

*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**

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 10/15/2017**

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**Minneapolis 10/16/17** – Last week’s news shifted away from hurricanes and the Las Vegas shooting tragedy – stories that had a general effect of pre-empting other news for several weeks. A new story revolving on Hollywood producer Harvey Weinstein dominated instead. While some significant impeachment news did emerge, there is an “inside the beltway” aspect to it – unless someone is following the story closely not much impression is likely to emerge from the hard news and analysis. Possibly the biggest development was the release of a rap video by Eminem, blasting President Trump with heavily salted language that otherwise has the character of (more-or-less) “straight news commentary.” The video garnered 31.7 youtube.com views in a few days. President Trump’s “war with protesting NFL athletes” moved into its fourth week – without much apparent enthusiasm on anyone’s part to keep the controversy going. Hustler publisher Larry Flynn ran a full-page Washington Post advertisement announcing a \$10 million reward for “information leading to the impeachment and removal from office of Donald J. Trump,” suggesting that there may be a “smoking gun” out there somewhere that will prompt Congress to act.

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## **Grounds for Impeachment**

Gene Healy of the Cato Institute argues in a [Newsweek opinion essay](#) that the grounds for impeachment are broader than conventional wisdom holds. Healy writes of the post-Civil War impeachment brought against President Johnson: "The 10th article of impeachment against Johnson charged the president with 'a high misdemeanor in office' based on a series of 'intemperate, inflammatory, and scandalous harangues' he'd delivered in an 1866 speaking tour." Healy argues Johnson's rhetoric and behavior were "abnormal" for his time in the same way that Trump's rhetoric and behavior are seen by many today as "abnormal." The Senate never

voted on Article 10.

[The Independent](#) reports that the Brookings Institution has released a report concluding President Trump "likely obstructed justice," and can be impeached. Regarding Trump's relationship with former FBI Director James Comey, the report says: "demanding the loyalty of an individual involved in an investigation, requesting that individual's help to end the investigation, and then ultimately firing that person to accomplish that goal are the type of acts that have frequently resulted in obstruction convictions."

[The Daily Caller](#) reports that Government lawyers have challenged in Court a Freedom of Information lawsuit filed by The Daily Caller News Foundation, together with CNN and USA Today, requesting memos written by former FBI Director Comey. The Government claims releasing the documents might impair on-going investigation of Russian interference in the 2016 elections. Comey released some of his memos earlier this year, in testimony before Congress.

## **Political Action**

[Rapper Eminem released a video](#) October 10th, set in a parking ramp, blasting President Trump. Here's an excerpt: "But we better give Obama props cause what we got in office now is a kamikaze that'll probably cause a nuclear holocaust -- and while the drama pops and he waits for shit to quiet down he'll just cast his plane up and fly around 'till the bombing stops." Eminem concluded with: ""The rest of America stand up. We love our military and we love our country. But we \_\_\_\_\_ {paused} hate Trump." The words ""hate Trump"" were shouted. The video had 31.7 million youtube.com views as of October 16th AM.

The [NY Times](#) reports that Al Green (D-TX) presented Articles of Impeachment against President Trump on the House Floor on Wednesday. Although Rep. Green did not actually introduce the Articles he presented, Brad Sherman (D-CA) did introduce Articles of Impeachment in July -- other Members of Congress are also reportedly planning to do so. Rep. Green does not allege crimes that can be prosecuted against President Trump. Because Republicans control the House, any Judiciary Committee hearing on impeachment is unlikely.

The [NY Times](#) reports that billionaire California Democrat Tom Steyer is urging Democrats to support removing President Trump from office. There is speculation that Steyer is considering a challenge to California Democrat Sen. Dianne Feinstein, who recently announced that she will seek a sixth term. Feinstein is 84.

[Fortune magazine](#) reports Larry Flynt, publisher of Hustler magazine, is offering \$10 million for "information leading to the impeachment and removal from office of Donald J. Trump." Flynt had offered \$1 million in 1998 for information -- that offer was reported to have resulted in the resignation from Congress of Bob Livingston (R-LA), who was in line to become Speaker after Newt Gingrich resigned. Hustler was

reported to have been ready to publish an article exposing Livingston's affairs.

## **Trump vs the NFL -- Week Four**

The [Washington Post](#) reports protests by NFL athletes continued during the National Anthem on Sunday. Team owners may address the issue of protests during the anthem during a meeting next week. TV broadcasts are reported to cut away during the anthem.

[ESPN](#) reports former San Francisco quarterback Colin Kaepernick has filed a grievance with the NFL, alleging owners have colluded to keep him from playing after he started the protest movement during the National Anthem.

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**Approval/Disapproval polls; impeachment betting odds:** The latest [Daily Telegraph](#) (UK) results show both approval and disapproval for President Trump have remained flat since last week. Betting odds remain at 48% that he will not complete his first term.

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