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**BREAKING -- @HallieJackson:** "NEW: is it possible @POTUS might fire Tom Price, I ask? 'We'll see,' he says. Says he's not happy with his HHS Secretary."

**WAR REPORT -- "Rocket Attack Hits Kabul Airport Hours After Mattis Arrives,"** by NBC's Ahmed Mengli, Mushtaq Yusufzai and Alexander Smith: "The Taliban claimed it fired at least six rockets at Afghanistan's main airport Wednesday in an attack intended to target Defense Secretary James Mattis. No one was injured and Mattis had left the airport in the capital Kabul hours beforehand, according to Afghan President Ashraf Ghani.

**"The defense secretary was in the country** for an unannounced visit alongside NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg. It was his first trip to Afghanistan since President Donald Trump announced a new strategy for America's longest war. Although the trip was not publicized, two Taliban commanders told NBC News on condition of anonymity that their 'insiders' in the Afghan security establishment and at Kabul airport had tipped them off in advance." <http://nbcnews.to/2wUIR5h>

**Good Wednesday afternoon. SCOOP - MIKE HAIDET** is now White House director of scheduling, sources familiar with the move told Daniel and Tara Palmeri. He was most recently the director of the Trump White House travel office. Haidet was also director of operations on Sen. Rob Portman (R-Ohio)'s re-elect last year, is a Rubio 2016 alum and also served as press secretary for Sen. Portman. **TORY MAGUIRE** was the previous head of scheduling and left the White House last Friday. **REBECCA WASSERSTEIN**, formerly the deputy director of the travel office, has taken over as head of that office. Haidet and Wasserstein did not respond to requests for comment.

**THE TAX PLAN LANDS -- "Trump, GOP tax plan omits details on who pays,"** by Brian Faler and Rachael Bade: "President Donald Trump is heading to Indiana Wednesday to sell a tax-reform plan that glosses over one key question: Who loses? The long-awaited proposal released Wednesday morning by the so-called Big Six is heavy on the GOP's tax cut desires and light when it comes to explaining whose taxes

will have to go up to help control costs.

**"After months of meeting behind closed doors,** the Trump administration and the Republican leadership in both chambers announced they want to slash the corporate rate to 20 percent from the current 35 percent, while reducing taxes on unincorporated businesses to 25 percent. They're proposing nearly doubling the standard deduction, expanding a tax credit for having children and creating a special low rate on multinational companies' overseas earnings. The cost of all that would run in the trillions, and Republican leaders don't plan to simply cut taxes and leave it at that. They want to at least partially defray the cost with offsetting tax increases. But their plans for doing that, for the most part, are still a secret." <http://politi.co/2yIuJZc> ... ***The tax plan framework*** <http://politi.co/2yGDtiI>

**GET SMART FAST -- "Everything you need to know about the Big 6 tax plan,"** by Brian Faler: "For individuals: The big surprise here is that Republicans are backing away from plans to slash taxes on the rich. They are floating the idea of some sort of surtax on the well-to-do, though details are scant. That's a major shift from what Republicans campaigned on in last year's elections, when they proposed steep tax cuts for the wealthy. But they are trying to head off the inevitable attacks from Democrats, and maybe even win some of their support. ...

**"For businesses: As expected,** the plan calls for cutting the corporate rate to 20 percent, from the current 35 percent. Small businesses would pay 25 percent. Companies would be allowed to immediately write off investment expenses, though only for five years." ***Plus the early losers, unanswered questions and other surprises*** <http://politi.co/2wVxfOv>

-- **MUST READ** from **RICH RUBIN: "GOP Tax Plan: What We Know and What We Don't"** <http://on.wsj.com/2yHjcJD>

**DRUDGE HEADLINE** as of midday: "MORE BETRAYAL REPUBLICAN PLAN TO RAISE TAXES!" ***With photo of Trump and Ryan.***

-- **@FreedomCaucus:** "The Freedom Caucus has taken an official position in support of the GOP framework for #TaxReform. Statement coming..."

-- **POLITICO PRO** has everything you need to know on tax reform in one handy guide. **Download here** <http://politi.co/2yIt8CG>

**MORE POLITICO/MORNING CONSULT POLLING -- "Poll: Voters say Price's charter flights are inappropriate,"** by Rachana Pradhan: "Nearly two-thirds of registered voters disapprove of HHS Secretary Tom Price's decision to charter private jets to conduct official business, a new POLITICO/Morning Consult poll shows. Sixty-four percent of voters said it was inappropriate for Price to take private aircraft, which costs tens of thousands of dollars more than commercial flights. Sixteen percent said the trips were appropriate." <http://politi.co/2xAEwQL>

**ANOTHER HEALTH CARE PUSH -- "Alexander, Murray to meet for bipartisan health talks,"** by Burgess Everett: "GOP Sen. Lamar Alexander will meet with Democratic Sen. Patty Murray on Wednesday to try to salvage their bipartisan health care efforts, Alexander said in an interview. House and Senate Republican leaders rejected the effort last week, preferring instead to try another partisan attempt at Obamacare repeal. Alexander said that now that that's collapsed, he's going to try again with Murray to stabilize insurance markets.

**"Still, Alexander said he needs broader** buy-in than just a deal between him and Murray, the two leaders of the Senate's health committee. 'We're going to see if it's possible to find some bipartisan consensus that can get a result,' Alexander said. 'I'm talking to her, I'm talking to Republicans and I'm talking to some Democrats.'" <http://politi.co/2yGCGhn>

\*\*\*\*\* **A message from Morgan Stanley** : Amid a confluence of regulatory, market and technological factors, the production and sales of battery-powered electric vehicles may finally shift into high gear. A Morgan Stanley report projects that as many as a billion electric vehicles will be on the road worldwide by 2050. [Read more.](#) \*\*\*\*\*

**ON THE PRESIDENT'S MIND -- @realDonaldTrump** at 6:56 a.m.: "Spoke to Roy Moore of Alabama last night for the first time. Sounds like a really great guy who ran a fantastic race. He will help to #MAGA!" ... **at 7:09 a.m.:** "Spoke to Jerry Jones of the Dallas Cowboys yesterday. Jerry is a winner who knows how to get things done. Players will stand for Country!" ... **at 7:32 a.m.:** "With one Yes vote in hospital & very positive signs from Alaska and two others (McCain is out), we have the HCare Vote, but not for Friday!" ... **at 7:36 a.m.:** "We will have the votes for Healthcare but not for the reconciliation deadline of Friday, after which we need 60. Get rid of Filibuster Rule!" ... **at 9:36 a.m.:** "Facebook was always anti-Trump. The Networks were always anti-Trump hence, Fake News, @nytimes (apologized) & @WaPo were anti-Trump. Collusion?" ... **at 9:41 a.m.:** "... But the people were Pro-Trump! Virtually no President has accomplished what we have accomplished in the first 9 months-and economy roaring"

-- **@jimcramer:** "So The President, according to @anthonymoto from Twitter will not be tweeting 280 characters in the test."

**GETTING INTO POTUS' GOOD GRACES -- "Roy Moore: Trump didn't support me because he didn't know me,"** by Louis Nelson: "President Donald Trump supported Sen. Luther Strange in Tuesday's Alabama special election because 'I don't think the president knew me,' victorious former judge Roy Moore said Wednesday morning, pledging support for the president's agenda and predicting Trump would support his candidacy. ... 'Well I don't think the president knew me and I think that when he gets to know me that he'll understand that I do support a very conservative agenda for this country,' Moore said Wednesday morning on Fox News's 'Fox & Friends.' 'And I think that he will back me. And I've received call from him and that's what he said he would do.'" <http://politi.co/2yGYycz>

-- **"Who is Doug Jones, and can he defeat Roy Moore in conservative Alabama?,"** by WaPo's David Weigel: "Democrats who have not seriously contested an Alabama Senate race since 1996 think they have a credible candidate in Doug Jones, a former U.S. attorney who successfully prosecuted members of the Ku Klux Klan who bombed a black church in Birmingham in 1963, killing four girls. And several progressive groups believe they have clearer shot at winning the general election in December than they would have if Sen. Luther Strange, the establishment candidate who lost resoundingly to Moore on Tuesday, had won. Clearer, but not necessarily easy. ...

**"Jones, in an interview** conducted before Moore secured his win, said he had a unique opportunity to break Democrats out of their rut. He would offer 'political checks and balances' on the Trump administration, reach out to independents and provide a sober contrast with firebrand Moore." <http://wapo.st/2yGRcFI>

**POLITICO GETS RESULTS -- The House Oversight Committee** announced it is "examining the extent to which non-career officials at federal departments and agencies either use government-owned aircraft for personal travel or private non-commercial aircraft for official travel" in a letter to White House Chief of Staff John Kelly. Chair Trey Gowdy (R-S.C.) and ranking member Rep. Elijah Cummings (D-Md.) requested documents on private travel by Oct. 10. **The letter** <http://bit.ly/2yGZoWL>

**KUSHNER INC. -- "Jared Kushner Real Estate Company Sued for Predatory Overcharging Practice,"** by The Daily Beast's Betsy Woodruff: "One of Jared Kushner's real estate companies has been sued. A class action lawsuit filed in Maryland State Court this morning alleges that Westminster Management, a company owned by President Donald Trump's son-in-law and top adviser, charged its tenants improper fees, and then used their failure to pay those fees as a basis to threaten them with eviction." <http://thebea.st/2yHc6ob>

**#18 IN 2018? -- "Corker: 'Possible' that Peyton Manning runs for Senate,"** by Burgess Everett: "It's 'possible' but not necessarily likely that former NFL quarterback Peyton Manning will run for the open Tennessee Senate seat, retiring Sen. Bob Corker said Wednesday. The outgoing GOP senator said he spoke with Manning on Wednesday morning, one day after Corker said he won't run for a third term. Corker said that Manning is enjoying private life and time with his family but would be a formidable force if he runs for the seat. 'If he were to run nobody in their right mind would consider running against him,' Corker said, though he warned: 'I would not be putting in the headlines today that he's going to be running for the Senate.'" <http://politi.co/2wUrdgR>

**CULTURE WARS -- "Red pill: My bizarre week using the alt-right's vision of the internet,"** by WIRED's Emma Grey Ellis <http://bit.ly/2wVBwkT>

**SPORTS BLINK -- "Head coach Rick Pitino and athletic director Tom Jurich out at Louisville,"** from ESPN: "Louisville men's basketball coach Rick Pitino is out, a source

tells ESPN's Michael Eaves. Athletic director Tom Jurich is also out at Louisville, a source tells ESPN's Jeff Goodman, after the program was linked to a federal investigation into fraud and corruption in recruiting. Jurich and Pitino met Wednesday morning with Louisville interim president Greg Postel. After the meetings, Postel informed reporters that the school would hold a news conference at 1 p.m. and noted that Pitino and Jurich would not attend." <http://es.pn/2yHebRj>

**MEDIAWATCH -- JILL JACKSON** is moving to Seattle, where she will rejoin KUOW Public Radio as its news director. She was an intern for the station in 2003. She has been at CBS News since 2007, most recently as a senior producer in the D.C. bureau. Jackson is well known to Hill reporters -- she was the network's Capitol Hill producer for several years.

**HAPPENING TOMORROW -- Supreme Court Justice Neil Gorsuch** is giving a speech at the Trump International Hotel at a luncheon hosted by The Fund for American Studies.

**OUT AND ABOUT --** Members of Congress, lobbyists and staff gathered for the 19th annual Hoops for Youth Charity Basketball Game at the Smith Center last night. Capitol Police officers Crystal Griner and David Bailey, the two officers who helped stop the shooting earlier this year that wounded Rep. Steve Scalise (R-La.), were honored during the event with University of Kentucky men's basketball head coach John Calipari on hand. Calipari announced a \$20,000 donation to the Capitol Police Officers Fund, and Rep. Cedric Richmond (D-La.) announced the CBC would also donate \$20,000. The first lobbyists team beat the staff team 56-36, and the second lobbyists team beat the members of Congress 49-42. ***Coach Calipari with the officers and participants*** <http://bit.ly/2wVelSi>

\*\*\*\*\* **A message from Morgan Stanley** : For years, many industry watchers have predicted the demise of traditional gas-guzzlers and the rise of electric cars. Yet, despite the advent of hybrid vehicles, better and cheaper batteries, and the entry of high-performance luxury electric competitors, the former continues to dominate roads globally. Now, however, the automobile's long-promised electric future may be in sight, according to a new report that projects that as many as a billion battery electric vehicles will be on the road worldwide by 2050, reaching parity with vehicles powered by the internal combustion engine. Why have electric cars never been successful before and why is it different this time? [Read more from Morgan Stanley.](#) \*\*\*\*\*

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