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Today's Playbook Power Briefing presented by JPMorgan Chase & Co.

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Happy Friday afternoon. THE HOUSE FREEDOM CAUCUS will hold a conference call at 2 p.m. today to discuss the Senate's budget, and whether the House should swallow it. The Senate -- in consultation with House Republican leaders -- made a number of changes to the budget to try to get the House to pass it. The other option is a formal negotiation between the House and Senate. If the house just passes the senate's bill, that could shave a week or two off the tax reform process. The Freedom Caucus's support will be necessary.

REP. MARK MEADOWS (R-N.C.) told Jake this morning that they would support it: "Only if we get a commitment to move the actual tax reform bill much quicker than originally planned. HFC will be holding a conference call later today discuss this option, in anticipation of a vote that could be scheduled for as soon as Wednesday of next week. There is a strong motivation to pass the Senate version if it actually allows us to pass tax reform by Thanksgiving."

NYT'S MIKE GRYNBAUM emails us an alert he got: "Delta will co-locate its LaGuardia operations in Terminals C and D by relocating its Delta Shuttle to Chicago and Washington, D.C. from Terminal A (Marine Air Terminal) to Terminal C."

-- **THIS MEANS** the American Airlines shuttle between New York and D.C. will operate from terminal B. JetBlue is taking over the Marine Air Terminal.

REMEMBER THOSE EMAILS? -- "Cummings: Trump aides admitted to lawyers they used private email," by Kyle Cheney: "A top House Democrat says White House lawyers acknowledged this week that "several" Trump administration officials used their private email accounts for government business in violation of federal record-keeping law.

"But Rep. Elijah Cummings, the top Democrat on the House Oversight Committee, said the lawyers repeatedly refused to name the officials and now he's asking Chairman Trey Gowdy (R-S.C.) to issue subpoenas for the information. In a letter to Gowdy

delivered on Friday, Cummings described a Wednesday briefing on the email matter from three members of the White House counsel's office: deputy counsel Stefan Passantino, deputy counsel Uttam Dhillon and associate counsel Daniel Epstein.

"The lawyers 'stated that several White House employees came forward and 'confessed' that they failed to forward official records from their personal email accounts to their governmental email accounts within 20 days, as the Presidential Records Act requires,' Cummings wrote. 'However, the White House officials refused to identify these employees.' Asked specifically whether President Donald Trump's senior aide and son-in-law Jared Kushner was among the violators, the attorneys told committee staff, 'You should talk to Mr. Kushner's counsel about that,' Cummings added."

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

WEATHER.COM'S homepage right now: **"AMERICA, THIS IS STILL HAPPENING"** -- Linking to their coverage marking one month since Hurricane Maria hit Puerto Rico

<http://wxch.nl/2zDxOtK>

ON COMEY -- "Grassley won't force Sessions to answer Trump-Comey questions," by Elana Schor: "Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa) does not plan to force Attorney General Jeff Sessions to answer questions about his private conversations with President Donald Trump concerning the firing of FBI Director James Comey, a spokesman said Friday. Sessions sidestepped repeated questions about the Comey firing and the federal probe of Russia's election meddling during testimony before the Judiciary panel earlier this week, dismissing a bid by the committee's nine Democrats to force him to formally invoke executive privilege in declining to answer questions.

"While Democratic frustration simmers over Sessions' ability to evade questions about his private conversations with the president without claiming executive privilege, Grassley appears to have concluded that the matter isn't worth pressing because the Trump administration would likely prevail. 'No president is likely to invoke executive privilege until forced to do so,' Grassley spokesman George Hartmann said by email. 'In this case, it's premature and probably not a legitimate use of committee time and resources to force the issue.'" <http://politi.co/2yC1IAj>

THE FEUD CONTINUES -- "Wilson accuses John Kelly of lying: 'How dare he'," by Louis Nelson and Marc Caputo: "Rep. Frederica Wilson on Friday accused White House chief of staff John Kelly of lying about her during his emotional remarks in defense of the president's language during a condolence call to the widow of a soldier killed in action. ... 'You know, I feel sorry for Gen. Kelly. He has my sympathy for the loss of his son. But he can't just go on TV and lie on me. I was not even in Congress in 2009 when the money for the building was secured. So that's a lie. How dare he?' Wilson said Friday morning on CNN's 'New Day.' 'He didn't tell the truth, and he needs to stop telling lies on me.'" <http://politi.co/2zDeUmU>

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30 years since we reformed our tax code, putting good jobs and higher wages at risk. In fact, 90% of CEOs believe that inaction by lawmakers could slow hiring and wage growth. Learn more about what tax reform could mean for American workers:

<http://politi.co/2xE311j> *****

SOMETHING TO WATCH -- "Proposed 'Honest Ads Act' Seeks More Disclosure About Online Political Ads," by WSJ's Byron Tau: "Driven by concerns about Russian online activity during the 2016 election, two senior Senate Democrats introduced new campaign finance legislation on Thursday that would force greater disclosure about the political advertising that runs online. In a press conference Thursday, Sens. Amy Klobuchar of Minnesota and Mark Warner of Virginia unveiled the Honest Ads Act, a bill that mandates large digital platforms keep a public repository of paid political advertising that appears on their sites. ...

"The proposed law would apply to sites with an average of 50 million or more viewers or users -- a standard that wouldn't only include tech giants like Facebook and Google but also online services like Twitter, Pinterest, LinkedIn, Snapchat and others. ... The proposed public repository would contain a copy of the advertisement. More important, the law would require the firms to disclose whom the ad was targeted at -- allowing the public a glimpse at how campaigns target messages at difference audiences online. And the bill would require companies to disclose the number of views generated by the ad, the date and time that it ran, the amount spent, as well as the contact information of the purchaser." <http://on.wsj.com/2zDjuBL>

ON THE PRESIDENT'S MIND -- @realDonaldTrump at 6:31 a.m.: "Just out report: 'United Kingdom crime rises 13% annually amid spread of Radical Islamic terror.' Not good, we must keep America safe!"

-- **FACT-CHECK -- CNN's James Masters and Richard Allen Greene:** "But although Trump was correct in asserting that there had been a 13% rise in 'victim-based crime' in the UK in the year ending June 2017 compared to the year before, there was no evidence that the rise was linked to 'Radical Islamic terror.' The Office for National Statistics -- which compiled the report, 'Crime in England and Wales: year ending June 2017' -- told CNN it did not draw any link between the rise in 'victim-based crime' and 'Radical Islamic terror.'" <http://cnn.it/2zDDqEp>

NEVER SAY NEVER -- "Bob Iger for President? Disney's Political Cat-and-Mouse Game," by The Hollywood Reporter's Jeremy Barr: "Officially, Walt Disney Co. CEO Bob Iger is not running for president. At least not yet. The 2020 election may feel eons away, but the Des Moines International Airport will soon start crowding with candidate wannabes, and while Iger has plenty of time to make up his mind, the clock is ticking and the whispers will only grow louder. While Iger, 66, hasn't explicitly said he's interested, he also hasn't ruled himself out, which sets him apart from Sens. Al Franken and Chris Murphy, who recently have taken themselves out of the hypothetical running.

"Those who know and work with Iger in Hollywood say he is seriously considering a

presidential bid, which would be perfectly timed with his plans to step down as Disney CEO in 2019. One fellow media titan tells THR that Iger would be a great candidate if he decides to run but stops short of saying he is encouraging him to do so."

<http://bit.ly/2zoMr3a>

VALLEY TALK -- "How People Inside Facebook Are Reacting To The Company's Election Crisis," by BuzzFeed's Charlie Warzel: "To truly understand how Facebook is responding to its role in the election and the ensuing morass, numerous sources inside and close to the company pointed to its unemotional engineering-driven culture, which they argue is largely guided by a quantitative approach to problems. It's one that views nearly all content as agnostic, and everything else as a math problem. As that viewpoint has run headfirst into the wall of political reality, complete with congressional inquiries and multiple public mea culpas from its boy king CEO, a crisis of perception now brews.

"Inside Facebook, many in the company's rank and file are frustrated. They view the events of the last month and those that preceded it as part of an unjust narrative that's spiraled out of control, unchecked. Five sources familiar with the thinking inside the company told BuzzFeed News that many employees feel Facebook is being used as a scapegoat for the myriad complex factors that led to 2016's unexpected election result. What the public sees as Facebook's failure to recognize the extent to which it could be manipulated for untoward ends, employees view as a flawed hindsight justification for circumstances that mostly fell well beyond their control. And as the drumbeat of damning reports continues, the frustration and fundamental disconnect between Facebook's stewards and those wary of its growing influence grow larger still."

<http://bzfd.it/2zphqwd>

SPORTS BLINK -- DUSTY BAKER will not be returning as The Nationals' manager next year, the team announced.

TV TONIGHT -- Bob Costa's guests on PBS' "Washington Week" tonight, talking about health care, the budget and the fallout from Niger: NYT's Yamiche Alcindor, CNN's Jeff Zeleny, The Atlantic's Molly Ball and WSJ's Nancy Youssef

2020 PREVIEW -- TOM STEYER, the billionaire Democratic donor, unveiled an ad from a new group he is backing called "Need to Impeach," which is calling on Americans to push for the president's impeachment. Steyer, whose name has been floated for president along with California governor or senator, appears in the ad. The group says there will be an eight-figure national TV buy and a seven-figure digital ad buy behind the initiative. **The ad** <http://bit.ly/2zBIYPT>

MEDIAWATCH -- "FAKER! Man admits he lied to Fox News about Navy SEAL service," by Navy Times' Geoff Ziezulewicz: "Navy veteran John Garofalo appeared on a Fox News segment this month, showing off a massive presidential seal he carved for President Trump while receiving praise for his service in Vietnam as a SEAL. The piece was broadcast nationally and featured cascading shots of all Garofalo's medals. Online, it went viral, racking up 1.5 million Facebook views on Fox's Facebook page. ... But

when Navy Times contacted Garofalo Thursday, Garofalo admitted he had lied and never served in Vietnam, never received a Purple Heart and was never a SEAL."

<http://bit.ly/2zDAUy7>

-- **@brianstelter**: "Statement from Fox News: 'We apologize to our viewers, especially veterans and servicemen and women'"

-- **DANA BASH** was awarded GW's Alumni Achievement Award last night at an annual gala at The Ritz Carlton. **Pic with GW Columbian School of Arts and Sciences dean Ben Vinson and Frank Sesno** <http://bit.ly/2zo4AOw>

-- **MARC THIESSEN** will now write a twice-weekly column for WaPo on foreign and domestic policy. <http://wapo.st/2zodyLN> ... **DAVID J. LYNCH** is joining WAPo to cover the national and global economy. He was last at the Financial Times. <http://wapo.st/2zEAGGP>

TRANSITIONS -- **Larry Burton** recently started as chief of staff for Sen. Dan Sullivan (R-Alaska). He most recently was COO at the American Council of Life Insurers, SVP of government affairs at CVS Health and executive director of the Business Roundtable. ... **Erin Wilson** will start on Nov. 1 as a confidential assistant and policy adviser to the USDA's Food and Nutrition Service She was previously a legislative assistant for Rep. Glenn Thompson (R-Pa.) ...

... **Terah Lyons** is now the executive director of the Partnership on AI. She was previously a technology policy fellow at the Mozilla Foundation. ... **Lucy Vernasco** has been hired as digital director for Sen. Ron Wyden (D-Ore.) -- she'll also manage Democratic digital efforts for the Senate Finance Committee. Thursday was her last day as Democratic staff digital director for the Joint Economic Committee.

SPOTTED: Rahm Emanuel watching the Cubs playoff game at Wrigley last night. The Cubs lost the game (and the series) to the Dodgers. **Pic** <http://bit.ly/2zBCiRP>

OUT AND ABOUT -- The Bipartisan Policy Center, Electric Entertainment and honorary co-host Rep. John Lewis (D-Ga.) hosted a special private screening and reception of "LBJ" last night at the Burke Theater at the Navy Memorial. Woody Harrelson, who plays LBJ, and director Rob Reiner participated in a discussion moderated by Chris Matthews. **Trailer:** <http://bit.ly/2yCwF7v> **SPOTTED:** Dan Glickman, Rick Rickertsen, Paul Bengals, Amb. Howard Gutman, Mark Ein, Stephen Graham

SPOTTED last night at the 60th birthday party of former CMS administrator Tom Scully at Gypsy Sally's in Georgetown (Schuyler Fisk's country band played to a packed house -- Schuyler is the daughter of Sissy Spacek) -- **(pic of Scully and his family** <http://politi.co/2yvvhV17>): Justin Hunter, Steve Ubl, Fred Graefe, Bob Wood, Lambert van der Walde, Ada Peters, Andrew Baird, Mark Rayder, Tim Trysla, Cassidy Dowling.

***** **A message from JPMorgan Chase & Co.: What's in it for me? America's tax**

system is outdated and complex, and it's putting American jobs and wages at risk. But that doesn't mean there isn't cause for optimism - according to a Business Roundtable CEO survey, tax reform would prompt more than 75% of business leaders to increase investment and expand hiring. And it's not just important in the boardroom. As JPMorgan Chase Chairman and CEO Jamie Dimon said, "Under our current system, workers bear up to 75% of the corporate tax burden through lower wages. I believe that tax reform should go further than that to boost wages. It should also be used to do more for lower- and middle-income workers by expanding programs such as the earned income tax credit, which already lifts more than 7.3 million workers out of poverty." Learn more about what tax reform can mean to the American economy and the American worker: <http://politi.co/2z6j0D8> *****

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