

control legislation. The central question for Republicans as the state's legislative session enters its final weeks is whether the NRA, which opposes the GOP-written measures, will get rolled by a collection of lawmakers it helped get elected."

<http://politi.co/2ERabUR>

**-- MORE ON SHERIFF ISRAEL: "Controversy over Parkland shooting is political and personal for Sheriff Scott Israel,"** by the Miami Herald's David Smiley: "Only days after thousands of grieving Parkland students and families gave him a standing ovation on national television, Scott Israel suddenly finds himself embroiled in controversy over his agency's response to the worst high school shooting in U.S. history. Cheers from the students at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School have been drowned out by demands from dozens of state lawmakers that he be suspended from office for 'incompetence and neglect of duty.'

**"Queries about acts of heroism have been replaced** by a state investigation into why one of his deputies waited while teenage gunman Nikolas Cruz killed 17 and wounded 15 more with an assault rifle. Somehow, the worst stretch of Scott Israel's life has gotten even worse." <http://hrld.us/2CkeYMR>

**-- HMM -- "Trump campaign emails photo of Parkland survivor, asks for donations,"** by CNN's Devan Cole: <http://cnn.it/2FuVuE1>

**SIREN: AMERICAN ACTION NETWORK** -- part of the constellation of outside groups boosting the House GOP and its agenda -- has Democrats ahead in the generic congressional ballot, **42.5% to 37.5%**. That's significantly tighter than the double-digit lead we've seen in other polls. The generic has tightened, partially due to tax reform.

**-- TRUMP'S APPROVAL RATING** in the AAN poll: **43%**. **52%** disapprove, according to the survey. **THE POLL's** main subject is net neutrality, which just **22%** of respondents seem to have any idea about. <http://bit.ly/2F6hh77>

**ELIANA JOHNSON: "Kelly and Kushner stuck at an impasse after Trump's punt on clearance":** "President Donald Trump's decision to punt the issue of whether Jared Kushner can keep his access to sensitive government secrets without a full security clearance to his chief of staff, John Kelly, has put him in a tricky position, stuck between the rules on one side and the president's family on the other.

**"Trump's ad hoc decision** not to intervene in the clearance process on behalf of his son-in-law and senior adviser in effect left both Kelly and Kushner in limbo,

prolonging an uncomfortable situation that White House aides say is unlikely to be resolved anytime soon.

**"Kelly does not plan to recommend to the president** that he grant Kushner a waiver, but he is unlikely to resign if Trump ultimately decides to do so, according to a person familiar with his thinking." <http://politi.co/2HPiUVC>

**\*\*\*\*\* A message from Coalition for Affordable Prescription Drugs: Keep Medicare Part D working for seniors.** CMS has proposed regulations that will increase costs and cause disruption for millions of seniors. Tell CMS: don't make changes to popular preferred pharmacy network plans that will stick America's seniors with higher premiums & drug costs. [Learn more.](#) \*\*\*\*\*

**PRUITT UNDER FIRE -- EMILY HOLDEN:** "The Environmental Protection Agency has experienced a huge surge in open records lawsuits since President Donald Trump took office, an analysis of data reviewed by POLITICO shows - a trend that comes amid mounting criticism of EPA's secrecy about Administrator Scott Pruitt's travels, meetings and policy decisions. The legal attacks also reflect widespread interest in the sweeping changes Pruitt is enacting at EPA. ...

**"Several of the cases involve requests for the administrator's schedules** and travel records, which EPA released routinely under past administrations but now refuses to make public except in response to lawsuits. Pruitt has drawn criticism for withholding information about those matters, and for the expenses he has run up by demanding round-the-clock security, installing an eavesdropping-proof chamber in his office and flying first class to avoid potential threats from critics in the coach cabins.

**"All told, plaintiffs have filed 55 public records lawsuits** against EPA since Trump's inauguration, according to POLITICO's review of a database of cases compiled by the FOIA Project, an initiative run by the Transactional Records Access Clearinghouse at Syracuse University." <http://politi.co/2BTpcTE>

**-- MORE AT THE AGENCIES -- "AP Review: Trump's red tape cuts slice into safety rules,"** by Joan Lowy and Tom Krisher: "[T]he government in 2016 proposed requiring that new heavy trucks have potentially life-saving software that would electronically limit speeds. But now, like many other safety rules in the works before President Donald Trump took office, it has been delayed indefinitely by the Transportation Department as part of a sweeping retreat from regulations that the