

*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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## **FEATURE:**

# **Impeachment: week in review**

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**Week ending 11/26/2017 (~1,140 words)**

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**Minneapolis 11/27/17** – Like a giant stone milling wheel, special counsel Robert Mueller’s investigation shows steady momentum, and produces a continuing flurry of chaff, along with its still-unknown final product. This week brings news of a meeting between General Michael Flynn’s attorneys and Mueller’s investigators, following an announcement that attorney exchanges between General Flynn and President Trump have ceased. This could signal a possible plea deal, and/or testimony from General Flynn implicating others. Reporting on the challenge of jury selection for the upcoming criminal trials of former Trump campaign manager Paul Manafort and his right hand has also started – a change of venue is unlikely, since only people outside the U.S. haven’t been hearing about this story constantly. California Democratic billionaire Tom Steyer is continuing his ad and impeachment campaign, with spending now reported at \$20 million. A recent Democratic candidate forum in upstate New York produced commitments to seek President Trump’s impeachment from three challengers to the incumbent, Rep. Elsie Stefanik (R-NY). The on-going conflict over NFL athletes protesting during the National Anthem, now in Week 12, shows no sign of letting up, after less apparent activity the prior week. The recent tsunami of sexual harassment allegations against media and business celebrities, and politicians, appears to threaten President Trump: a Quinnipiac poll shows 61% of Americans favor impeaching him if any of the sexual harassment allegations against him are proved true.

## **Mueller Investigation continues with Flynn attorney's meeting**

BREAKING NEWS: [ABC News reports](#) President Trump's former National Security Advisor, General Michael Flynn's attorney met Monday November 27th with special counsel Robert Mueller's investigators. General Flynn is reported to be feeling increasing pressure as investigators appear to be focusing on his son. General Flynn has also been reported to have concealed over a dozen foreign trips and contacts while renewing his security clearance. General Flynn could make a privileged proffer, telling investigators of information he has implicating others in wrongdoing.

Earlier, [the Washington Post](#) and other news organizations reported General Flynn's attorney informed President Trump's attorney on Thanksgiving even that General Flynn "can no longer discuss" the Mueller investigation with them. Such an end to discussions may be a signal that General Flynn is either cooperating, or considering cooperating, with Mueller's investigation. Because General Flynn may be indictable, a plea bargain could be a piece of the puzzle. Privilege can likely be claimed for the substance of prior discussions involving attorneys for General Flynn and President Trump. General Flynn resigned after serving 24 days as President Trump's National Security Advisor.

The [Wall Street Journal reports](#) Mueller is focusing on a documentary that General Flynn allegedly participated in financing, using money provided by his client, a Turkish businessman with close ties to the government. The documentary was to discredit a cleric, Fethullah Gulen, who had reportedly worked to try to overthrow President Erdogan of Turkey. General Flynn may also have been involved in an attempt to remove the cleric from rural Pennsylvania to Turkey, reportedly for up to \$15 million.

With the trials of Paul Manafort and Rick Gates approaching next year, the [Wall Street Journal further reports](#) there may be challenges trying to pick an impartial jury. Because news coverage has been national, it is unlikely a motion to move the trial from D.C. will be granted. Prospective jurors will typically first be mailed a detailed questionnaire, to determine if there are disqualifying answers.

## **Impeachment campaign continues**

[CNN reports](#) California Democratic billionaire Tom Steyer is offering a "necessity

defense" for his on-going ad and petition campaign to impeach President Trump, saying: "it's very important and urgent that we get him out of office." Steyer emphasizes Trump's alleged obstruction of justice in trying to divert FBI Director James Comey from the Russian election interference investigation, and added: "this President has performed in a lawless way throughout the campaign and throughout his presidency and he is an urgent threat to the American people." President Trump tweeted Steyer is: "wacky and totally unhinged."

[North Country Public Radio](#) reports from Plattsburgh NY, the northeast tip of the state, that three of nine Democratic candidates running to unseat District 21 Rep. Elsie Stefanik (R-NY) called for President Trump's impeachment. Three other Democrats on the eight-candidate panel were more cautious, saying investigations need to be completed. One of the two remaining candidates said he was "more fearful of Vice President Pence becoming President Pence." President Trump carried the 21st District in 2016. A GOP primary challenger to Rep. Stefanik said he was "disgusted that this question was even asked."

**Impeachment essay --** [Newsweek Writer Max Kutner says](#) in an essay that James Madison, known as the "Father of the Constitution," supported the principle that a President can be impeached for betraying "his trust to a foreign power." While this is a focus of the on-going Mueller investigation, it has been only a peripheral factor in Articles of Impeachment already introduced -- one invokes the foreign emoluments clause, but only for alleged use of Trump properties by foreign entities, presumably to curry favor.

## **Trump vs. protesting NFL players – week 10**

After something of a lull last week, the [Gateway Pundit's latest weekly article](#) follows their recent pattern: showing tweets from fans at stadiums around the country, with pictures of large numbers of empty seats. Although the reports say their pictures are taken shortly before kickoff times, that claim is difficult to verify.

[USAToday](#) reports a total of 23 NFL athletes protested during the most recent Sunday afternoon games, including players who sat, "took a knee" and raised a fist during the National Anthem.

[The Hill reports](#) only one NFL player, Oliver Vernon of the New York Giants, "took a

knee" during the National Anthem during Thursday's NFL Thanksgiving Day games.

## **Approval/Disapproval polls – Impeachment Odds**

In the wake of a tsunami of sexual harassment allegations against media and business celebrities, and politicians, [AOL reports](#) a Quinnipiac poll shows 61% of Americans favor impeaching President Trump if any of the sexual harassment allegations against him are proved true. The breakdown is: 88% of Democrats, 59% of independents, and a highly significant 28% of Republicans, indicating a significant potential weakness in the Trump base, which has been largely united against attacks on Trump.

[The Telegraph](#), which has been updating a continuing feature, shows results are virtually unchanged for the last wee -- currently 57% disapprove of President Trump, while 39% approve. Most recently, a 40% chance is reported that he will not complete his first term -- which could be the result of impeachment -- this has been steady for three weeks.

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