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DRIVING THE DAY

Good Monday morning. NEWS: PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP is extremely eager for legislative action on guns, and has pushed lawmakers he has spoken to for a vote in the House *this week*. Of course, this won't happen -- the House is in session for just one day and things simply do not move that quickly. But lawmakers who have spoken to the president say the urgency with which he would like to proceed is unprecedented in his presidency.

-- HERE IS WHAT IS BEING DISCUSSED: Spending a pile of money on police programs. Funding some sort of volunteer program to protect schools. A new background-check system. The Fix NICS Act -- a bill that would penalize government entities for not reporting information to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (this has already passed the House).

-- WHAT IS LESS LIKELY TO HAPPEN: Increasing the minimum age for purchasing some weapons, banning assault weapons.

-- INTERESTING PROPOSAL THAT'S QUIETLY BEING CONSIDERED: Giving cops the ability to confiscate a gun for 21 days if there are reports of domestic abuse, mental health issues or threats. The 21-day period could be renewed twice, under a plan that's being discussed.

-- **OF COURSE**, all of this is in its infancy. But Trump is pushing hard behind the scenes.

NEW FROM SOUTH KOREA -- IVANKA TRUMP to **NBC'S PETER ALEXANDER** on arming students: **ALEXANDER**: "You're a mom of three young children. Do you believe that arming teachers would make children safer?" **TRUMP**: "To be honest I don't know. Obviously there would have to be an incredibly high standard for who would be able to bear arms in our school. But I think that there is no one solution to creating safety. ... I think that having a teacher who is armed who cares deeply about her students or his students and who is capable and qualified to bear arms is not a bad idea. But it's an idea that needs to be discussed." *Peter's report*
<http://nbcnews.to/2F5N8ov>

THE LATEST IN FLORIDA -- "Florida Students Return, Gingerly, to Their Scarred High School," by NYT's Jack Healy in Parkland and Patricia Mazzei in Miami: "It was time to go back. Back into the high school where they had seen their teachers and classmates gunned down. Where friends from marching band or English class had been killed.

"Where they had cowered in closets, counted gunshots and wondered if they were going to die. Thousands of students and parents poured into Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Fla., on Sunday afternoon, for the first time since the mass shooting at the school on Feb. 14.

"They walked past police cruisers and memorial flowers to gather the backpacks and books they had left behind as they fled, and to take their first steps toward resuming classes on a campus now indelibly linked to America's wrenching cultural battle over gun laws and how to stop mass shootings.

"That debate largely stayed outside on Sunday. Inside Stoneman Douglas High, students said, they mostly just hugged. They hugged friends they hadn't seen since the shooting, and they hugged friends who had been with them every day. They hugged their teachers, and friends' parents, and classmates they barely knew, while their parents hugged other parents." <http://nyti.ms/2ERgjML>

-- **MATT DIXON** in Tallahassee: **"NRA battles Florida Republicans over gun crackdown"**: "The National Rifle Association, equipped with a vaunted political email list and support from passionate single-issue voters, is gearing up to take on Florida Gov. Rick Scott and GOP leaders as they tee up a rarity in Florida lawmaking: gun