

To: Jackson, Ryan[jackson.ryan@epa.gov]
From: Anna Palmer Jake Sherman Daniel Lippman
Sent: Fri 9/8/2017 5:12:47 PM
Subject: Playbook Power Briefing, presented by Hewlett Packard Enterprise: HOUSE passes debt ceiling/hurricane aid/government funding deal -- TRUMP: 'Sorry, Republicans' -- JOE BIDEN'S daughter says she hopes he runs in 2020

[View online version](#) | Add politicoplaybook@politico.com to your address book.

Today's Playbook Power Briefing presented by Hewlett Packard Enterprise

By JAKE SHERMAN (sherman@politico.com; [@JakeSherman](https://twitter.com/JakeSherman)), ANNA PALMER (anna@politico.com; [@apalmerdc](https://twitter.com/apalmerdc)), DANIEL LIPPMAN (daniel@politico.com; [@dlippman](https://twitter.com/dlippman)) and ZACH MONTELLARO (zmontellaro@politico.com; [@ZachMontellaro](https://twitter.com/ZachMontellaro))

MUST-READ STORY -- BLOOMBERG BNA'S JONATHAN NICHOLSON: "Spring 2018 likely for next debt vote but election season possible": "The good news for lawmakers: Under the Harvey aid package that passed the Senate Sept. 7, they won't have to vote on the debt limit again until 2018-with early estimates that the next debt vote will be in the spring.

"The bad news for lawmakers : There's an outside chance a vote will take place a few months ahead of the midterm elections. ... While the legislation temporarily suspends the debt limit through Dec. 8 -- resetting it at a higher level Dec. 9 to include debt issued while the debt limit was not in effect -- allows Treasury to reset its 'extraordinary measures' that give it some extra borrowing capacity, and thus extra time, once it nears the debt limit. The actual amount of time granted by the extraordinary measures will depend on various factors, including Treasury's borrowing patterns, incoming receipts and the government's rate at which it burns through cash.

"There is a small but real chance that extraordinary measures might meet the Treasury's needs through the April 15 tax date. If that happens, the debt ceiling debate could stretch all the way to August or even September,' Lou Crandall, chief economist with analytical firm Wrightson ICAP, told Bloomberg BNA." <http://bit.ly/2eLxRKY>

Good Friday afternoon.

THE NEW ALLIANCE, CEMENTED -- THE HOUSE PASSED the debt ceiling/government funding/hurricane Harvey relief deal 316-90. All 90 of the no votes came from the Republican party.

-- BEHIND THE SCENES, REPUBLICANS FUME -- Rachael Bade and Kyle Cheney: "It was supposed to be a call to unity. Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin and Office of Management and Budget Director Mick Mulvaney joined a closed-door GOP conference meeting Friday to try to rally wary Republicans around a debt ceiling bill they hated.

"But the huddle quickly went off the rails when Rep. Tim Walberg stood up to say President Donald Trump needed to play more with the team. The Michigan Republican said he was all for bipartisanship. But he argued that Trump shouldn't have blindsided the conference the way he did when he struck a deal with Democratic leaders Nancy Pelosi and Chuck Schumer, undercutting GOP leaders. And the room boomed when Mulvaney and Mnuchin refused to commit to spending cuts during the next debt ceiling debate - and then asked for their vote on the current legislation." <http://politi.co/2gPtAH1>

'REPUBLICANS, SORRY' -- FROM THE WHITE HOUSE -- @realDonaldTrump at 8:34 a.m.: "Hurricane Irma is of epic proportion, perhaps bigger than we have ever seen. Be safe and get out of its way, if possible. Federal G is ready!" ... **at 8:37 a.m.:** "Our incredible U.S. Coast Guard saved more than 15,000 lives last week with Harvey. Irma could be even tougher. We love our Coast Guard!" ... **at 8:41 a.m.:** "Republicans, sorry, but I've been hearing about Repeal & Replace for 7 years, didn't happen! Even worse, the Senate Filibuster Rule will..." ... **at 8:46 a.m.:** "...never allow the Republicans to pass even great legislation. 8 Dems control - will rarely get 60 (vs. 51) votes. It is a Repub Death Wish!" ... **at 8:57 a.m.:** "Republicans must start the Tax Reform/Tax Cut legislation ASAP. Don't wait until the end of September. Needed now more than ever. Hurry!"

-- HOLD YOUR HORSES, MR. PRESIDENT. There are roughly 45 legislative days until the end of the year. A chunk of December will be eaten up by another government-funding and debt-ceiling fight that you just set up. Congress hasn't passed a budget. That's a multi-week affair, at best. ... **AND BY THE WAY:** There is no appetite to change the Senate's rules.

WHAT KEVIN MCCARTHY IS READING -- "SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - Federal audit says \$84 million in U.S. taxpayer funds were used improperly for planning California water tunnel project."

WEATHER GURU STEVE SHEPARD SPEAKS! -- Irma has weakened slightly in the past 24 hours and now has maximum sustained winds of 150 mph. That's roughly the intensity at which the National Hurricane Center expects the storm to make landfall late Saturday or early Sunday. To put that in perspective, that's about on par with Hurricane Andrew's intensity upon landfall near Homestead in 1992, and 20 mph stronger than Hurricane Harvey when it came ashore in Texas last month.

The latest forecast (<http://bit.ly/2gPPrSj>) at 11 a.m. jogged ever-so-slightly westward - but regardless of whether the ultimate track of Irma runs up I-95, I-75 or somewhere in between, Irma is going to spread extreme winds, deadly storm surge, flooding rains and tornadoes over much of the Florida peninsula. The strongest winds will be over South Florida - especially overnight Saturday into Sunday -- but even parts of North Florida could see hurricane-force winds Sunday night and Monday as Irma heads north. Tropical-storm conditions will begin over South Florida tomorrow, so today is the final day for residents to finish their preparations to protect life and property.

-- "**Jeb Bush praises Trump's leadership handling hurricanes,**" by CNN's Ashley Killough: "Jeb Bush offered some rare praise Friday for President Donald Trump and the way he's handling two back-to-back hurricanes. 'President Trump has done a good job keeping, showing his concern for the victims of Harvey and I'm sure he'll do the same (for Irma),' the former two-term Florida governor said on CNN's 'New Day.' 'The key, though, is to make sure Washington's here for the long haul, for the long-term recovery of our state.' The intense hurricane season is all too familiar for Bush, who dealt with the catastrophic storm seasons of 2004 and 2005, in which eight hurricanes and four tropical storms slammed into Florida." <http://cnn.it/2gPhFcm>

***** **A message from Hewlett Packard Enterprise:** How are Hewlett Packard Enterprise's supercomputers helping create the future in science, medicine and national security? Learn more: hpe.com/supercomputing *****

REMEMBER THE ELECTION INTEGRITY COMMISSION? -- "Election Integrity Commission members accuse New Hampshire voters of fraud," by WaPo's Dave Weigel: "Days before they meet in New Hampshire, members of the White House's Election Integrity Commission have seized on a report about same-day registration to allege that massive fraud might have swung the state's 2016 vote. Both voters and election experts say the allegation -- accusing thousands of voters of criminal activity simply for living in New Hampshire but holding out-of-state driver's licenses -- are baseless.

"The accusation arose Thursday morning, when Shawn Jasper, the speaker of New Hampshire's Republican-run House of Representatives, released data on same-day registrants that he'd obtained from the secretary of state's office. In November 2016, 6,540 voters had registered to vote on Election Day. As of Aug. 30, just 1,014 of those voters had obtained a New Hampshire drivers license. A few hundred voters did not obtain state licenses but had registered cars in the state. That was enough for Jasper to allege thousands of fraudulent votes - and for Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach, the vice chairman of the commission, to flatly allege that fraudulent voters might have stolen the state's four electoral votes and a U.S. Senate seat away from Republicans. ...

"Kobach apparently made no attempt to contact voters who'd cast ballots but held out-of-state IDs. Thursday night, The Washington Post asked voters who'd done so to tell their stories; three did so within 60 minutes -- college students, who were living in New Hampshire but did not change their licenses." <http://wapo.st/2xidyAb> ... **Kobach's evidence free column in Breitbart** <http://bit.ly/2xie9Sr>

TRUMP INC. -- @juliannagoldman: "Mar-a-Lago, @TrumpJupiter, @TrumpPalmBeach are CLOSED ahead of #HurricaneIrma. @TrumpDoral waiving cancellation fees, per Trump Org spox".

AFTERNOON READ -- "Why North Korea is a black hole for American spies," by Jacqueline Klimas: "[B]ecause the so called Hermit Kingdom has long been one of the most impenetrable intelligence targets -- the top U.S. spy earlier this year called it 'one

of the hardest, if not the hardest' -- there is low confidence airstrikes or other means of attack would successfully thwart its nuclear and missile ambitions without leaving significant elements of its arsenal for Pyongyang to retaliate with. 'You don't want to stir the hornet's nest and the hornets are still there when you're done,' said Douglas Paal, vice president for studies at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace and a former National Security Council staffer for former President George H.W. Bush. 'If you're giving options to the president ... one of the very first things we have to say is we can strike what we can see, but we don't know what we can't see.'"

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

MORE FROM BANNON'S INTERVIEW -- "Steve Bannon: Trump's leaked 'Access Hollywood' tape was a 'litmus test,'" from CBS: "[Steve] Bannon, then RNC chairman Reince Priebus and Gov. Chris Christie discussed what steps to take next. In his conversation with Charlie Rose, the executive chairman of conservative publication Breitbart News explains how the meeting ended up costing Christie a potential job in the administration. ... Bannon: 'I gotta -- you know, I'm Irish. I gotta get my black book and I got 'em. ... Christie, because of Billy Bush weekend -- and -- was -- was -- not looked at for a Cabinet position. ... I told him, 'The plane leaves at 11 o'clock in the morning. If you're on the plane, you're on the team.' Didn't make the plane.'"

<http://cbsn.ws/2gNVT8y>

2020 WATCH -- "Will Joe Biden Run in 2020? His Designer Daughter Ashley Sure Hopes So," by WWD's Rosemary Feitelberg: "As for whether Joe Biden will run for president in 2020, his daughter [Ashley Biden], who still works full-time in Philadelphia, said, 'I hope so. He's busier truly than ever. Right now his focus is on the [Biden] Foundation and Cancer Moonshot, as well as getting other Democrats elected. He's not there. He's taking it day by day after the loss of my dear beloved brother [Beau who died in 2015]...He'll make a decision when that time comes,' she said. 'It's a little ways away. A lot can happen in four years and we know this as a family. If he is in good health, knock on wood, and seeing what the landscape is at the time, yeah, I think he is considering it.'" <http://bit.ly/2welg8c>

2018 WATCH -- "Virginia Senate race: Carly Fiorina rules out run, Jim Gilmore 'considering' candidacy," by CNN's Andrew Kaczynski: "Former Hewlett-Packard executive Carly Fiorina said Friday that she would not seek the Republican nomination for US Senate in Virginia's 2018 election. 'I have made a decision,' Fiorina said on the John Fredericks Show. 'I have decided that I can be of more value outside the system than a single voice among a hundred inside the system.' ... Fredericks speculated on air that former Virginia Gov. Jim Gilmore might jump in the race. When reached by CNN on Friday, Gilmore said he was 'considering' the possibility of his candidacy."

<http://cnn.it/2xiaKCV>

TODAY'S BEYOND THE BELTWAY -- Rubio talks about the hurricane -- Progressive Democrats consider a challenge to Feinstein <http://politi.co/2gOKdCP>

HURRICANE AFTER EFFECTS -- "Homeland Security Cancels Massive Roundups

of Undocumented Immigrants," by NBC News' Julia Ainsley and Andrew Blankstein: "President Donald Trump's Department of Homeland Security had planned nationwide raids to target 8,400 undocumented immigrants later this month, according to three law enforcement officials and an internal document that described the plan as 'the largest operation of its kind in the history of ICE' ... But after NBC News reported the plans late Thursday, the agency issued a statement saying it had cancelled nationwide enforcement actions due to Hurricane Irma and the damage caused by Hurricane Harvey." <http://nbcnews.to/2gOXkDU>

VALLEY WATCH -- "Here's what to expect from Apple's big event next week," by WIRED's David Pierce <http://bit.ly/2gOhloN>

HOT JOB -- NYT is hiring an artificial intelligence/FutureTech investigative reporter: "Investigate how algorithms, artificial intelligence, robots and technology are influencing our lives, our businesses, our privacy and the future." <http://bit.ly/2gOXye3>

OUT AND ABOUT -- The NFL, Entertainment Software Association and Electronic Arts hosted a kickoff party last night for the launch of Madden 2018. **SPOTTED:** House Minority Whip Steny Hoyer (D-Md.), Reps. Marsha Blackburn (R-Tenn), Chris Collins (R-N.Y.), Debbie Dingell (D-Mich.), Rick Larsen (D-Wash.), John Shimkus (R-Ill.), Matthew Gaetz (R-Fla.), Charlie Dent (R-Pa.), Mimi Walters (R-Calif.), Duncan Hunter (R-Calif.), Mark Sanford (R-S.C.).

SPOTTED: Rep. Robert Pittenger (R-N.C.) and Sen. Bill Cassidy (R-La.) separately at DCA.

***** **A message from Hewlett Packard Enterprise** : A nation's strength is increasingly measured by its technical prowess. As the designer and builder of more supercomputers than any other company in the world, Hewlett Packard Enterprise is proud to lead the way in one of the future's most important technologies. Visit hpe.com/supercomputing to learn more about how Hewlett Packard Enterprise's supercomputers are helping create the future in science, medicine and national security.

SUBSCRIBE to the Playbook family: **POLITICO Playbook** <http://politi.co/1M75UbX> ... **New York Playbook** <http://politi.co/1ON8bqW> ... **Florida Playbook** <http://politi.co/1OypFe9> ... **New Jersey Playbook** <http://politi.co/1HLKItF> ... **Massachusetts Playbook** <http://politi.co/1Nhtq5v> ... **Illinois Playbook** <http://politi.co/1N7u5sb> ... **California Playbook** <http://politi.co/2bLvcPI> ... **Brussels Playbook** <http://politi.co/1FZeLcw> ... **All our political and policy tipsheets** <http://politi.co/1M75UbX>
[View online](#)

To change your alert settings, please go to <https://secure.politico.com/settings>

This email was sent to jackson.ryan@epa.gov by: POLITICO, LLC 1000 Wilson Blvd.

Arlington, VA, 22209, USA

Please click [here](#) and follow the steps to unsubscribe.
