

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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Minneapolis 9/25/17 – News from last week was dominated by President Trump’s tendency to cause and increase controversy. Prime examples were the aftermath from his incendiary United Nations speech, in which he threatened to “totally destroy North Korea,” and his call to fire or suspend NFL and other professional athletes who he sees as “disrespecting” the national anthem. Both actions appear calculated at least in part to further solidify Trump’s political base, and to cause more national division. There could also be an element of “smoke screen” – an intent to reduce news reporting and attention paid to a last-ditch GOP Senate effort to “repeal and replace Obamacare.” Amid the uproars, impeachment wasn’t much in the news, although there were renewed and new calls for it, and although the Mueller investigation looms as an increasingly serious threat. Last week we learned Mueller’s investigators picked the lock on the home of former Trump campaign manager Paul Manafort – a judge must conclude there is a danger of evidence destruction to allow that in a search warrant. **Analysis:** Trump’s recent deal with Democrats to protect the “dreamers” still looms as an incentive for Democrats to “leave Trump alone” until he’s signed a bill – that may take several more months. Trump’s most recent incitements may be in part a continuing response to the agenda of his base – consolidating it after his “dreamer deal.” The coming week will likely decide the fate of Obamacare.

Divisions emerge; gain strength: UN “recklessness;” Sports “politicization”

A recent column from [NY Times pundit Gail Collins](#) is a current example of a longstanding argument for President Trump's impeachment -- his inflammatory behavior on the international stage -- most recently a threat during his United Nations speech to "totally destroy North Korea" -- is simply too dangerous in our nuclear age. Collins suggests a President Pence may be the needed solution.

A [Wall Street Journal editorial](#) is just one example of across-the-board condemnation of President Trump's recent decision to dramatically escalate the politicization of what had been for most Americans a respite and politically neutral ground: major league sports. President Trump has called on fans to walk out of stadiums when players exhibit "disrespect" for the national anthem.

Mueller investigation intensifies as threat to Trump; may trigger his resignation

The [NY Times reports](#) Special Counsel Robert Mueller's investigators picked the lock on Paul Manafort's home when raiding it with a search warrant, and told him they "planned to indict him." A judge must believe evidence is likely to be destroyed to issue a search warrant allowing a lock to be picked for unannounced entry. Mueller's investigation was characterized as more like one for an "organized crime syndicate" than for "a typical white-collar case."

The [Washington Post reported](#) Special Counsel Robert Mueller has, among thousands of e-mails, one showing then Campaign Chair Paul Manafort "offered to provide briefings on the race to a Russian billionaire closely aligned with the Kremlin." The article details Manafort's history of dealing with numerous powerful Russian and former Soviet Union officials, featuring code words, attempts by Manafort to collect claimed debts, and one accusation Manafort may have kept \$19 million entrusted with him for investment.

Brandeis Professor and American Prospect co-founder Robert Kuttner argues in a short [Huffington Post essay](#) that Special Counsel Robert Mueller's report could trigger President Trump's resignation. Trump has already drained Washington of any good will from Congressional Republicans; Kuttner reasons a drawn-out impeachment process would also saturate America's TVs with months of well-documented exposure of Trump's business history, destroying his "brand."

More calls for impeachment, of both Trump and Sessions

[RealClearPolitics reports](#) Maxine Waters (D-CA) told a Congressional Black Caucus Town Hall meeting she can "guarantee" President Trump is "in collusion with the Russians to undermine our democracy." She claims Congress can define the phrase "high Crimes and Misdemeanors" and renewed her call for the President's impeachment.

The [Boston Globe](#) published a letter from citizens in all nine Congressional districts, asking all MA Representatives to "call upon the House Judiciary Committee to launch an impeachment investigation against President Trump." They claim a list of accusations amounts to a "gross abuse or violation of the public trust," which they believe is a "high crime or misdemeanor." All nine MA Representatives in the House and both Senators are Democrats.

[Newsweek](#) reports University of Minnesota Law Professor Richard Painter, the chief White House

Ethics advisor to President George W. Bush, said "obstruction of justice" and "lying" may end Trump's Presidency.

Wisconsin Journalist [John Nichols' essay](#) advocates the impeachment of Attorney General "Jeff Sessions, the most lawless and dangerous member" of the Trump Administration. Sen. Al Franken says Sessions "did not answer truthfully under oath" during his confirmation hearing.

Essay/Book Beat: [The New Yorker](#) offers up a 3,700 word essay from Harvard Professor Cass Sunstein, drawn from his upcoming book, [Impeachment: A Citizen's Guide](#). Sunstein concludes: "In the two actual impeachments of American Presidents, no impeachable offense was committed," but strongly suggests such offenses were committed by President Nixon, who remained eligible for a pardon from his successor because he resigned before any full House vote was taken.

Approval/Disapproval polls; impeachment betting odds: Summary data from [The Telegraph](#) (UK) show both President Trump's approval and disapproval ratings have remained virtually unchanged for the first half of September. The betting odds that President Trump will not finish his first term is reported as 48%.

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