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MOORE SUPPORT - "Trump endorses Roy Moore as Republicans come around on working with him," by POLITICO's Daniel Strauss and Louis Nelson: "President Donald Trump moved Monday to quash any lingering doubts about his support for Roy Moore, as Washington Republicans increasingly come to terms with the idea of the controversial former Alabama Supreme Court judge joining the Senate. Early Monday morning, Trump tweeted that 'we need Republican Roy Moore to win' in order to push through the president's agenda. Later, Trump called the Senate candidate directly to endorse his campaign, principal deputy press secretary Raj Shah said, and he has a rally planned later this week just over the state line in Pensacola, Florida. Some Alabamians have been receiving robocalls urging them to travel to the neighboring state for the rally. ... Hanna Ford, Moore's deputy campaign manager, said Trump called the former judge 'a fighter' during their call Monday. Brett Doster, a Moore adviser, said the president also stressed 'the importance of winning next Tuesday.'" [Full story.](#)

- **"Woman shares new evidence of relationship with Roy Moore when she was 17," by The Washington Post's Stephanie McCrummen:** "... 'Happy graduation Debbie,' it read in slanted cursive handwriting. 'I wanted to give you this card myself. I know that you'll be a success in anything you do. Roy.'" [Full story.](#)

'RESIGNED' - "NRSC staffers resign after digital break-in," by Campaign Pro's Kevin Robillard: "Two fundraising staffers for the National Republican Senatorial Committee who broke into the computer servers of the House GOP campaign arm resigned late last week, GOP sources told POLITICO. The staffers, Laura Kleffner and Krista Madaio, had previously worked at the National Republican Congressional Committee. Three Republican sources told POLITICO last week NRSC aides used their old NRCC passwords to collect information on more than 200,000 donors. The digital break-in infuriated NRCC officials when they became aware of it in October." [Full story.](#)

ICYMI - LAST WEEK - "Senate GOP campaign arm stole donor data from House Republicans," by Campaign Pro's Robillard and Elena Schneider. [Full story.](#)

'IT'S A RECKONING' - "A congressman's accuser: Blackballed and babysitting for cash,"

by POLITICO's Rachael Bade: "North Carolina native Lauren Greene aspired to a career in politics when she arrived on Capitol Hill as an intern in 2009. She spent the next five years climbing the Capitol Hill ladder, ultimately becoming a communications director for a congressman in 2014. But Greene's budding career imploded, she said, the minute she accused Rep. [Blake Farenthold](#) (R-Texas) of sexually harassing her. Since the summer of 2014, when she says Farenthold fired her for raising concerns about a hostile work environment, Greene has been unable to land a full-time job. She's making \$15 an hour working temporary gigs for a homebuilder. She babysits on the side to earn extra cash. Her family has had to support her financially. And Greene, now 30, has left D.C., with no illusions that she will ever work in politics again." [Full story.](#)

IT'S ON - "Former CFPB head and Trump target Richard Cordray to run for Ohio governor as Democrat," by the Cincinnati Enquirer's Jessie Balmert: "Cordray, 58, will announce his candidacy for governor Tuesday morning at Lilly's Kitchen Table in his hometown of Grove City, an advisor said. After that, he will tour the state to meet with Democratic activists, leaders and voters. ... Cordray, a former Jeopardy champion, should enter the race with considerable support from Democratic fundraisers nationwide. Mary Ellen Withrow, former U.S. treasurer under President Bill Clinton, was listed as Cordray's campaign treasurer in paperwork filed Monday. ... Last week, GOP Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine named Ohio Secretary of State Jon Husted as his running mate. The powerful Republican duo was hoping to clear the primary field, which includes Lt. Gov. Mary Taylor and U.S. Rep. [Jim Renacci](#)." [Full story.](#)

ON THE HILL - "House conservatives almost topple tax vote," by POLITICO's Bernie Becker, Sarah Ferris and Colin Wilhelm: "House conservatives threatened to derail a key tax vote on Monday in an attempt to win more influence over the GOP's spending strategy, just four days before the deadline to fund the government." [Full story.](#)

- Organizing for Action out with digital ads against senators' tax vote: Organizing for Action is attacking nine senators for their vote on the tax bill last week. The ads target Sens. [Susan Collins](#), [Ted Cruz](#), [Joni Ernst](#), [Jeff Flake](#), [Cory Gardner](#), [Dean Heller](#), [John McCain](#), [Lisa Murkowski](#), [Rob Portman](#) and [Marco Rubio](#).

- Not One Penny releases internal polling on tax reform: Not One Penny, a progressive group, popped internal polling that found the GOP's tax bill to be unpopular in six battleground House seats. The polling also tests popularity for the Republican incumbents, all of whom are losing in a race against a generic Democrat. Check out polling memos from the following districts: [IA-01](#), [CO-06](#), [VA-10](#), [ME-02](#), [NY-24](#) and [CA-25](#).

Days until the 2018 election: 336 (updated for 12/5 Score)

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WATCH LIVE at 8 A.M. - WOMEN RULE: 5TH ANNUAL SUMMIT - POLITICO hosts a full day of live conversations with female leaders as we ask: who are the new women shaping our future - and what are their agendas? Where can women find common ground at a time of division? How are women taking their place at the table in the public and private sectors - and what difference can they make there? Featured speakers include: actress Kate Bosworth, "Me Too" movement founder Tarana Burke, Transportation Sec. Elaine Chao, Kellyanne Conway, Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-N.Y.) and more. Learn more: [here](#). Livestream: [here](#).

JOIN POLITICO PLAYBOOK - LIVE: Join Playbook co-authors Anna Palmer and Jake Sherman for a live taping of POLITICO Playbook. Featured guests include: Michael Barbaro, host of the New York Times' "The Daily" Podcast, DCCC Executive Director Dan Sena and NRCC Executive Director John Rogers, and Rachael Bade, Seung Min Kim, and Annie Karni. Sixth and I - Dec 7 - Doors open 6:00 p.m. Get tickets: [here](#).

FIRST IN SCORE - Everytown targets 5 House members on concealed carry: Everytown for Gun Safety Action Fund is out with radio, digital and newspaper ads in five House districts, urging members to not support concealed carry reciprocity (H.R. 38 (115)). The ads will go after three Republicans - [Mike Coffman](#) (CO-06), [Fred Upton](#) (MI-06) and [Leonard Lance](#) (NJ-07) - and two Democrats, [Kyrsten Sinema](#) (AZ-09) and [Kurt Schrader](#) (OR-05). The ads are part of a \$300,000 ad push as Congress considers the measure.

FIRST IN SCORE - DEPT. OF BIO VIDEOS - Dean Phillips, running in MN-03, pops new video: Democrat Dean Phillips' campaign is out with a new bio video that shows him driving a truck across the district. "The great intention of my campaign - and my personal mandate - is to get people to talk again, and the truck is simply a vehicle to do so. It's a conversation starter," Phillips said. The ad hits on "money in politics" as the "root of all the gridlock in Washington." **Check out the video** [here](#).

MORE FROM THE HILL - "Ryan weighed stripping Frelinghuysen of chairmanship," via POLITICO's Rachael Bade and John Bresnahan: "Speaker [Paul Ryan](#) and his leadership team recently discussed replacing House Appropriations Chairman [Rodney Frelinghuysen](#) after he bucked the party and voted against the GOP tax bill, multiple sources told POLITICO. ...Chairmen are expected to support GOP leaders on tough votes or major pieces of legislation. And Frelinghuysen, who hails from a more moderate-minded swing district, was not given a green light to vote against the tax bill." **Full story.**

PRIMARY WATCH - "Menendez gets a potential primary challenger," by POLITICO New Jersey's Matt Friedman: "An attorney who worked on the Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama presidential campaigns is considering a Democratic primary challenge to Sen. [Bob Menendez](#). Michael Starr Hopkins, in an op-ed piece for the Washington publication 'The Hill,' wrote that New Jerseyans deserve 'the chance to vote for someone who hasn't been tainted by the culture of corruption in Trenton and Washington, someone who doesn't owe any favors to the political establishment or powerful interests.'" **Full story.**

NOT ROMNEY - "Trump says he wants Hatch to seek 8th Senate term," by POLITICO's

Louis Nelson: "President Donald Trump said today that he is urging Sen. [Orrin Hatch](#) to seek reelection for an eighth six-year term. Trump, visiting a Salt Lake City food bank operated by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, was asked if he was encouraging Hatch (R-Utah) to run for reelection, to which he replied 'yes.'" [Full story.](#)

FROM THE DGA - "Democrats eye major gains in depleted governors' ranks in 2018 'awakening,'" by CNN's Eric Bradner: "Washington Gov. Jay Inslee knows about political wave elections: He was wiped out by a Republican wave as a three-term House member in 1994. Now, citing President Donald Trump's unpopularity, he's confidently predicting an even bigger Democratic landslide in the 2018 midterm elections. Inslee projected that Democrats would reverse the 2010 and 2014 losses that left them with just 15 governor's offices." [Full story.](#)

DIGITAL WAR - "Giffords buys ads against 8 Republicans on concealed carry," by POLITICO's Edward-Isaac Dovere: "Gabby Giffords is going up on the air Monday with a six-figure ad buy against Reps. [Rodney Frelinghuysen](#) (R-N.J.) and [Jason Lewis](#) (R-Minn.) from her gun safety group. The ads come ahead of this week's expected House vote on Concealed Carry Reciprocity, which, if enacted, would be a massive opening of gun laws across the country, forcing all states to accept gun licenses issued in any state. The result could lead to gun carrying laws effectively being set everywhere at the lowest level any state would allow. ... Digital ads will also go out against Reps. [Steve Knight](#) (R-Calif.), [Ed Royce](#) (R-Calif.), [Mimi Walters](#) (R-Calif.), [Mike Coffman](#) (R-Colo.), [Lee Zeldin](#) (R-N.Y.) and [Barbara Comstock](#) (R-Va.)." [Full story.](#)

QUOTE OF THE DAY: "This is Armageddon." - Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi on the GOP tax bill, [Fox News](#) reported.

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