

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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Impeachment: week in review

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Minneapolis 10/9/17 – Impeachment related news regarding President Trump is again more contextual than direct this week. Beyond Trump's continuing criticism of national anthem protests by NFL athletes – now in Week Three – two major tragedies were in the news. In Las Vegas a gunman killed over fifty people and injured hundreds in the worst mass gun violence in U.S. history; the motive remains unknown. Congressman Al Green (D-TX) postponed his effort to obtain a House impeachment vote due to that tragedy. President Trump visited there a day after his visit to hurricane ravaged Puerto Rico. Another Category One hurricane also hit New Orleans. While follow-up aid for all the recent hurricanes appears to be adequate, their longer-term impact is unknown. Special Counsel Robert Mueller's investigation remains active and in the news, as does President Trump's continuing challenge to NFL athletes who he believes have been disrespecting the flag. The Trump Administration just submitted to Congress a "long list" of immigration measures they want included in any legislation protecting "Dreamers" – who came to the U.S. as children – from deportation. Some Democrats who may have been inclined to soft-pedal the impeachment question until the "Dreamers" are safe may now become more aggressive on impeachment.

The Mueller Investigation

[CNN reports](#) former Watergate Independent Counsel Ken Starr believes "it should be legal" to indict a sitting President, although the Justice Department currently has an informal policy against that. Starr said: "Everyone is equal under the law." Starr also said he expects indictments from Special Counsel Robert Mueller's office, including possible guilty pleas, and possible indictments of foreign nationals.

[Newsweek reports](#) Mueller's investigators have met with a former British Intelligence operative who

compiled an anti-Trump "Russia dossier." It has been reported the dossier was first financed by anti-Trump Republicans; the project was later taken over by Democrats.

[Bloomberg reports](#) Mueller has hired an expert to study the question of "preemptive pardons" -- like the one President Nixon received from President Ford. That pardon was understood to cover any and all circumstances, although at the time he received it President Nixon had not been indicted for anything, let alone tried and convicted. Questions have been raised about what limitations, if any, there may be on pardons issued by a President to campaign associates, family, or even himself.

Trump vs the NFL -- Week Three

[Fox News reports](#) the controversy over NFL Athletes allegedly disrespecting the flag escalated last week, when Vice President Mike Pence issued this statement on October 8th: "I left today's Colts game because President Trump and I will not dignify any event that disrespects our soldiers, our Flag, or our National Anthem. At a time when so many Americans are inspiring our nation with their courage, resolve, and resilience, now, more than ever, we should rally around our Flag and everything that unites us."

[SportsDay](#) reports that Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones has become the first NFL owner to announce direct action will be taken against protesting players. Referring to protesting athletes, Jones said: "if there is anything that is disrespectful to the flag then [an athlete] will not play."

More investigations and politics

[The New Yorker reports](#) two of President Trump's children, Ivanka and Donald Jr., may have avoided indictment in connection with a distressed SoHo development project. Manhattan District Attorney Cyrus Vance Jr. closed an investigation after meeting with an attorney for now-President Trump. In 2012 the attorney had contributed \$25,000 to Vance's re-election campaign; that contribution was returned by Vance before meeting with the attorney, but the attorney contributed a larger sum of money after the investigation of Ivanka and Donald Jr. was ordered closed by Vance. Trump's children's attorneys reportedly asserted to prosecutors that exaggerated statements were made, but they amounted to "puffery."

[The NY Times reports](#) President Trump has presented a "long list of hard-line immigration measures" to Congress that he is demanding be included in any legislation to protect from deportation "Dreamer" immigrants, who arrived as children. Democrats are reported to be taking the position that Trump's demands are politically unrealistic. This development calls into question whether an earlier reported agreement between Trump and top Congressional Democrats to address the legal status of immigrant children will hold up.

[The NY Times reports](#) on an unusually candid and extended rebuke of President Trump -- offered by retiring Sen. Bob Corker (R-TN), who warned Trump could set the nation "on the path to World War III."

During a back-and-forth exchange of tweets with the President, Corker also said: “It’s a shame the White House has become an adult day care center. Someone obviously missed their shift this morning.” The overall thrust of the story was that the President is unstable and dangerous, and a team of officials at the White House are continuously challenged in their efforts to, in effect, keep him under control. It's impossible to conclude from this article that Sen. Corker thinks the President is fit and qualified to hold office.

[The Hill reports](#) that Congressman Al Green (D-TX) has decided to delay his plan to force a House vote on President Trump's impeachment. Green said his decision was prompted by a need for national healing after the recent mass shooting in Las Vegas.

Approval/Disapproval polls; impeachment betting odds: The latest [Daily Telegraph](#) (UK) results show a slight downturn in approval for President Trump, after a brief uptick last week. Betting odds remain at 48% that he will not complete his first term.

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