

**Provisions of Law Named in
Donald Trump's Signing Statements**
Inauguration through December 12, 2017

SUMMARY OF COUNTS

Total Signing Statements	Total Congressional Enactments Receiving Signing Statements	Types of Statements	Number of Provisions of Law Specifically Named in Signing Statements	Mentions of Unnamed Provisions	Total Objections
8	7	Rhetorical 1	150	12	161
		Constitutional 7			
		Other 0			

DETAILS

Signing Statement Number	Act and Public Law Number	Rhetorical or Constitutional	Specific Provisions Named in Statement	Count of Specified Provisions	Unspecified Provisions	Number of Mentions of Unspecified Provisions
2017-01	H.R. 244, the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017 (P.L. 115-31)	Constitutional	Division C § 8049 § 8058 § 8077 § 8081 § 8116 Division J one heading Division B § 527 Division C § 8101 Division F § 517 Division C § 8103 Division C § 8040 § 8075 § 8114 § 9005 § 9011 § 9014 four headings Division B § 509 § 519 § 530 Division J § 7010(c) § 7013(a)	91	0	3

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			§ 7025(c) § 7029 § 7031(e)(2) § 7037 § 7042 § 7043 § 7044 § 7045 § 7048 § 7060 § 7070 § 7071 Division J § 7031(c) Division J § 7070(b)(2)(A) Division E § 622 Division B § 537 Division C § 10006(b) Division D § 401 Division J § 7041(b)(3) Division N § 310 § 311 §402 § 502(d) § 503 Division E § 713(1) and (2) Division C § 8009			

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			Division C, § 8134 Division J § 7063 Division K § 418 Division A § 716 Division C § 8005 § 8014 § 8070(a)(2) § 8076 Division H § 210 Division C § 8012(b) § 8035(b) Division F § 532 Division G § 101 § 102 a proviso under the heading "Administrative Provisions— Forest Service" Division N § 605(c) § 610 Numerous provisions authorize congressional committees to veto a			

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			<p>particular use of appropriated funds (e.g., Division C, § 8058)</p> <p>Numerous provisions ... condition the authority of officers to spend or reallocate funds on the approval of congressional committees (e.g., Division A § 702 § 706 § 717 Division D § 101(a) § 201(a) Division G § 403 § 409 Division K § 188 § 222 § 405 § 406</p> <p>Provisions that allocate benefits on the basis of race, ethnicity, and gender (e.g., Division B under the heading "Minority Business Development" Division C</p>			

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			§ 8016 § 8021 § 8038 § 8042 Division H under the headings: i. "Departmental Management Salaries and Expenses," ii. "School Improvement Programs," and iii. "Historically Black College and University Capital Financing Program Account" Division K under the heading "Native American Housing Block Grants" Division K § 213			
2017-02	H.R. 366, the DHS Stop Asset and Vehicle Excess Act (P.L. 115-__)	Constitutional	One provision of the bill ... purports to require the Under Secretary to recommend budget	1	0	0

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			rescissions to the Congress if the Under Secretary determines that DHS component heads have not taken adequate steps to achieve optimal vehicle fleet size in the previous fiscal year. My Administration ... will respectfully treat the provision in a manner consistent with Article II, section 3 of the Constitution			
2017-03	HR 3364, the Countering America's Adversaries Through Sanctions Act	Constitutional	sections 253 and 257 ... purport to displace the President's exclusive constitutional authority to recognize foreign governments, including their territorial bounds, in conflict with the Supreme Court's recent decision in <i>Zivotofsky v. Kerry</i> .	2	0	0
			section 216 seeks to grant the Congress the ability to change the law outside the constitutionally required process	1	0	0
			certain provisions, such as sections 254 and 257,	2	0	1

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			<p>purport to direct my subordinates in the executive branch to undertake certain diplomatic initiatives, in contravention of the President's exclusive constitutional authority to determine the time, scope, and objectives of international negotiations</p> <p>other provisions, such as sections 104, 107, 222, 224, 227, 228, and 234, would require me to deny certain individuals entry into the United States, without an exception for the President's responsibility to receive ambassadors under Article II, section 3 of the Constitution</p>	7	0	1
2017-04	HR 3364, the Countering America's Adversaries Through Sanctions Act	Constitutional	Since this bill was first introduced, I have expressed my concerns to Congress about the many ways it improperly encroaches on Executive power, disadvantages American companies, and hurts the interests of our European allies.	1	0	1

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			...the bill remains seriously flawed – particularly because it encroaches on the executive branch's authority to negotiate. Congress could not even negotiate a healthcare bill after seven years of talking. By limiting the Executive's flexibility, this bill makes it harder for the United States to strike good deals for the American people, and will drive China, Russia, and North Korea much closer together. The Framers of our Constitution put foreign affairs in the hands of the President.			1
2017-05	S.J. Res. 49, the Charlottesville Resolution	Rhetorical	none	0	0	0
2017-06	H.R. 2989, the Frederick Douglass Bicentennial Commission Act	Constitutional	Consistent with Signing Statements issued by President Obama and President Reagan regarding similar legislation, I understand that, with respect to their work on the	0	1	0

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			Commission, the members of the Congress and their appointees "will be able to participate only in ceremonial or advisory functions" and "not in matters involving the administration of the act in light of the separation of powers and the Appointments and Ineligibility Clauses of the Constitution."			
2017-07	H.R. 2810, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018	Constitutional	Several provisions of the bill, including sections 1046, 1664, 1680, and 1682, purport to restrict the President's authority to control the personnel and materiel	4	0	1
			Section 1601 provides that the Commander of Air Force Space Command ... has "sole authority" over certain matters	1	0	0
			Certain other provisions of the bill, including sections 350, 1011, 1041, 1202, and 1227, purport to require that	5	0	1

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			the Congress receive advance notice before the President directs certain military actions.			
			Sections 1033 and 1035 restrict transfers of detainees held at the United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay.	2	0	0
			Section 1035 could ...interfere with the ability of the United States to transfer a detainee who has been granted a writ of habeas corpus	1	0	0
			I also strongly object to section 1633, which threatens to undermine the effective operation of the Executive Office of the President	1	0	0
			Several provisions of the bill, including sections 1069, 1231, 1232, 1239, 1239A, 1258, 1259, 1263, 1271, 1279A, and 1607, could potentially dictate the position of the United States in external military and foreign	11	0	1

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			affairs			
			Section 1244(b) purports to limit certain expenditures unless... the President submits to the Congress a plan to impose sanctions –	1	0	0
			Section 1245 purports to direct the United States Government to consider the RS-26 ballistic missile to be a breach of the INF Treaty "for purposes of all policies and decisions," if the President, with the concurrence of certain other executive branch officials, were to make certain legal and factual determinations.	1	0	0
			... section 910, the provision raises constitutional concerns related to the President's appointment authority.	1	0	0
			Section 1097 purports to reauthorize the Office of Special Counsel, including by continuing the existing tenure	1	0	0

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			protections for the Special Counsel.			
			Section 1653 purports to require the Nuclear Weapons Council to make an assessment and provide a report to the congressional defense committees in response to legislative activity by a single house of Congress.	1	0	0
			Several provisions of the bill, including sections 737, 1097, 1244, 1631, 1632, and 1669, as well as language in the classified annex to the joint explanatory statement of the committee of conference, purport to mandate or regulate the submission to the Congress of information -- such as deliberative process and national security information -- protected by executive privilege.	7	0	1
			Several provisions of the bill, including sections 513, 572, 807, 1648,	8	0	1

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			1676, 1696, 2878, and 3117, purport to require executive branch officials under the President's supervision to recommend certain legislative measures to the Congress.			
2018-01	S. 139, FISA Amendments Reauthorization Act of 2017	Constitutional	Numerous references to Section 702 of the Act with constitutional interpretations	1	0	0

