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Today's Playbook Power Briefing presented by the Coalition for Affordable Prescription Drugs (CAPD)

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Good Tuesday afternoon. SCOOP -- "Pro-Trump group launches TV, radio ads against Heller over health bill," by Alex Isenstadt: "A pro-Trump outside group is stepping up its attacks on GOP Sen. Dean Heller over his opposition to the Obamacare repeal plan - a stunning act of retribution against a politically vulnerable member of the president's own party. America First Policies, a White House-sanctioned political organization, is launching a \$1 million TV and radio ad campaign on Tuesday savaging Heller, the most vulnerable Republican facing re-election in 2018, for his planned 'No' vote." <http://politi.co/2uezXbQ> **The TV ad** <http://bit.ly/2uebfsd>

SEN. RAND PAUL is going to the White House, as Senate Republicans' efforts to pass a repeal and replace of Obamacare flag.

-- **@RandPaul**: "Headed to meet with @realDonaldTrump this afternoon. The bill is currently not real repeal and needs major improvement."

READ BETWEEN THE LINES. Paul is expressing pretty fundamental disagreement. He doesn't want the bill changed at the edges -- he wants a big overhaul. **BUT AS OF NOW**, Republicans cannot even move onto debate the bill, because five senators are opposed to the motion to proceed.

RIGHT NOW, SENATORS HAVE MYRIAD issues with the bill. McConnell wants a vote this week, but would push it back if a group of senators flag a specific issue or set of issues in the bill that would bring them all together. If that happened, they would need time to draft that provision. So far, that hasn't happened.

PUSHING IT BACK -- "Lacking support, GOP puts off key repeal vote," by Jennifer Haberkorn and Burgess Everett: "Senate Republicans have put off a critical procedural vote on their Obamacare repeal bill until Wednesday at the earliest, as they fight desperately to come up with the 50 votes needed to start debate on the bill. Sen. John Cornyn (R-Texas), the GOP's chief whip counter, said Tuesday that the vote would be

held 'sometime tomorrow.' He previously said the vote could be held Tuesday or Wednesday. And Republicans are now weighing whether to further delay the vote, sources said." <http://politi.co/2tjDRDW>

VICE PRESIDENT MIKE PENCE is on Capitol Hill, attending the Senate GOP lunch.

FIRST IN PLAYBOOK -- CLUB FOR GROWTH OPPOSES SENATE BILL -- The Club for growth slammed the Senate health care bill, further complicating Republicans' efforts to get the bill passed. "For seven long years, Americans have waited for health care reform that would repeal the disaster that is Obamacare," Club for Growth President David McIntosh said in a statement. "The Club for Growth and the American people took Republicans in Congress at their word when they promised to repeal every word - 'root and branch' - of Obamacare and replace it with a patient-centered approach to health care." **Full statement** <http://politi.co/2tjT4VN>

STATE OF PLAY: MITCH OR CHUCK -- "McConnell warns Trump over health bill failure," by Burgess Everett, Josh Dawsey and Jennifer Haberkorn: "Mitch McConnell is delivering an urgent missive to staffers, Republican senators and even the president himself: If Obamacare repeal fails this week, then the GOP will lose all leverage and be forced to work with Chuck Schumer. President Donald Trump continued to float the possibility on Monday that Congress and the White House would simply let Obamacare's individual markets collapse if the GOP's repeal effort goes down later this week. But McConnell called up Trump recently, according to people with knowledge of the call, to deliver a reality check. ...

"McConnell delivered a similar missive Monday to Republican senators at his leadership meeting and to top GOP staffers, warning that Democrats will want to retain as much of Obamacare as possible in a bipartisan negotiation, according to Republican aides. 'If we fail, we're going to be negotiating with Chuck Schumer,' said one Republican staffer." <http://politi.co/2ue1MB7>

BURNING UP THE PHONE LINES -- "Republican senators getting hit by calls from voters worried about Obamacare repeal bill," by Diamond Naga Siu: <http://politi.co/2tgGLbH>

BEN WHITE SCOOPS -- "White House taps key Senate aide for Treasury rescue mission": "The White House intends to nominate Chris Campbell, staff director for the Senate Finance Committee GOP, to serve as assistant Treasury secretary for financial institutions, people close to the matter said. The job is among the most critical at Treasury as the department, led by Steven Mnuchin, tries to push forward some of Trump's signature goals, including a major tax reform package and sweeping changes to Wall Street regulations. Treasury also faces the need to raise the nation's borrowing limit in the coming months to avoid a potentially catastrophic default." <http://politi.co/2rXQwrZ>

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new study projects pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs) will save Medicare Part D \$896 billion over ten years. PBMs drive savings for taxpayers and seniors by negotiating discounts from drug manufacturers; by encouraging the use of lower cost, clinically equivalent drugs; and by providing clinical programs that improve health outcomes. Learn more at affordableprescriptiondrugs.org *****

HAPPENING IN EUROPE -- "Cyberattack under way on Europe's energy and transport companies," by POLITICO Europe's Laurens Cerulus: "A ransomware attack is spreading across Europe in what looks like an outbreak of malware like the global WannaCry attack last month. Russian petroleum company Rosneft confirmed its systems were under attack, saying in a tweet that 'a massive hacker attack has hit the servers of the company.' The transport company A.P. Moller-Maersk confirmed in a tweet it also suffered an attack and its systems were down. Meanwhile, Kiev's main airport has been affected by the malware, the BBC reported. Security researchers have raised similar warnings for energy systems in Ukraine, including Ukrenergo and Kyivenergo. Other incidents are being reported." <http://politi.co/2ueisIW>

TRUMP INC. -- "Trump's Company Gets Millions So Toronto Hotel Can Erase Brand," by Bloomberg's Katia Dmitrieva: "Donald Trump's business will be paid millions of dollars to release the owner of a Toronto hotel complex from using his name. JCF Capital ULC, the closely held U.S. firm that owns the Trump International Hotel & Tower in the city's downtown business district, reached a buyout deal to exit the contracts with the Trump Organization's hotel unit, the companies said Tuesday in a statement. While no breakup fee was disclosed, the amount was at least \$6 million, according to a person with knowledge of the matter. Signage may be removed from the 65-story tower as soon as Aug. 1, said the person, who asked not to be identified discussing confidential details." <https://bloom.bg/2ueiDDM>

WITH ONE FOOT OUT THE DOOR ... -- "Chaffetz calls for \$2,500 legislator housing stipend," by The Hill's Scott Wong: "Rep. Jason Chaffetz (R-Utah) said Monday that House and Senate lawmakers should receive a \$2,500 per month housing allowance - something he explained would help ease housing costs for members who can't afford two mortgages or rents. 'I really do believe Congress would be much better served if there was a housing allowance for members of Congress,' Chaffetz told The Hill in an interview in his Capitol office, where he sleeps whenever he's in Washington. 'In today's climate, nobody's going to suggest or vote for a pay raise. But you shouldn't have to be among the wealthiest of Americans to serve properly in Congress.' ...

"Washington, D.C., is one of the most expensive places in the world, and I flat-out cannot afford a mortgage in Utah, kids in college and a second place here in Washington, D.C.," Chaffetz said. 'I think a \$2,500 housing allowance would be appropriate and a real help to have at least a decent quality of life in Washington if you're going to expect people to spend hundreds of nights a year here.'" <http://bit.ly/2udthe3>

-- **ANOTHER IDEA ...** -- There is a building that once housed Congressional pages. Use

that to give members of Congress subsidized housing.

LAWYER UP -- "Trump Aides Hire Lawyers for Probe Into Russian Election Hacking," by WSJ's Peter Nicholas and Carol E. Lee: "As investigations intensify into whether the Trump campaign colluded with Russia in the 2016 presidential campaign, at least 10 White House officials and former aides have retained lawyers in conjunction with the probes, or are moving to do so. Inside the White House, President Donald Trump, Vice President Mike Pence and Trump senior adviser Jared Kushner, his son-in-law, all have hired private attorneys, as have former campaign advisers Michael Caputo, Boris Epshteyn and Roger Stone, among others. ...

"Asked about the White House's management of the investigations, Andrew Card, chief of staff to former President George W. Bush, said: 'I think they're learning they have to do a better job of it. I don't fault them for the way they've had to learn this process. But I'm hoping they do not get distracted. That's the most critical thing.' Kellyanne Conway, counselor to President Trump, said, 'It's business as usual here in the White House, where the president's packed schedule and the breakneck pace have been unchanged.'" <http://on.wsj.com/2sN4YFX>

STATEMENTS FROM THE WHITE HOUSE -- @realDonaldTrump at 6:33 a.m.: "Wow, CNN had to retract big story on 'Russia,' with 3 employees forced to resign. What about all the other phony stories they do? FAKE NEWS!" ... **at 8:30 a.m.:** "Fake News CNN is looking at big management changes now that they got caught falsely pushing their phony Russian stories. Ratings way down!" ... **at 8:47 a.m.:** "So they caught Fake News CNN cold, but what about NBC, CBS & ABC? What about the failing @nytimes & @washingtonpost? They are all Fake News!" ***The president also retweeted several Fox & Friends tweets and a promotional link to Eric Bolling's book.***

-- **@CNNPR** (replying to the president's tweet about ratings): "CNN just posted it's most-watched second quarter in history. Those are the facts."

HMM... -- "The 'international man of mystery' linked to Flynn's lobbying deal," by Isaac Arnsdorf in a ProPublica-POLITICO joint investigation: "More than two years ago, two men started visiting Washington to push Turkey's agenda in the capital. They dined with dignitaries and enlisted prominent lobbying firms from both sides of the aisle. It was an unremarkable Washington story, except for one thing: the last lobbyist one of the men hired was Gen. Michael Flynn, President Trump's campaign adviser at the time, who was later fired as national security adviser for lying about his conversations with Russia's ambassador.

"Flynn's client, a Turkish businessman named Ekim Alptekin, has gained attention as federal investigators examine Flynn's apparent failures to disclose foreign contacts. But so far, the other man in the pro-Turkey efforts has largely avoided public notice ... The man, Dmitri 'David' Zaikin, is not registered as a foreign lobbyist and has no apparent connection to Turkey.

"What he does have, a ProPublica-POLITICO examination found, is a long track record of partnering with powerful Russian businesspeople and government officials, mostly involving energy and mining deals. More recently, Zaikin has done political work in Eastern Europe, advising parties in Albania and Macedonia that have drifted toward the Kremlin. Zaikin also has business connections to Trump. Working at a real estate agency in Toronto in the 2000s, Zaikin brokered sales in one of the city's new high-rises: the Trump International Hotel and Tower. <http://politi.co/2udxG0z>

THE HOUSE OF MOUSE -- "Behind the Scenes of Disney's Donald Trump 'Hall of Presidents' Drama," by Motherboard's Kevin Wong: "Walt Disney World's Hall of Presidents -- closed for renovations since January 2017 in order to add a new Donald Trump robot -- was originally scheduled to reopen with its new president in time for summer.

"But now, its reopening has been pushed back to no earlier than the fall, and perhaps beyond that, according to Disney sources familiar with the attraction. After much behind-the-scenes drama and internal machinations about whether or not Trump would have a speaking role in the attraction, Disney told a local TV station that Trump would indeed speak. But the road to get to this point has been fraught with difficulties. According to our source, Trump's communications team turned what should have been a simple recording process into a public relations nightmare-one that Disney executives twisted themselves in knots to avoid, in order to save face for the president, and ultimately, save face for themselves." <http://bit.ly/2sN3dZh>

PLAYBOOK METRO SECTION -- "The Neighborhood Inside a Building: D.C.'s massive Woodner apartment building has lived many lives-from fancy hotel to one of the last bastions of affordable housing in a gentrifying neighborhood. Now, it's on the brink of another change," by CityLab's Tanvi Misra <http://bit.ly/2sNclxf>

MEDIAWATCH -- @AshleyRParker: "Excited to share that I am now officially an MSNBC contributor."

WEEKEND WEDDING -- Former Daily Caller entertainment editor **Taylor Bigler**, now a reporter at the Mount Desert Islander in Bar Harbor, married **Donny Mace** at the Causeway Club in Southwest Harbor, Maine. The pair met in 2014 at a restaurant in Northeast Harbor, Maine. They will honeymoon in Kennebunkport. **Pics** <http://bit.ly/2tftdh2> ... <http://bit.ly/2tQLKh0> ... <http://bit.ly/2sWkMos> **SPOTTED:** Amy Rush, bridesmaids Chrissy Terrell Murray and Kori Kemble, Margaret Atkinson.

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than 39 million American seniors can access the prescription drugs they need. Learn more at affordableprescriptiondrugs.org *****

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