

From NAFTA to USMCA

The United States Senate gave bipartisan approval to the [U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement this week](#). The Agreement is poised to [replace](#) the North American Free Trade Agreement that originated in the 1990s. The President is expected to sign the USMCA into law. It will become active with the ratification by each of the three nations.

Supporters see this agreement as a key component in aiding American workers and building the manufacturing sector of our economy. Critics state that the USMCA does not go far enough to address climate change and that the reforms contained within the law may not actually take place.

The [United States International Trade Commission's report](#) on the likely impacts of the USMCA states that the Agreement would boost the United States' real gross domestic product by \$68.2 billion or .35 percent.

In other state public policy news

Pritzker lays out second year agenda as reported by [the State-Journal Register](#) and [Crain's Chicago Business](#).

The Joint Commission on Ethics and Lobbying Reform met [this week](#).

Illinois' [bond-market penalty](#) fell to its lowest since 2015.



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Federal public policy news

The United States [Senate](#) will begin President Trump's impeachment trial.

Senate resolution to limit Trump's military authority on Iran has enough GOP votes to pass, key Democrats say as reported by the [Washington Post](#).

The United States increased [sanctions](#) on Iran targeting their manufacturing, mining and textile sectors.



Local public policy news

Springfield's remaining [lead service lines](#) may be addressed using funding from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency.

The City of Springfield has just announced its website pertaining to 2020 Census information. Click [here](#) to view it.



Bids and RFPs

City of Springfield

[Bid Opportunities](#): Calibration Gases (5 Years) and Cisco Switch Upgrade

[Requests for Proposals](#): Sale of Real Property 2019 and Motor Vehicle Parking Solution

Sangamon County is seeking applications for expiring and vacant positions on various [boards and commissions](#).

