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Today's Playbook Power Briefing presented by PhRMA

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BREAKING -- THE WHITE HOUSE has invited **SENATE MINORITY LEADER CHUCK SCHUMER** (D-N.Y.) and **HOUSE MINORITY LEADER NANCY PELOSI** (D-Calif.) to a meeting Thursday to discuss the "year-end agenda."

-- **Excerpt from their joint statement:** "We need to reach a budget agreement that equally boosts funds for our military and key priorities here at home including the opioid crisis, pension plans and rural infrastructure. We have to provide funding for community health centers and CHIP, as well as relief for the millions of Americans still reeling from natural disasters. And we must also come together on a bipartisan deal to pass the DREAM Act along with tough border security measures. There is a bipartisan path forward on all of these items."

GOVERNMENT FUNDING runs out on Friday.

WELCOME TO DECEMBER -- ATTN. PRESIDENT TRUMP -- THE HOUSE FREEDOM CAUCUS has scheduled an emergency meeting before the 6:30 p.m. vote series this evening. Many in the three-dozen member conservative caucus have voiced opposition to the leadership's strategy to fund the government for two weeks, and they have lingering tax concerns. And with a series of important votes coming up -- including the motion to begin formal Senate-House tax negotiations -- the HFC could have some leverage. If they stick together, they have the ability to single handedly block anything that comes to the floor.

-- **MEANWHILE ... BUSY WEEK AHEAD: @StewSays:** "This week the #Senate will confirm the nomination of Kirstjen Nielsen to be Secretary of @DHSgov, pass a clean, two-week CR and go to conference with the House on the #TaxReform bill."

Good Monday afternoon. Can't get enough of our latest Playbook Power List: 18 to Watch in 2018? Jake, Anna and Zach recorded a bonus Audio Briefing discussing some of the honorees and how we picked the list. **Listen** <http://bit.ly/2BHOrFO> ... **The list** <http://politi.co/2jLwZIs>

TRUMP BACKS MOORE -- WHITE HOUSE STATEMENT, via the pool at 12:40 p.m.: "The President had a positive call with Judge Roy Moore during which they discussed the state of the Alabama Senate race and the President endorsed Judge Moore's campaign," principal deputy press secretary Raj Shah said in a statement.

-- **@realDonaldTrump at 6:17 a. m.** : "Democrats refusal to give even one vote for massive Tax Cuts is why we need Republican Roy Moore to win in Alabama. We need his vote on stopping crime, illegal immigration, Border Wall, Military, Pro Life, V.A., Judges 2nd Amendment and more. No to Jones, a Pelosi/Schumer Puppet!" ... **at 7:00 a.m.**: "Putting Pelosi/Schumer Liberal Puppet Jones into office in Alabama would hurt our great Republican Agenda of low on taxes, tough on crime, strong on military and borders...& so much more. Look at your 401-k's since Election. Highest Stock Market EVER! Jobs are roaring back!"

-- **REMEMBER:** Ivanka said: "There's a special place in hell for people who prey on children. I've yet to see a valid explanation and I have no reason to doubt the victims' accounts."

-- **@MooreSenate at 12:37 p.m.**: "'Go get 'em, Roy!' - President Trump[.] Just got off the phone with President Trump who offered his full support and said he needs a fighter to help him in the US Senate. I look forward to fighting alongside the President to #MAGA!"

LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER -- "Jeff Hoover had sex with staffer and used donors to fund settlement, lawsuit alleges," by John Cheves: "The communications director for the Kentucky House Republican caucus sued the Legislative Research Commission on Monday, alleging that she is being unfairly punished for shedding light on sexual harassment claims by a female colleague who was in an 'inappropriate sexual relationship' with then-House Speaker Jeff Hoover of Jamestown.

"In her whistle-blower lawsuit, filed in Franklin Circuit Court, Daisy Olivo said she and a House aide who was in a relationship with Hoover both were targeted for punishment by Hoover's chief of staff, Ginger Wills. Wills and other House GOP staff members and lawmakers have shunned her in the weeks since the harassment scandal publicly broke and Hoover resigned as speaker, making it impossible for her to perform her duties, Olivo alleged.

"Olivo's suit contains several new or more specific allegations. She said her female colleague told her that the 'secret settlement' that resolved her harassment complaint against Hoover and three other Republican state representatives was constructed 'to avoid media scrutiny, and it was paid off the public record with private funds pooled from prominent campaign donors.'" <http://bit.ly/2BxGC4z>

FROM 30,000 FEET -- " Women Line Up to Run for Office, Harnessing Their Outrage at Trump," by NYT's Michael Tackett in Leesburg, Virginia: "For Wendy

Gooditis, a real estate agent in the Northern Virginia suburbs, the crystallizing moment came when she heard her state delegate suggest that he had fought gerrymandering in Virginia when his record said otherwise.

"For Mai-Khanh Tran, a pediatrician in Southern California, it was the day after the presidential election in 2016 and she looked into the eyes of a young patient with a brain tumor whose family had only recently obtained health insurance.

"For Andrea Ramsey, the president of a nonprofit children's health clinic in Kansas City, Kan., it was in May when her local congressman voted to repeal the Affordable Care Act.

None of the women had seriously contemplated running for public office before. They had no money or organization. But they were dismayed with the direction of the country, they said, starting with the election of President Trump, and finally decided to act. ...

"The largest increase by far is in the number of female House candidates -- 354 -- which includes 291 Democrats and 63 Republicans, according to data from the Rutgers center. The number of women challenging incumbents is almost four times the number at the same period in 2015. In the Senate, there are almost double the number of female candidates - 25 Democrats and 13 Republicans so far - than there were at this point in 2015, and about 10 times the number in the 2012 and 2014 elections."

<http://nyti.ms/2BH6wDO>

CORRINE BROWN SENTENCED TO FIVE YEARS IN PRISON -- Florida Times-Union's Christopher Hong and Steve Patterson: "Former U.S. Rep. Corrine Brown was sentenced Monday to five years in federal prison for fraud and tax crimes that included raising about \$800,000 for a sham charity. Brown's longtime chief of staff, Ronnie Simmons, was sentenced to 48 months in prison, and the charity's founder, One Door for Education President Carla Wiley, was sentenced to 21 months.

"U.S. District Judge Timothy Corrigan said he believed Brown used her position in Congress to achieve an 'admirable record of service.' However, he also said she abused the trust of that office in order carry out a criminal conspiracy."

<http://bit.ly/2ALl3km>

HMM -- "Trump's lawyer claims responsibility for president's problematic tweet," by NBC News' Kristen Welker and Max Burman: "President Donald Trump's personal lawyer took responsibility Sunday for a tweet that Trump sent the previous day, in which the president said for the first time that he knew his former security adviser, Michael Flynn, had lied to the FBI before he fired Flynn in February. ...

"Interfering in the FBI's investigation could be construed as obstructing justice, potentially creating legal jeopardy for Trump. Within a few hours, Trump's personal lawyer, John Dowd, stepped in to say that he wrote the tweet, not the president. Dowd told NBC News that he drafted the tweet and then sent it to White House Social Media

Director Dan Scavino to publish. When asked for the original email he sent to Scavino, Dowd said he dictated it orally. 'I'm out of the tweeting business,' Dowd said with a chuckle. 'I did not mean to break news.'" <http://nbcnews.to/2AILYgJ>

***** **A message from PhRMA:** A medicine's path from the biopharmaceutical company to the patient involves many entities across the supply chain. A new report examines how money flows through this system - which includes wholesalers, pharmacy benefit managers, pharmacies and insurers - and how that impacts what patients pay at the pharmacy. Read more: <http://politi.co/2ngVIPj> *****

THE PRESIDENT WEIGHS IN on the charge against Mike Flynn, per pooler S.V. Date of HuffPost: "I feel badly for Gen. Flynn. I feel very badly. He's led a very strong life, and I feel very badly about it. I will say this. Hillary Clinton lied many times to the FBI and nothing happened to her. Flynn lied, and it destroyed his life, and I think it's a shame. Hillary Clinton on the 4th of July weekend went to the FBI, not under oath, it was the most incredible thing anyone has ever seen, lied many times, nothing happened to her. Flynn lied, and it's like -- it ruined his life. It's very unfair."

NEWS FROM RICHMOND -- RICHARD CULLEN is stepping down as chairman of McGuire Woods. The former Virginia attorney general is representing VP Mike Pence in the Mueller investigation. Jon Harmon will take his slot.

COREY LEWANDOWSKI BOOK EXCERPT -- "'I've Got a Crook Running My Campaign': Donald Trump, Paul Manafort and me" in POLITICO Magazine -- an excerpt from "Let Trump Be Trump," by Corey Lewandowski and David Bossie: <http://politi.co/2ijM03z>

TAX UPDATE -- "Rep. Kevin McCarthy Calls For Corporate AMT Repeal," by WSJ's Rich Rubin: "A top House leader says Republicans need to repeal the corporate alternative minimum tax and reverse a late Senate change that has companies up in arms. 'That has to be eliminated because that would destroy R&D,' House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy (R-Calif.) said on CNBC on Monday. Retaining the 20% corporate AMT creates a parallel tax structure. Companies would have to pay whichever tax is higher, and the AMT denies the research and development tax credit. That's a particularly important break for California's high-tech industry." <http://on.wsj.com/2iNCVUL>

FALLOUT FROM NRCC VS. NRSC TIFF -- "NRSC staffers resign after digital break-in," by Kevin Robillard: "Two fundraising staffers for the [NRSC] who broke into the computer servers of the House GOP campaign arm resigned late last week, Republican sources told POLITICO. The staffers, Laura Kleffner and Krista Madaio, had previously worked at the [NRCC]. Three Republican sources said last week that the NRSC aides used their old NRCC passwords to collect information on more than 200,000 donors." <http://politi.co/2ANQBWC> ... **Last week's story** <http://politi.co/2AMi0Za>

WAR REPORT -- "Did American Missile Defense Fail in Saudi Arabia?," by NYT's

Max Fisher, Eric Schmitt, Audrey Carlsen and Malachy Browne: "The official story was clear: Saudi forces shot down a ballistic missile fired by Yemen's Houthi rebel group last month at Saudi Arabia's capital, Riyadh. It was a victory for the Saudis and for the United States, which supplied the Patriot missile defense system. ...

"But an analysis of photos and videos of the strike posted to social media suggests that story may be wrong. Instead, evidence analyzed by a research team of missile experts appears to show the missile's warhead flew unimpeded over Saudi defenses and nearly hit its target, Riyadh's airport. The warhead detonated so close to the domestic terminal that customers jumped out of their seats." <http://nyti.ms/2ANQsmp>

HAPPENING TOMORROW -- Don't miss POLITICO's fifth annual Women Rule Summit featuring informative and forward-looking conversations with Kellyanne Conway, Kate Bosworth, Sec. Elaine Chao, Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, Sen. Marco Rubio, Camille Hearst, and many more as they discuss how women are harnessing their power to make an impact. Sign up to watch the livestream and receive notifications_ (<http://bit.ly/wrlivestreamsignup>) and follow along on Twitter with #WomenRule.

THE TIME PERSON OF THE YEAR SHORTLIST: Jeff Bezos ... The Dreamers ... Patty Jenkins ... Kim Jong Un ... Colin Kaepernick ... The #MeToo movement ... Robert Mueller ... Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman ... Donald Trump ... Xi Jinping
<http://ti.me/2AMrF1R>

TODAY'S BEYOND THE BELTWAY -- Steinle family repeatedly said they do not want their daughter's death used politically -- Primary challenger emerges to Gov. Rauner <http://politi.co/2jMh1gV>

MEDIAWATCH -- POSTCARD FROM ZACH AT THE POYNTER JOURNALISM ETHICS SUMMIT -- CNN's Jim Acosta: "This is a different kind of president, it is going to require a different kind of playbook." ... "We are not part of 'the Resistance' but ... if journalism is attacked, we should resist. That is up to us." ... **Bloomberg's Margaret Talev:** "One of the challenges that seems new to me ... is that it feels like, in some sense, the press corps, particularly people in the briefing room have ... among some American news consumers, it feels like we've become a proxy for all their frustrations." ...

... **The Weekly Standard's Stephen Hayes:** "Asserting accuracy is not going to work. You have to demonstrate accuracy and earn that respect." ... "Too often in discussions like this ... we don't spend enough time looking at why people -- particularly conservatives -- are so skeptical of the kind of accuracy and the kind of news reporting we provide." ...

... **WaPo's Marty Baron:** "We're not in the business of pandering to anybody, we're not in the business of placating anybody ... I think we have to know who we are, have a strong sense of self, purpose and mission, and do that everyday." ... "I think we should've seen Donald Trump coming, or someone like him coming, before he

descended the escalator."

WAPO'S BEN TERRIS: "Why does conservative Armstrong Williams want to buy the liberal Washington City Paper?": "Williams is a small man ... [who] speaks without a filter - something that made him a go-to for reporters for much of the 2016 campaign - which gives the impression that he always means what he says. Even if that's not always the case. He volunteers that he's 55, though public records suggest he is 58. 'Either one works,' Williams says graciously, noting that at various times in his life it has been convenient to appear older or younger than he actually is. (Carson once said of his close friend that he's 'not necessarily the epitome of truth . . . He doesn't speak all things that are correct.')" <http://wapo.st/2AVDzHj>

--"EPA Kicks Out InsideSources Reporter From Event With Administrator Scott Pruitt," by Ethan Stoetzer: <http://bit.ly/2jNGOFR>

-- POLITICO EUROPE announced a series of big moves on their leadership team. **Stephen Brown** will become managing editor, **Kate Day** will move to London to be the first U.K. editor and **Johannes Boege** will be the chief product officer.

-- ALEX THOMPSON has moved to D.C. and is now covering the Trump era as a staff writer for Vice News.

SPOTTED: Rep. Charlie Crist (D-Fla.) walking down Lexington Avenue this morning in NYC

HAPPENING TONIGHT - Author **James K. A. Smith** will speak on his new book "Awaiting the King: Reforming Public Theology" at a Trinity Forum event tonight at the National Press Club. **Michael Wear**, an Obama alum and former deputy director of the Faith Based Office, will give a response. **RSVP** <http://bit.ly/2iN7euE> ... **\$15.17 on Amazon** <http://amzn.to/2ATNv3R>

--MICHAEL SMERCONISH is speaking tonight at 7 p.m. at Sixth & I in a talk titled "Divided We Stand." **RSVP** <http://bit.ly/2iKBYMV>

TRANSITIONS -- Adi Sathi, former vice chairman of the Michigan GOP and legislative fellow in Sen. Orrin Hatch's (R-Utah) office, is joining the RNC as national director of Asian Pacific American engagement. ... **Natalie Boyse** has started as a special assistant in the office of the secretary at the Department of Education. She was most recently the deputy finance director at the MassGOP and is an alum of Rubio 2016, Poolhouse and Romney 2012. ...

... **Denis Forte** has joined the Century Foundation as a senior fellow focused on education policy. She was most recently the minority staff director for the House Committee on Education and the Workforce. ... **Steve Jacobs** is joining Precision Strategies as managing principal on the digital team, **Hayley Matz Meadvin** is joining the firm's communications team as managing principal, and **Karly Moen** is joining the

digital team as senior associate. **Melanie Garunay** also recently joined the firm as a principal on the digital team, and **Brandon Chaderton** recently joined as Senior Associate on the operations team.

***** **A message from PhRMA** : In the competitive marketplace for medicines, negotiations between pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs) and biopharmaceutical companies result in substantial rebates and fees. According to a new report, in many cases, this system often creates incentives for PBMs to prefer medicines with higher list prices and higher rebates. Read more about how money flows through the supply chain here: <http://politi.co/2ngVIPj> *****

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