

-- **CANCEL AUGUST RECESS:** "Let's bring everybody into the room. Let's do this full-time 18 hours a day, six days a week. Let's cancel the August state work period, and let's do it in full public view and have hearings and get to work on something that works better than Obamacare. We pledged that, and the American people deserve that."

-- **NO ANSWER ABOUT A 2020 CHALLENGE TO TRUMP: TAPPER:** "So, senator, you're not taking that advice. In fact, you're going to be crossing the Missouri on Friday, going to Iowa and speaking at the Judge Joseph Story Dinner. Is there any chance that you will challenge President Trump for the Republican nomination in 2020?"

SASSE: "Well, first of all, let's be clear why I'm going to be in Iowa this weekend. I don't want to admit it anywhere, let alone on national TV, but Nebraska lost to Iowa last year in a football game, and I lost a bet. So, I have to drive Uber in Iowa next weekend. So, that's the reason I'm going to be in Iowa. It's about Hawkeyes and Huskers' bloodletting on the football field and the aftermath of that. But I don't know who that guy is in your segment, but here's what I believe.

"I believe that, on the Fourth of July weekend, we ought to have every kid in America having their moms and dads and aunts and uncles and grandmas and grandpas getting together and saying, we hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men and women are created equal, that they're endowed by their creator with certain inalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

"That's what America is about. It's not about Republicans and Democrats who have important differences on policy screaming at each other that the other side wants to kill somebody. Politics are subordinate to the things that are supposed to unite Americans. And this is a weekend that we should be celebrating all that."

JOHN ROBERTS talks with **SEN. JOE MANCHIN (D-W.VA.)** on "**FOX NEWS SUNDAY**" -- **"Manchin: Dems want to work with Trump on health care,"** by Connor O'Brien: "Democratic Sen. Joe Manchin on Sunday said members of his party are willing to work with Republicans and President Donald Trump to find a bipartisan solution on health care. ... 'I want him to know there are Democrats that want to work with him,' Manchin said. 'But right now, they can't even repeal it. They can't get 50 votes to repeal it because somebody's getting hurt more than what they're willing to sign on to.' 'Look at some of us. Work with us Democrats who are willing to meet you in the middle, who have always been willing to meet you in the middle,' Manchin said."

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JOHN DICKERSON talks with **SEN. MIKE LEE (R-UTAH)** on CBS's "**FACE THE NATION: DICKERSON** : "If Republicans can't agree on a replacement option at the moment why would they be able to agree on one in the future?" **LEE** : "Well, if we adopted a measure, if we passed a measure repealing Obamacare, and put a delayed implementation measure in there. With the understanding that at that point after passing the repeal measure we would undertake the step by step process of deciding what comes next. I think it's easier, sometimes when you lump too many things into one piece of legislation, you doom its likelihood of success and I fear that that might be where we are today and i think that explains a lot of what President Trump was talking about in his tweet the other day. What Senator Sasse mentioned in his series of communications on Friday and I think it's very much worth considering, it's consistent with what I thought would be better, a more likely to succeed legislative strategy over the last six months."

REMEMBER THIS GUY? -- "Christie adds government shutdown to his legacy:

The move comes after New Jersey lawmakers failed to pass a budget by the annual deadline," by New Jersey Playbooker Matt Friedman: "Chris Christie is heading into his final six months as governor presiding over New Jersey's biggest government crisis in more than a decade: A shutdown that will literally turn the lights out in Trenton. New Jersey lawmakers failed to pass a budget by the annual deadline at midnight last night, and Christie promptly issued an order sparking the closure of government offices and services deemed non-essential. State parks and beaches will likely be closed this morning, just in time for the holiday, as will motor vehicle offices. Courts could be closed come Monday. Tens of thousands of state government employees will be furloughed. ...

"It's all going to come down to when folks get up tomorrow for the July 4th weekend and drive down to Island Beach State Park to spend the day and a sign says it's closed,' said Patrick Murray, director of the Monmouth University Polling Institute. 'They're going to blame Gov. Christie and nobody else.'" <http://politi.co/2t56rbo> ...

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-- "**Illinois blows budget deadline as threat of downgrade looms,**" by Illinois Playbooker Natasha Korecki: "Illinois lawmakers blew their deadline for a budget agreement and instead entered their third fiscal year without a spending plan on Saturday, despite worries about the state facing an unprecedented downgrade to junk