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EXECUTIVE INSIGHT BRIEF – AUGUST 4, 2017

TOP STORIES

TRUMP PUSHES OUT PRIEBUS, NAMES KELLY WH CHIEF OF STAFF.

President Donald Trump abruptly announced he was appointing Homeland Security Secretary John Kelly to be his chief of staff, ending the tumultuous six-month tenure of Reince Priebus. [Read more.](#)

ROBERT MUELLER IMPANELS GRAND JURY IN RUSSIA

INVESTIGATION. NPR's Ari Shapiro talks to Del Quentin Wilber of *The Wall Street Journal* about special counsel Mueller's decision to impanel a grand jury in the probe into Russian influence in the 2016 election. [Read more.](#)

PAUL BLOCKS MCCONNELL FROM SETTING UP DEFENSE BILL VOTE.

Sen. Rand Paul (R-Ky.) blocked Majority Leader Mitch McConnell's (R-Ky.) request for the chamber to advance the annual defense funding bill. [Read](#)

[more.](#)

ADMINISTRATION

ATTORNEY GENERAL SAYS JUSTICE DEPT HAS TRIPLED THE NUMBER OF LEAK PROBES. Attorney General Jeff Sessions said Friday that the Justice Department has more than tripled the number of leak investigations compared with the number that were ongoing at the end of the last administration, offering the first public confirmation of the breadth of the department's efforts to crack down on unauthorized disclosures of sensitive information. [Read more.](#)

JUSTICE DEPT TO TAKE ON AFFIRMATIVE ACTION IN COLLEGE ADMISSIONS. The Trump administration is preparing to redirect resources of the Justice Department's civil rights division toward investigating and suing universities over affirmative action admissions policies deemed to discriminate against white applicants. [Read more.](#)

CONGRESS

SENATE BLOCKS TRUMP FROM MAKING RECESS APPOINTMENTS OVER BREAK. The Senate blocked President Trump from being able to make recess appointments on Thursday as lawmakers left Washington for their August break. [Read more.](#)

SENATE CONFIRMS SLEW OF TRUMP ADMINISTRATION NOMINEES. The Senate on Thursday cleared the way for dozens of Trump administration nominees across the government to take office, allowing the administration to round out its top staff and regulatory commissions and advance its agenda on a broad range of issues. [Read more.](#)

POLITICS

WEST VIRGINIA DEMOCRATIC GOVERNOR SWITCHES TO GOP. West Virginia Gov. Jim Justice announced a party switch Thursday evening in a surprise appearance with President Donald Trump in Huntington, West Virginia. [Read more.](#)

VICE PRESIDENT MIKE PENCE TO HEADLINE KOCH SUMMIT. On Friday,

the White House plans to announce it is sending Vice President Mike Pence to a major gathering of tea party-minded activists in Richmond, Va., on Aug. 19. [Read more.](#)

DEFENSE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS

TRUMP ADMINISTRATION LAUNCHES REVIEW OF DRONE EXPORT REGULATIONS. The Trump administration has officially launched a review of an Obama-era drone export policy, with expectations in industry that the administration will make it easier to export US.-manufactured systems. [Read More.](#)

RUSSIA-CHINA EXERCISES: KREMLIN MOVES TO CALM NORDIC-BALTIC FEARS. The Kremlin is using diplomatic channels to calm unease among leaders in Nordic and Baltic states in the wake of first-ever joint exercises by Russian and Chinese forces in the Baltic Sea. [Read More.](#)

ECONOMY AND FINANCE

LOWER-WAGE AMERICANS FINALLY GET SOME RELIEF IN THE JOB MARKET. Eight years into the economic recovery, Americans on the lower rungs of the ladder are finally getting some relief in the job market, and there could be more to come. [Read more.](#)

U.S. ECONOMY CREATES 209,000 JOBS IN JULY. The Bureau of Labor Statistics said 209,000 jobs were created in July, which was more than had been expected. The unemployment rate edged lower to 4.3%, matching May's figure which was the lowest since 2001. [Read more.](#)

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

ALPHABET'S GREEN ENERGY AMBITIONS HIT TURBULENCE. For more than a decade, engineers have been building this "energy kite" to harness wind power with 90 percent fewer materials than conventional wind turbines. But Makani, one of the oldest green-energy projects at Alphabet Inc.'s X research lab, is struggling to take flight. [Read more.](#)

EPA REVERSES COURSE ON OZONE RULE. The Trump administration

said late Wednesday that it would not delay an Obama-era regulation on smog-forming pollutants from smokestacks and tailpipes, a move that environmental groups hailed as a victory. [Read more.](#)

TECHNOLOGY

TRUMP PROMOTES TECHNOLOGY TO IMPROVE VETERANS' HEALTH CARE. President Donald Trump announced new efforts Thursday to use technology to improve veterans' health care, saying the programs will greatly expand access, especially for mental health care and suicide prevention. [Read more.](#)

FACEBOOK'S TRANSLATIONS ARE NOW POWERED COMPLETELY BY AI. Every day, Facebook performs some 4.5 billion automatic translations — and as of yesterday, they're all processed using neural networks. Previously, the social networking site used simpler phrase-based machine translation models, but it's now switched to the more advanced method. [Read more.](#)

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NEW TRAFFIC PATTERN TO BE IMPLEMENTED ON I-64 WEST AT JEFFERSON AVENUE EXIT RAMP TO INCREASE SAFETY, REDUCE BACKUPS

New signage and pavement markings will add additional travel lane leading up to exit ramp

NEWPORT NEWS – The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) will introduce a safer, more efficient traffic pattern on I-64 west approaching the Jefferson Avenue (Route 143) exit ramp beginning Thursday, August 10. Motorists traveling from I-64 west to Jefferson Avenue (exit 255) will now have an additional exit lane to utilize by following the new pavement markings and signage being installed this week. Flex posts will also be installed where the exit lanes diverge to help control traffic. These modifications will provide motorists with ease of access to southbound Jefferson Avenue, as well as increase safety and help reduce backups on I-64 at this location.

Work is scheduled to begin tonight to remove the existing pavement markings and begin installing the new pavement markings. Wednesday evening, crews will complete the markings installation, as well as replace the overhead sign with the new sign pictured at right. By rush hour Thursday morning, the new traffic pattern will be fully implemented. All work is dependent on weather conditions.

To maintain safety for both motorists and crews, there will be overnight single-lane closures August 8-10, from 7 p.m. until 5 a.m. on I-64 west approaching the Jefferson Avenue exit; however, access to the ramp will remain throughout.

Motorists are encouraged to visit www.511virginia.org, call 511, download Virginia's free [511 mobile app](#), listen to Highway Advisory Radio (HAR) 1680 AM or call the Traffic Information Line at 757-361-3016 for current traffic and travel information.

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