

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

The House of Representatives shall choose 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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FEATURE:

Impeachment: week in review

A Monday one paragraph summary report and analysis; followed by recaps (with links) for about ten representative on-line articles and essays – 800 to 1,000 words

Week ending 10/1/2017

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Minneapolis 10/2/17 – Impeachment related news regarding President Trump is more contextual than direct this week. Beyond Trump’s continuing criticism of national anthem protests by NFL athletes – now in Week Two – three other major events occurred... all with possible impeachment implications. First, HHS Secretary Tom Price resigned – his lavish spending on chartered air travel is seen by some as akin to Trump’s own lavish use of Trump properties while President. Price gave up a powerful position in the House to become HHS Secretary. With him now completely out of the picture... gone from both Congress and the Administration, Trump may find it easier to do a deal with Democrats on Obamacare. Second, former Alabama Supreme Court chief judge Roy Moore beat the Trump/McConnell candidate in the Republican U.S. Senate primary. Moore, who Ohio Governor John Kasich blasted for “ludicrous and divisive” claims, may prove to be a continuing embarrassment to Republicans on the national scene – if he wins. An upset by Democrat Doug Jones is possible -- that would drop the GOP Senate majority to 51-49, including two independents aligned with Democrats. Third, the Administration has been criticized for a late and inadequate response to the humanitarian disaster in Puerto Rico following Hurricane Maria. All these events have unfolding and mostly unknown implications for President Trump’s possible impeachment. Calls for his impeachment continued last week, but many Democrats are also speaking cautiously, and considering the risks of a “premature” impeachment... or continuing knee-jerk calls for it, that they fear might discredit the process. A possible bi-partisan compromise on DACA may have also become more complicated, as many Dreamers appear to be taking an “all or nothing” approach.

Trump vs the NFL -- Week Two

A recent [WSJ editorial](#) is just one example of widespread condemnation of President Trump's recent decision to criticize protests by NFL athletes during the national anthem, dramatically escalating the politicization of what had been for most Americans a respite and politically neutral ground: major league sports. However, Republicans and Trump supporters appear to be solidly on board with "their President" on this issue.

In a [Fox News interview](#), George Washington Law Prof Jonathan Turley criticized a call by Congressman Al Green (D-TX) to impeach President Trump based on his criticism of the NFL protests during the national anthem. Prof. Turley spoke of the danger that: "Engaging in free speech as president, and saying you don't think that should be allowed itself can be an impeachable offense. That would destroy any notion of a standard for impeachment, and it would create a considerable instability in our system."

Impeachment calls continue; Kasich may leave GOP if "the party can't be fixed"...

Gov. John Kasich told [CNN's Jake Tapper](#): "There is a struggle for the soul of the Republican party." Citing "ludicrous and divisive" claims by recent Alabama Senate primary winner Roy Moore, and polls showing more support for independent candidacies than ever before in our history, Kasich mulled leaving the GOP if "the party can't be fixed." He said he hasn't given up yet.

[CBS News](#) reported a one-word billboard: "Impeach," next to a glowering image of President Trump, briefly greeted motorists going between Oakland and San Francisco. The sponsor -- a group called the "Courage Campaign" -- claimed they have a petition with nearly 100,000 signatures. The billboard was near a bridge with reported daily traffic of one million. However, although the sponsors claimed their contract ran through Sunday, [San Francisco's ABC News](#) reported the billboard message has been removed by the site that manages the space.

In a [Newsweek interview](#), former Bush Administration ethics chief and University of Minnesota Law Professor Richard Painter provided a list of reasons why President Trump could be impeached -- and one crucial reason why he might not be. Prof. Painter thinks Democrats may believe Trump is more moderate on policy than his inoffensive, mild-mannered Vice-president; concluding that Democrats fear what might happen during a post-Trump "Pence honeymoon."

[Elite Daily](#) reports a new hashtag: #WhyWeMustImpeachTrumpin7Words, has been trending. People are encouraged to tweet (and retweet) their seven-word arguments, reasons, or snark. An inadequate aid response to Puerto Rico is reported to be leading topic.

... but political risks of impeachment scare Democrats

[Washington Post](#) columnist [Richard Cohen](#) argues unless evidence supporting impeachment is overwhelming, the risk of a fractured nation may be too great. He acknowledges Special Counsel Mueller is likely to "find something" -- but fears that Trump's core supporters won't accept his removal for murky, complicated reasons.

The [NY Times](#) reports Congressional Democrats are facing a political dilemma. Many "Dreamers" -- who were brought to the U.S. as children -- are taking an "all or nothing" approach to the coming DACA negotiations with President Trump. The "all-or-nothing" camp wants to give the Dreamers legal status, but wants no increase in border security, no wall, and ultimately no danger that their parents may still be deported. Democrats have appeared more reluctant to enter the "impeachment fray" until a deal is reached on DACA -- failing to make a deal could be catastrophic for the dreamers. It seems likely that any ultimately bi-partisan deal would have to include elements the "all-or-nothing" Dreamers object to.

[Newsweek](#) reports Democratic Congressional leaders believe "we're not ready" to impeach President Trump, and that a premature effort to impeach could discredit the process.

[The Oregonian](#) offers up an essay by Douglas Perry, considering ways that impeachment could "backfire" -- including unrest approaching or leading to civil war. Perry's topical survey includes one seldom heard point: while Special Counsel Mueller may conclude Trump has broken the law, an indictment is unlikely to follow. Perry reports most legal experts believe a sitting president cannot be indicted.

Approval/Disapproval polls; impeachment betting odds: Summary data from [The Telegraph](#) (UK) show a slight uptick in President Trump's approval ratings, and a corresponding dip for disapproval ratings during late September. The betting probability that President Trump will not finish his first term is reported as 48% -- unchanged from last week.

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