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Talking Points: Impeachment

Wondering about the process for impeachment?
History.com has some good answers:
<https://www.history.com/topics/us-government/impeachment-in-us-history>
Gives brief, numbered outline, and then describes in more detail, how the impeachment process works.

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Most Viewed Bills


H.R. 3289 (116th Congress) Hong Kong Human Rights and Democracy Act of 2019
(Introduced on June 13, 2019)
<https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/3289/text>

Briefly: to urge the Government of the People's Republic of China to uphold its commitments to Hong Kong, including allowing the people of Hong Kong to rule Hong Kong with a high degree of autonomy and without undue interference, and ensuring that Hong Kong voters freely enjoy the right to elect the Chief Executive and all members of the Hong Kong Legislative Council by universal suffrage

S. 1838 (116th Congress) Hong King Human Rights and Democracy Act of 2019
(Introduced June 13, 2019)
<https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/senate-bill/1838/text>

IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State shall annually certify to Congress, in conjunction with the report required under section 301, whether Hong Kong is sufficiently autonomous to justify special treatment by the United States for bilateral agreements and programs, in accordance with this Act, including the degree to which Hong Kong's autonomy has been eroded due to actions taken by the Government of China that are inconsistent with its commitments in the Basic Law and the Joint Declaration and the impact of such erosion on specific areas of cooperation with the United States, including on political rights, civil liberties, rule of law, freedom of information, religious freedom, and democratic governance in Hong Kong.

<p>H.R. 5 (116th Congress) Equality Act <i>(Introduced March 13, 2019)</i> https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/5/text</p>	<p>This bill prohibits discrimination based on sex, sexual orientation, and gender identity in a wide variety of areas including public accommodations and facilities, education, federal funding, employment, housing, credit, and the jury system. Specifically, the bill defines and includes sex, sexual orientation, and gender identity among the prohibited categories of discrimination or segregation.</p> <p>The bill expands the definition of public accommodations to include places or establishments that provide (1) exhibitions, recreation, exercise, amusement, gatherings, or displays; (2) goods, services, or programs; and (3) transportation services. The bill allows the Department of Justice to intervene in equal protection actions in federal court on account of sexual orientation or gender identity.</p> <p>Protections against discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin shall include protections against discrimination based on (1) an association with another person who is a member of such a protected class; or (2) a perception or belief, even if inaccurate, that an individual is a member of such a protected class. The bill prohibits the Religious Freedom Restoration Act of 1993 from providing a claim, defense, or basis for challenging such protections. The bill prohibits an individual from being denied access to a shared facility, including a restroom, a locker room, and a dressing room, that is in accordance with the individual's gender identity.</p>
<p>H.R. 1595 (116th Congress) Secure and Fair Enforcement Banking Act of 2019 <i>(Introduced on March 7, 2019)</i> https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/1595/text</p>	<p>As specified by the bill, a depository institution shall not, under federal law, be liable or subject to forfeiture for providing a loan or other financial services to a legitimate marijuana-related business.</p>
<p>H.R. 1146 (116th Congress) Arctic Cultural and Coastal Plain Protection Act <i>(Introduced February 11, 2019)</i> https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/1146/text</p>	<p>This bill prohibits the Bureau of Land Management from administering an oil and gas leasing, development, production, and transportation program in and from the Coastal Plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska.</p>

<p>New Electronic Titles from the FDLP</p>	 <p>Federal Depository Library Program</p>
<p>Building a Weather-Ready Nation 2019-2022 Strategic Plan [PDF Download] https://permanent.fdlp.gov/gpo124680/NWS_Weather-Ready-Nation_Strategic_Plan_2019-2022.pdf</p>	<p>Americans are largely independent on timely, reliable and accurate weather, water and climate info for the protection of life and property and enhancement of the Nation's economy. National Weather Service is working with the Department of Commerce to keep Americans safe by predicting extreme weather events earlier and with more accuracy. (28pp.)</p>

Exploring Free Speech on College Campuses [PDF Download]

<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/CHRG-115shrg27450/pdf/CHRG-115shrg27450.pdf>

This publication talks about free speech on college campuses, the right to speak one's mind without being silenced. As Justice Anthony Kennedy recently wrote, quote, "A law that can be directed against speech found offensive to some portion of the public can be turned against minority and dissenting views to the detriment of all. The First Amendment to the Constitution does not entrust that power to the government's benevolence. Instead, our reliance must be on the substantial safeguards of free and open discussion in a democratic society." There is a long history of shouting down speakers with whom students and other members of the university community disagree or take offense on college campuses. Back in the 1930s, a student club at the University of Chicago—the current president of the University of Chicago is here today—invited William Foster, the Communist Party's Presidential candidate, to speak. This led to protests and criticism. The university president defended the decision that the cure lies through open discussion rather than through inhibition and taboo. (61pp.)