

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

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Week ending 11/12/2017 (~1,120 words)

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Minneapolis 11/13/17 – Democrats swept all three Governorships up for election in last week’s mostly municipal-level General Election, as President Trump was on a twelve day Asian trip. Former Alabama Supreme Court chief judge and Republican Senate candidate Roy Moore faced multiple sexual harassment charges, dating back about four decades – many Republicans are calling for him to withdraw. Moore trails by 4% in the most recent poll. The Senate could expel Moore if he is elected; Governor Kay Ivey would then name another Republican Interim Senator. The Mueller investigation continues; an attorney for Paul Manafort and Richard Gates was ordered to testify to a grand jury, based on a crime-fraud exception to attorney-client privilege. On the Sunday after Veteran’s Day, only three NFL athletes “took a knee” during the national anthem – that protest movement may be winding down. Representative Al Green (D-TX) vowed the house would vote on impeachment “before Christmas.”

Democrats sweep Governorships in 2017 General Elections

[Yahoo reports](#) that after the mid-term elections Democrats have swept three Governorships, including two that were held by Republicans, and won both houses in two of the three states, Washington and New Jersey. However, Washington's new Governor, Jay Inslee, was cautious in setting expectations: noting both houses were closely divided, and expressing hope some things could be done on a bi-partisan basis.

On the eve of the 2017 General elections [a POLITICO/Morning Consult poll](#) revealed that 82% of

Trump's voters last year said they would "do it again" -- 78% of Clinton voters said the equivalent. However, for the 2020 election, against a "generic Democrat," only 76 of Trump voters said they would back Trump. 40% of independent voters strongly disapprove of Trump's job performance. Among all those polled, only a narrow majority of 52% thinks Trump will finish his first term -- 37% think he will leave early. In another poll, [from CNN](#), 62% said Trump doesn't deserve to be re-elected.

“Aggressive” Mueller Investigation: Judge overrides Manafort Attorney Client privilege

Andrew McCarthy recounts in [National Review](#) that a federal judge ordered Attorney Melissa Laurenza, an attorney for Paul Manafort and Richard Gates, to testify before a grand jury. Chief District Judge, Beryl Howell determined that she had participated in efforts by Manafort and Gates to cover up their lobbying efforts on behalf of a Ukrainian political party, a crime-fraud exception to attorney-client privilege. The thrust of McCarthy argues in detail that the Mueller investigation is aggressive, and that the FBI's earlier investigation of Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's was essentially the opposite.

Byron York opines in the [Washington Examiner](#) the "Trump Russian Dossier" may have triggered the FBI's counter-intelligence probe into the "Trump-Russia affair." York reports the FBI received installments from former British M16 agent Christopher Steele, author of the "Trump Russian Dossier." The dossier alleges various contacts between, Trump, his campaign, and the Russians, over a period of years, and suggests Russians may have been willing to pay "billions" to get sanctions lifted.

Alabama Senate Race shifts towards Democrat after sexual contact allegations

[A new poll shows](#) Republican and former Alabama Supreme Court Chief Justice Roy Moore trailing his Democratic opponent, Doug Jones, 46% to 42% in their Senate race, with the election one month away. Many Republicans are calling on him to quit the race after allegations that he had sexual contact with a 14-year-old girl about four decades ago. If the Democrat wins, the Republican majority in the U.S. Senate will be reduced to 51-49, including two independents who caucus with the Democrats. The poll, published by JMC Analytics and Polling, was conducted after the allegations against Moore were widely publicized earlier in the week. The poll showed Moore and Jones tied among men, but Moore trailing among women voters by 6%.

In a [NY Times op-ed](#), Alabama Law Professor Ronald Krotoszynski presents a way that Roy Moore could be denied a seat in the U.S. Senate. Based on the precedent set by former Oregon Senator Robert Packwood, the Senate could find him unfit for office, and expel him. Packwood resigned hours after a report

written by current Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell recommended expulsion for sexual harassment. Krotoszynski notes that if such action were to be taken against Moore, the current interim Senator, Luther Strange, could simply continue to serve until the 2018 general election. Notice that, in a backhand way, Prof. Krotoszynski seems to be suggesting Alabama could elect Mr. Moore under the circumstances, if there is an expectation that he would be immediately expelled, and the seat would remain Republican.

Impeachment Campaign: Green (D-TX): House will vote on impeachment by Christmas

[Newsweek](#) reports Representative Al Green (D-TX) has prepared Articles of Impeachment, and said there will be a House vote before Christmas. Earlier, he brought the Articles to the floor, but did not proceed to seek a vote due to the recent mass killing in Las Vegas. A recent Public Policy Polling survey, released at the end of last month, showed 49% of Americans in favor of impeachment, and 41% opposed.

The [LA Times reports](#) former hedge fund manager and California Democratic billionaire Tom Steyer has increased his budget to \$20 million for an ad and petition campaign to impeach President Trump. His petition now reportedly has over two million signatures. However, the response from Democratic leaders, including House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, has been lukewarm. The article suggests the main beneficiary of the campaign may be Steyer himself, who is considering a campaign for Senator or Governor next year.

Trump vs. protesting NFL players – week 8 -- [The Guardian \(UK\) reports](#) two San Francisco 49ers and one New York Giant took a knee during the National Anthem the Sunday after Veteran's day -- one later said it has nothing to do with the military. "This is about systemic oppression that has been rampant in this country for decades on top of decades," said 49er Eric Reid. According to The Guardian: "The vast majority of NFL players are now standing for the anthem."

Approval/Disapproval polls – Impeachment Odds -- [The Telegraph \(UK\)](#) -- which has been updating a continuing feature -- shows for the last week a continuing very slight unfavorable trend for President Trump -- currently 57% disapprove of him, while 38% approve. Most recently, a 40% chance is reported that he will not complete his first term -- which could be the result of impeachment -- three weeks ago the odds were 48% that he would not complete his first term.

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