

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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Minneapolis 1/16/18 Edition – With the brand-baby-new year barely begun, the national news regime once again swung into diaper-changing action as President Trump launched another murky, icky controversy with a war-of-words over whether he really *did* (or didn't) say “shithole country” or just some other “tough” language while meeting with a bi-partisan group of members of Congress, and others, to discuss one among several short-term crises the nation is currently faced with. Republican Senator Lindsey Graham said Democratic Senator Dick Durbin of Illinois was “basically accurate” in his description of President Trump’s comments. In the short term, a potential government shutdown looms. Contentious issues such as the fate of close to a million “dreamers” – and millions of children imminently in danger of losing “CHIP” health coverage – seem likely to shape debate for at least the next few weeks, as the nation approaches the first State of the Union speech to be delivered by President Trump. The Mueller investigation continues, with news that Steve Bannon has been subpoenaed to give Grand Jury testimony; an agreement to meet with Mueller’s staff may emerge as an alternative. The impact of the Fire and Fury book, which dominated last week’s news, appears to be fading into background noise -- not widely disbelieved, dutifully attacked by Trump’s surrogates, and ultimately not likely to change many minds. Meanwhile, the Dow is up another 1,000.

Impeachment vote looms; “Need to Impeach” campaign continues; polling shows doubt

[Newsweek reports](#) Texas Congressman Al Green plans another House vote on President Trump's impeachment, following the recent controversy over President Trump's reported language from a meeting with members of Congress and others. Trump is reported to have described African nations, El Salvador and Haiti as “shithole countries.” A previous vote demanded by Congressman Green failed, with 58 House Democrats favoring impeachment.

[Newsweek reports](#) California Democrat, hedge fund billionaire, and leading financial contributor Tom Steyer told the Los Angeles Times, referring to the mid-term elections: "If we don't win on Nov. 6, 2018, we're screwed." Steyer is reported to have spent \$20 million or more on his "need to impeach" advertising and petition campaign to impeach President Trump, and is reported to be willing to spend up to a total of \$40 million on that campaign. The petition has gathered over 4 million signatures.

[The Hill reports](#) that by a bare 51% to 45% majority, a Quinnipiac poll shows Americans do not want a potential Democratic House of Representatives to impeach President Trump in 2019. The result is similar to a recent NBC/Wall Street Journal poll. Some political forecasts currently indicate the Democrats may, or likely will, regain control of the House of Representatives after the 2018 mid-term elections.

Mueller Investigation -- The [NY Times reports](#) President Trump's former campaign manager and former White House advisor Steve Bannon has been subpoenaed by Special Counsel Robert Mueller to testify to a Grand Jury. This is Mueller's first known use of subpoena power to reach a current or former member of President Trump's inner circle. The subpoena suggests Mr. Bannon is not personally a focus of Mr. Mueller's investigation. An agreement by Mr. Bannon to meet with Mr. Mueller's investigation could emerge as an alternative to Grand Jury testimony. Both Mr. Bannon's future career prospects and his relationship with President Trump have been badly damaged by the wake of the [Fire and Fury](#) book. There is speculation President Trump may try to repair both, based on the idea that Mr. Bannon's testimony, or any information he provides to Mr. Mueller, could be very damaging to Mr. Trump.

Essay – Impeachment without an underlying crime may be Unconstitutional -- Harvard Law

Professor emeritus Alan Dershowitz argues in an essay published by [The Hill](#) that any attempted impeachment of a President not based on specific alleged criminal conduct is not only Constitutionally suspect, but may result in a dismissal of Articles of Impeachment by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, who is Constitutionally responsible for conducting any decriminalized Senate Trial of Articles of Impeachment. Prof. Dershowitz suggests that by virtue of the responsibility to preside over such a trial, the Chief Justice may have such a power to dismiss charges. Although there is no Constitutional prohibition against the power of Congress to define the phrase "High Crimes and Misdemeanors," it is currently not defined in Federal law, and there would appear to be nothing to Constitutionally prevent President Trump from vetoing any such law were both houses to pass it with majorities.

25th Amendment Author: Impeachment is “the answer” – not Amendment -- [Newsweek reports](#) Jay Berman -- who helped author the 25th Amendment provisions for Presidential incapacity after the 1963 assassination of President Kennedy -- reportedly told *Vox* that President Trump: “... hasn’t become dumber or meaner since he was elected—this is who he’s always been. This was who he was when he ran, and may well have been the reason people elected him.” Berman also reportedly said: “The problem is that we have a ridiculous electoral system and a bizarre set of circumstances that conspired to make this situation possible. But I can’t honestly say that the 25th Amendment is the answer right now. The answer right now is impeachment.”

Fire and Fury Fur and Feathers still fly -- fallout continues -- Reviews from [The Atlantic](#) to the [National Review](#) sound to be welling forth from an unusually ecumenical hymnal, or humminal,... or something. The basic whistling-like sound is that Mr. Michael Wolff's new book -- while following the traditional basic book model (paper between covers) -- seems to mix-mash-mush truth, fiction, reality, standards of journalism, turd blossoms, the usual suspects, factions, fractions... all that stuff... *whatever*... in a way that is positively Trumpian. There appears to be some wide-spectrum market discounting of the forecast that Fire and Fury is the death knell of anything.... everything else being already presumed dead. You don't have to read these whole, long, boring articles to get all the dirt dirt... but you can. Here's an example of just one actual error unearthed by *National Review*: Dick Arme was never the Speaker of the House. Who knew!? Who cares!? Didn't it *feel* like he was the Speaker? Something would say

"a lot of people don't know that..." and it would be right.

Sorta-comedy-something -- With all the *real* Trump-haters watching Colbert, what's the other half nation supposed to do? The [Huffington Post](#) lets you judge for yourself -- did Fake Fire and Fury go beyond Fake News on Monday's Tonight Show when Host Jimmy Fallon offered up a made-for-TV rendition of James Taylor's 70's classic Fire and Rain?

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