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Ladies & Gentlemen, below please find this week's edition of *Executive Insight Brief* from The Roosevelt Group.

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TOP STORIES

Impeachment Trial Rules Deal Needed to Avoid Partisan Conflict

Senators from both sides of the aisle are calling for an agreement to be made

about the regulations for the upcoming public impeachment trials beginning next week. The Senate is looking to Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) and Minority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY) to create a [bipartisan framework for the trial proceedings](#), in order to prevent partisan conflict. Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-SC) referenced the deal used during the Clinton trials as a basis for the foundation of a potential agreement. Several senators, including Sens. Dick Durbin (D-IL) and Roy Blunt (R-MO), have expressed their confidence in McConnell and Schumer's potential to craft a deal before the proceedings begin.

Potential for Yearlong CR Threatens Military Capabilities

As Congress continues work to pass a budget deal, the military branches are expressing their concern about the lack of fiscal year 2020 funding. The U.S. Army's prioritization of maintaining overmatch capacity with peer adversaries China and Russia relies heavily upon FY 2020 plans for intense [modernization efforts, which remain in jeopardy](#). The U.S. Navy and U.S. Air Force have made their concerns over [billions of dollars in potential losses known](#), hindering their development and procurement plans as well. November 21 is the last day of current funding for the Federal government; Congress will need to reach a budget deal or extend the current continuing resolution after that date. However, there has never been a yearlong CR, with the likelihood being much higher for one instead lasting several months.

Republicans Announce Subpoena for Whistleblower

Rep. Jim Jordan (R-OH) announced a [subpoena for the government](#)

[whistleblower](#) to testify during the public impeachment trials set to start next week. Republican supporters of President Trump have focused on the whistleblower heavily during the impeachment proceedings, arguing that the accuser should be made public. Democrats and Republicans have clashed over whether the whistleblower has the right to anonymity, while Rep. Adam Schiff (D-CA), Chairman of the House Intelligence Committee, maintains that the whistleblower will remain anonymous. The list of Republican witness requests is due to the Committee on Saturday before the hearings begin on Wednesday.

NSCAI Identifies Essential Focus Areas for the Future of AI

The National Security Commission on Artificial Intelligence (NSCAI) released its interim report to Congress, which outlined [crucial AI effort areas](#) meriting government attention. The Commission pinpointed five major AI domains of immense significance: national security applications and consequences; advocacy for worldwide collaboration; educating and recruiting talent; maintenance and development of U.S. technical advantage; and investment in R&D. The commissioners emphasized the importance of continuing U.S. leadership and supporting America's competitiveness in the broader technology sector, specifically for AI.

Senators Press Questions of Potential Turkey Ceasefire Violation

A bipartisan group of senators have petitioned the Trump Administration to explain [whether Turkey is currently violating the ceasefire agreement](#) in Syria set up in the wake of clashes with the Kurds after the U.S. troop withdrawal

from the area. Democratic Senators Jeanne Shaheen, Chris Van Hollen, and Richard Blumenthal and Republican Senators Marsha Blackburn and Lindsey Graham sent a letter to Secretary of State Mike Pompeo reiterating their support for sanctions against Turkey if it is found to have violated the ceasefire, as they continue to push for a Congressional sanctions bill. The letter detailed reports of Turkey's activity outside of the northeastern "safe zone" and attacks against Kurds near Tal Tamar.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

1576

17 provinces of the Netherlands create a federation in order to achieve peace.

1620

At the Battle of Prague, the King of Bohemia is defeated.

1864

President Abraham Lincoln is re-elected during the first wartime election in the U.S.'s history.

1889

Montana becomes the 41st state of the Union.

1942

Great Britain and the U.S. invade North Africa, occupied by the Axis powers.

1966

Edward Brooke (R-MA) becomes the first African-American elected to the U.S.

Senate in 85 years.

2000

Dispute over the election results of the presidential race between Al Gore and George W. Bush begins.

2013

Super Typhoon Haiyan hits the Philippines, resulting in the deaths of over 5,000 people.

LOOK AHEAD

Monday, November 11

9:00 AM EST

Event: The Friends of the National World War II Memorial

Topic: Defense

Location: National World War II Memorial, 1750 Independence Avenue SW

11:00 AM EST

Event: The U.S. Army Military District of Washington

Topic: Defense

Location: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Va.

1:00 PM EST

Event: The United States Navy Memorial

Topic: Defense

Location: U.S. Navy Memorial, 701 Pennsylvania Avenue NW

Tuesday, November 12

9:00 AM EST

Event: The U.S. Chamber of Commerce

Topic: Technology

Location: USCC, 1615 H St. NW

9:00 AM EST

Conference: The National Defense Industrial Association

Topic: Foreign Affairs

Location: Embassy of the Netherlands, 4200 Linnean Avenue NW

Wednesday, November 13

10:00 AM EST

Hearing: House (Select) Intelligence Committee

Topic: Trump Impeachment Inquiry

Location: 1100 Longworth House Office Building

10:00 AM EST

Hearing: House Armed Services Committee

Topic: F-35 Program Update

Location: 2118 Rayburn House Office Building

2:00 PM EST

Hearing: House Veterans' Affairs Committee

Topic: Social Media Disinformation/Veterans

Location: HVC-210 U.S. Capitol

Thursday, November 14

9:30 AM EST

Meeting: National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee

Topic: Homeland Security Telecommunications Cybersecurity

Location: Eisenhower Executive Office Building, 1650 Pennsylvania Ave NW

10:00 AM EST

Hearing: House Veterans' Affairs Committee

Topic: VA Cybersecurity/Risk Management

Location: HVC-210 U.S. Capitol

10:00 AM EST

Release: The U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission

Topic: Foreign Affairs

Location: 215 Dirksen Senate Office Building

11:30 AM EST

Discussion: The Hudson Institute

Topic: Foreign Affairs

Location: Hudson Institute, 1201 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite 400

Have a great weekend!

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