

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 10/22/2017 (~1,100 words)

Note: due to the Manafort indictment this week's edition was delayed one day

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Minneapolis 10/23/17– With little to report about hurricanes or the Las Vegas shooting, and California wildfires largely controlled, impeachment was back in the news last week. California billionaire Tom Steyer has launched a \$10 million broadcast TV and cable campaign, calling on Americans to sign a petition and contact Congress demanding President Trump be impeached for obstruction of justice. Hustler publisher Larry Flint has been receiving four to five hundred responses a day to a full-page ad he ran in the Washington Post a week ago, offering \$10 million for information leading to Trump's impeachment and removal from office. Congressman Steve Cohen (D-TN) has announced plans to introduce Article of Impeachment; he hopes to have about ten co-sponsors, and said one Republican is considering that. Impeachment is also being discussed in the context of the 2018 midterm elections. A House flip to the Democrats is seen by some as likely to lead to President Trump's impeachment; only a majority vote is required. In more generally "leadership-related news," President Trump continues his "war with the NFL" over athletes protesting during the national anthem – however the owners declined to change their rule to require everyone to stand. Last Sunday lots of seats were visibly empty post-kickoff in stadiums around the country. A sympathy call controversy also erupted, when the family of a U.S. soldier killed in Niger said President Trump had been disrespectful during his phone call to them. A Congresswoman was in their car, heard the call on speakerphone, and confirmed the family's account of it.

Impeachment is back in the news as hurricanes, wildfires and Vegas shooting recede

[CNN reports](#) that California billionaire Tom Steyer has launched a \$10 million TV ad campaign calling on the American people to demand that Congress impeach President Trump. Steyer claims the President is a "clear and present danger," and crossed the legal threshold for impeachment when he obstructed justice by firing FBI Director James Comey.

[Newsweek reports](#) Rep. Steve Cohen, (D-TN) has drafted and is planning to introduce Articles of Impeachment, and will have a number of co-sponsors, possibly including at least one Republican House member. Cohen is quoted by

Newsweek: “‘I have one Republican who has said he is looking at it, he’s considering it,’ Cohen told MSNBC Sunday. ‘I have other Republicans, just like Senator Bob Corker suggested, who have told me on a constant basis that they know this man is not balanced, he is not capable of continuing to lead us, including Freedom Party people, who said “I don’t know how long we can stand this.”’”

[Newsweek reports](#) Hustler publisher Larry Flynn is receiving 400 to 500 responses a day to an ad seeking information to remove President Trump from office. Flynn ran a full page Washington Post ad Sunday Oct. 15th offering \$10 million for information leading to the impeachment and removal from office of Trump. Flynn estimated in 2014 his magazine could be worth \$500 million, indicating he would be good for the money. The solicitation hotline and e-mail address will be live for two weeks from the ad date.

Impeachment looms as an issue for the 2018 midterm elections

A [LA Times opinion piece](#) by Mariel Garza suggests Steyer's impeachment campaign may be about building his own brand, since he is considering a challenge to fellow Democrat and U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein, who has announced she will seek a sixth term. Steyer, a former hedge fund manager, is reported by [Fortune](#) to be worth \$1.61 billion. Last year he contributed \$91 million to support campaigns of Democratic candidates. That fact suggests building the Democratic Party and its “brand” may be yet another goal.

[The Hill reports](#) GOP donors were briefed privately on who would be likely to chair specific committees if the House flips to Democratic control in 2018. As part of that presentation, the prospect of President Trump's likely impeachment was raised. Because only a majority vote is required to impeach in the House, Democratic control would clearly appear to supply the needed votes.

Abigail Tracy argues in [Vanity Fair's "Hive"](#) that by cooperating with Steve Bannon's drive to replace "establishment" Republicans, President Trump may be making the loss of the House more likely in 2018, and as a consequence making his own impeachment more likely. Bannon-backed insurgents may win many Republican primaries, but are more likely to lose in the general election than those they would be replacing.

Trump sympathy call results in controversy -- The [NY Times reports](#) on a controversy that erupted after President Trump made a phone call to the widow of a U.S. soldier killed in Niger. The call was placed on speakerphone in a car with the widow, the soldier's mother and a Congresswoman in it; the mother accused the President of being disrespectful to her family. Rep. Frederica Wilson (D-FL) confirmed the family’s account of the conversation, and was accused of "politicizing a sacred ritual." White House Chief of Staff John Kelly subsequently held a news conference, backing up President Trump, and criticized Rep. Wilson for a speech she had given at a 2015 building dedication he had attended in Florida. The [NY Times subsequently reported](#) that video of the 2015 speech had emerged, and Gen. Kelly had mischaracterized Rep. Wilson's remarks. [The Hill reports](#) Rep. Wilson has demanded an apology for Gen. Kelly's "character assassination."

Trump vs the NFL -- Week Five

[The Hill reports](#) President Trump tweeted "No leadership in NFL!" after dozens of players continued to "take a

knee" during the most recent Sunday's games. Earlier in the week the NFL owners met, but did not make a rule change to require players to stand for the national anthem.

[The Gateway Pundit](#) published a collection of photos of NFL stadiums, demonstrating clearly there are often thousands of post-kickoff empty seats during games, as the battle between President Trump and the NFL over player protests during the national anthem continues. [The Week reported](#) Oct 11th a 30 percent increase among Trump voters who view the NFL unfavorably. Earlier, views of Republicans and Democrats on the NFL were both positive and similar.

Approval/Disapproval polls; impeachment betting odds: The latest [Daily Telegraph](#) (UK) results show no significant change in approval/disapproval ratings for President Trump in the past few days. The most recent results, through October 16th, show a slight uptick in disapproval, but also a slight uptick in approval, over the past few days. Both changes are so slight as to be within margins of error. The odds he won't complete his first term remain at 48%.

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