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Ladies & Gentlemen, below please find the current edition of *Executive Insight Brief* from The Roosevelt Group.

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EXECUTIVE INSIGHT BRIEF – DECEMBER 1, 2017

WEEK IN REVIEW

Monday, November 27

- President Trump met with Republican members of the Senate Finance Committee to discuss changes to their tax plan.
- Texas Senator John Cornyn [told reporters](#) that the chamber will vote on the legislation this week, although it's not clear that the bill has enough votes to pass.
- A White House official [said](#) the president has no plans to campaign for Alabama Senate candidate Roy Moore, despite Trump's defense of Moore against sexual-misconduct allegations.
- In his first news conference since he was accused of groping several women, Minnesota Senator Al Franken [apologized](#), but said he will return to work.
- Trump [referred](#) to Massachusetts Senator Elizabeth Warren as "Pocahontas" during an event honoring Navajo code talkers who served during World War II.

Tuesday, November 28

- Democratic leaders Chuck Schumer and Nancy Pelosi [pulled out](#) of spending negotiations with President Trump after he tweeted, "I don't see a deal"
- In response, Majority Leader Mitch McConnell and Speaker Paul Ryan issued a statement saying the Democrats' "antics" put government operations at risk.
- The Senate Budget Committee [approved](#) the Republican tax bill in a party-line vote, moving the legislation closer to a floor vote later this week.
- A federal judge sided with the Trump administration and [refused](#) to block Mick Mulvaney from continuing as interim director of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.
- North Korea [test-fired](#) another ballistic missile.

Wednesday, November 29

- White House Press Secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders [defended](#) President Trump after he [retweeted](#) unverified videos purporting to show Muslims committing acts of violence from

an account belonging to a far-right British political group.

- NBC [fired](#) Today host Matt Lauer and Minnesota Public Radio fired host Garrison Keillor amid separate accusations of sexual misconduct.
- The Trump administration [threatened](#) North Korea with additional sanctions after it test-launched another ballistic missile on Tuesday.
- Donald Trump Jr. has reportedly [agreed](#) to meet with the House Intelligence Committee as early as next week to discuss his contacts with Russians during the presidential campaign.
- The House [passed](#) a bipartisan measure requiring lawmakers to undergo annual anti-harassment training.

Thursday, November 30

- Sen. John McCain (R-AZ) [said](#) that he would vote in favor of the Senate tax plan, which Republicans hope to pass this week
- The New York Times [reported](#) that the White House plans replace Secretary of State Rex Tillerson with CIA director Mike Pompeo within the next several weeks
- Sources close to Terry McAuliffe (D-VA) [said](#) that the governor is considering running for president in 2020.

Friday, December 1

- Former National Security Advisor, Michael Flynn, has [pleaded guilty](#) to making false statements to the FBI about meetings with Russia's ambassador
- The [stock market](#) went on a wild ride in response to the news, as Flynn's plea brings the probe closer to President Donald Trump
- But Republicans have clinched the 50 votes need to pass their [tax plan](#), after three key holdouts came on board

LOOK AHEAD

Tuesday, December 5

NOMINATIONS HEARING: The Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources holds a hearing titled, "[Hearing to Consider DOE, DOI Nominees](#)."

NOMINATIONS HEARING: The Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions holds a hearing titled, "[Department of Education and Department of Labor Nominations](#)."

NOMINATIONS HEARING: The Senate Committee on Foreign Relations holds a hearing titled, "[The President, Congress, and Shared Authority Over the International Accords](#)."

Wednesday, December 6

FISH RECOVERY HEARING: The House Committee on Natural Resources holds a hearing titled, "[Legislative Hearing on Bill Funding Fish Recovery Programs](#)."

SUSTAINABLE HOUSING HEARING: The House Committee on Financial Services, Housing and Insurance holds a hearing titled, "[Legislative Hearing on Bill Funding Fish Recovery Programs](#)."

FIREARMS HEARING: The Senate Committee on the Judiciary holds a hearing titled, "[Firearm Accessory Regulation and Enforcing Federal and State Reporting to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System \(NICS\)](#)."

Thursday, December 7

DEFENSE HEARING: The Senate Committee on Armed Services holds a hearing titled, "[Department of Defense Acquisition Reform Efforts](#)."

MEDICAL INNOVATION HEARING: The Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions holds a hearing titled, "[Implementation of the 21st Century Cures Act: Progress and the Path Forward for Medical Innovation](#)."

