies.

The House of Representatives shall chuse their Speaker and other Officers; and shall have the sole Power of Impeachment.

Section 3 – The Senate of the United States shall be composed of two Senators from each State, chosen by the Legislature thereof, for six Years; and each Senator shall have one Vote.

Immediately after they shall be assembled

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Impeachment: week in review

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Minneapolis 1/22/18 Edition – The main political news for the last week was the series of events leading up to the brief Federal Government shutdown – which was apparently ended Monday with an agreement between Senate Democrats and Republicans. Amidst this, the Resistance and Women’s March movements celebrated their first “anniversaries” – meaning of course the first year of operation for their enemy, the Trump Administration. A second House vote occurred on Impeachment, but like the first one, it was procedural, and as expected failed by a wide margin, with only 66 Democrats and no Republicans voting in favor of impeachment. There was no major news on the on-going Mueller investigation. The settlement of a lawsuit in California paves the way for people who apply by mail for a driver’s license renewal to also register to vote, without completing a separate form. Although there is an opt-out option for people ineligible to vote, right-wing websites are already starting to portray the new system as “automatically” registering illegal aliens to vote – it appears this is likely to become part of the “counter-narrative” promoted by President Trump and his supporters.

Brief shutdown ends, 2nd impeachment vote fails, CA billionaire’s campaign continues

[The AP reports](#) Senate negotiations to end the current Federal Government shutdown resulted in an agreement Monday -- apparently putting the Federal Government back on a fully funded basis for at least a fortnight. The [New York Times, reporting on the vote](#) in real time: showed 81 votes in favor, 18 opposed, and Senator John McCain (R-AZ) not voting as of 1:29

PM Eastern Time. Republican Senate Leader Mitch McConnell promised a quick and fair debate and vote on immigration, including a fair amendment process. The NY Times reports the House will have to vote again before the Government reopens; President Trump will also have to sign the bill.

[The Hill reports](#) the U.S. House of Representatives turned back a second effort by Rep. Al Green (D-TX) to impeach President Trump, voting down his Articles of Impeachment 355-66 on a procedural motion, with 3 Democrats abstaining. No Republicans voted in favor of Impeachment. However, there were eight more Democrats favoring impeachment than in December, when Green first brought Articles of impeachment to a vote. Green's Articles were updated to include the "shithole" comment President Trump reportedly made last week. Some have associated that alleged remark with the failure of negotiations involving President Trump and Congress that were undertaken to avoid the current Federal Government shutdown.

California hedge fund billionaire and major Democratic financial backer Tom Steyer's petition calling for President Trump's impeachment now has over 4.3 million signatures. There was speculation that Steyer's campaign, which has included over \$20 million in media advertising, might be leading up to his own candidacy for President in 2020. He has now ruled that out, but does plan to contribute \$30 million to help Democrats retake the U.S. House of Representatives in 2018.

Forecast: Impeachment unlikely in 2018; "Resistance" celebrates one year

An assessment by [The Independent \(UK\)](#) concludes two factors will be most important regarding President Trump's impeachment prospects for 2018. First, if the Mueller investigation results in solid evidence of obstruction of justice, or other historically recognized grounds for impeachment, a bi-partisan coalition may begin to form. Second, the 2018 midterm elections could move control of one or both houses to the Democrats, with an increased likelihood of impeachment. However, the Independent concludes impeachment in 2018 is unlikely.

[McClatchy surveys](#) the "Resistance" movement a year after it took shape during the inauguration of President Trump. It has resulted in a nationwide surge of energy, partly within the Democratic Party, but also through independent and activist groups. Many novices are now running for office -- especially at the local level. One major question mark is whether the

expectations of these new activists, and their emerging candidates, will push the party to the left, potentially alienating moderates and independents who are also in many cases unhappy with President Trump.

President Trump's "California Problem"

The [LA Times analyzes](#) what can only be described as a kind of "cold war" between President Trump and the state of California. The notoriously thin-skinned Trump is obviously bothered that CA went for Hillary Clinton by an overwhelming 4.3 million votes -- accounting for more than her entire nationwide margin of victory in the popular vote. Trump and his supporters have alleged major but unproven voter fraud in California. Democrats are targeting many of the 14 California House seats held by the GOP. Trump for his part has not visited the state in his first year as President -- an omission even more unusual due to natural disasters that California has suffered -- typically such events prompt a Presidential visit.

[Courthouse News Service](#) reports the State of California recently settled a lawsuit, agreeing to allow people who renew their driver's license by mail to use one form for both the license renewal and voter registration. The forms are sent to the Secretary of State's office, where people are registered to vote unless they elect to opt out of registering. The lawsuit, by the League of Women Voters of California and other plaintiffs, claimed that requiring separate forms was unduly burdensome and violated the National Voting Rights Act. The [Drudge Report](#) [recently provided this link to a story](#) from WND.com: "**California to register illegal aliens to vote -- automatically?**" It appears this may be an emerging "impeachment counter-narrative" story from media that tends to support President Trump.

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