

From: [Deborah J. Bortot](#)
To: [Stephanie Nonluecha](#); [Heather A. Jones](#); [Teresa L. Williamson](#)
Subject: FW: PRECLEARED: Edward Scott Pruitt
Date: Thursday, December 29, 2016 9:27:28 AM

From: Ann M Donaldson [mailto:(b)(6)]

Sent: Thursday, December 29, 2016 9:27 AM

To: Deborah J. Bortot; Heather A. Jones

Subject: Re: PRECLEARED: Edward Scott Pruitt

We're still ok with the transmittal of this report to the Senate -- the previous email stands.

Thanks,
Annie

Ann M. Donaldson

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From: "Deborah J. Bortot" <djbortot@oge.gov>

To: 'Ann M Donaldson' (b)(6)

Cc: (b)(6), (b)(6), (b)(6), (b)(6), Stephanie Nonluecha <snonlue@oge.gov>, Emory A. Rounds III <earounds@oge.gov>, David J. Apol <djapol@oge.gov>, "Heather A. Jones" <hajones@oge.gov>, Keith Labedz <klabedz@oge.gov> Danel Fort and Justina Fugh

Date: 12/28/2016 05:12 PM

Subject: PRECLEARED: Edward Scott Pruitt

Annie,

Edward Scott Pruitt is precleared. (b)(5)

t. Stephanie, please forward the ethics agreement to Annie.

Thanks,
Deb

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From: Deborah J. Bortot

Sent: Friday, December 23, 2016 11:08 AM Daniel Fort and Justina Fugh
To: 'Ann M Donaldson'
Cc: (b)(6) Daniel Fort's ; (b)(6) Justina Fugh's ; Stephanie Nonluecha; Emory A. Rounds III; David J. Apol; Heather A. Jones; Megan V. Kahaner
Subject: Rescinding Scott Pruitt PRECLEARANCE
Importance: High

Annie,

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Thanks,
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From: Deborah J. Bortot
Sent: Thursday, December 22, 2016 6:23 PM Daniel Fort and Justina Fugh
To: 'Ann M Donaldson'
Cc: (b)(6) Daniel Fort's ; (b)(6) Justina Fugh's ; Stephanie Nonluecha; Emory A. Rounds III; David J. Apol; Teresa L. Williamson; Sandra S. Mabry; Heather A. Jones; Keith Labeledz; Rodrick T. Johnson
Subject: PRECLEARED: Scott Pruitt

Annie, Scott Pruitt is precleared. Stephanie, please forward the ethics agreement to Annie.

Thanks!
Deb

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From: [Deborah J. Bortot](#)
To: ["Ann M Donaldson"](#)
Cc: [Heather A. Jones](#)
Subject: FW: PRECLEARED: James Richard Perry
Date: Sunday, January 08, 2017 10:23:34 AM

Annie,

Susan Beard corrected some minor typos on the report. Do you know if there will be additional changes? If these are the only changes, he is still precleared.

Thanks,

Deb

From: Beard, Susan [mailto:(b)(6)]
Sent: Saturday, January 07, 2017 9:44 PM
To: Deborah J. Bortot
Cc: Jim Robertson; Hymer, Christina
Subject: RE: PRECLEARED: James Richard Perry
Deb and Jim – (b)(6)

Susan

From: Deborah J. Bortot [<mailto:djbortot@oge.gov>]
Sent: Friday, January 06, 2017 3:03 PM
To: 'Ann M Donaldson' (b)(6) >
Cc: Jim Robertson <jfrobert@oge.gov>; David J. Apol <djapol@oge.gov>; Heather A. Jones <hajones@oge.gov>; Sandra S. Mabry <ssmabry@oge.gov>; Keith Labeledz <klabeledz@oge.gov>; Teresa L. Williamson <twillia@oge.gov>; Rodrick T. Johnson <rjohnson@oge.gov>; Emory A. Rounds III <earounds@oge.gov>; Beard, Susan <(b)(6)>

Subject: PRECLEARED: James Richard Perry

Annie, James Richard Perry is precleared.

Jim, please forward the ethics agreement to Annie.

Thanks!

Deb

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From: [Ann M Donaldson](#)
To: [Deborah J. Bortot](#); [Heather A. Jones](#)
Subject: General James Mattis
Date: Thursday, January 05, 2017 4:02:47 PM

On behalf of the President-Elect, this email serves as confirmation that the President-Elect intends to nominate General James Mattis to be Secretary of Defense. Please transmit her pre-cleared 278 report to the appropriate Senate committee.

Thank you,
Annie

Ann M. Donaldson
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Cc: [Deborah J. Bortot](#); [David J. Apol](#); [Director of OGE](#); [Sandra S. Mabry](#); [Rodrick T. Johnson](#); [Teresa L. Williamson](#); [Emory A. Rounds III](#); [Rachel K. Dowell](#); (b)(6) Robert (b)(6) Susan
Subject: (b)(6) Marilyne Robert Ganwere, Susan Sundberg and Marilyne Barnes
Preclearance: Linda McMahon
Date: Monday, January 16, 2017 5:12:01 PM
Attachments: [Revised final ethics agreement.docx](#) (b)(5) attachment - draft, final version available on OGE's website

Annie, [Linda McMahon](#) is precleared. I have attached the ethics agreement.

Thanks!

Heather

Heather Jones

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From: [Heather A. Jones](#)
To: ["Ann M. Donaldson"](#)
Cc: [Maggi, David \(Federal\)](#); ["Jacobi, Will \(Federal\)"](#); [Deborah J. Bortot](#); [David J. Apol](#); [Director of OGE](#); [Sandra S. Mabry](#); [Rodrick T. Johnson](#); [Teresa L. Williamson](#); [Emory A. Rounds III](#)
Subject: Preclearance: Wilbur L. Ross
Date: Sunday, January 15, 2017 5:20:43 PM
Attachments: [Ethics Agreement for Preclearance - Ross, Wilbur L 5pm.docx](#)

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Annie, Wilbur Ross is precleared. I have attached the ethics agreement.

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Subject: PRECLEARED: Benjamin Carson
Date: Tuesday, January 10, 2017 7:11:46 PM

Lindsey A. Allen

Annie, Benjamin Carson is precleared.
Monica, please send the ethics agreement to Annie.
Thanks!
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Stefan C. Passantino, Ann M. Donalson and James D. Schultz

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Cc: (b)(6) Anne Donaldson's; (b)(6) James Schultz's; [Lorna A. Syme](#); ["Britt, Christopher"](#); [David J. Apol](#); [Teresa L. Williamson](#); [Sandra S. Mabry](#); [Heather A. Jones](#); [Rodrick T. Johnson](#); [Keith Labeledz](#)
Subject: PRECLEARED: David Shulkin
Date: Friday, January 27, 2017 10:32:31 AM

Stefan, David Shulkin is precleared.

Lorna, please forward the ethics agreement to Stefan.

Thanks!

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Subject: PRECLEARED: Elaine Chao
Date: Tuesday, January 03, 2017 7:07:47 PM

Annie, Elaine Chao is precleared. Sandy, please forward the ethics agreement to Annie.

Thanks!

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Subject: [\(b\)\(6\) Stefan](#) Stefan C. Passantino
Date: Thursday, January 19, 2017 5:07:55 PM
Attachments: [ea for preclearance DeVos.docx](#) (b)(5) attachment - draft; final version available on OGE's website

Annie, Elisabeth DeVos is precleared.
I've attached the precleared ethics agreement.
Thanks!
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Cc: [Monica M. G. Ashar](#); [David J. Apol](#); [Heather A. Jones](#); [Sandra S. Mabry](#); [Keith Labedz](#); [Teresa L. Williamson](#); [Rodrick T. Johnson](#); [Emory A. Rounds III](#); **(b)(6) Eric Rishel's**
Subject: PRECLEARED: James Mattis
Date: Wednesday, January 04, 2017 5:13:54 PM

Annie, James Mattis is precleared.

Monica, please forward the ethics agreement to Annie.

Thanks!

Deb

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To: (b)(6) Anne
Cc: [Jack MacDonald](#); "[Rodgers, Janice \(JMD\)](#)"; [Emory A. Rounds III](#); [Teresa L. Williamson](#); [David J. Apol](#); [Sandra S. Mabry](#); [Rodrick T. Johnson](#); [Keith Labeledz](#)
Subject: PRECLEARED: Jefferson Sessions
Date: Friday, December 16, 2016 9:40:53 AM

Annie, Jefferson Sessions is precleared.

Janice, please let us know (b)(5) will be used.

Jack, please forward the ethics agreement to Annie.

Thanks!

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Subject: PRECLEARED: John Kelly
Date: Friday, January 06, 2017 11:09:20 AM

Annie, John Kelly is precleared.

Stephanie, please forward the ethics agreement to Annie.

Thanks!

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Subject: PRECLEARED: Michael Pompeo
Date: Wednesday, December 14, 2016 4:33:00 PM

Annie, Michael Pompeo is precleared. Lorna, please forward the ethics agreement to the Annie.

Thanks!

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Cc: [Director of OGE](#); [Heather A. Jones](#); [Teresa L. Williamson](#); [David J. Apol](#); [Leigh J. Francis](#); [Sandra S. Mabry](#); [Keith Labedz](#); [Emory A. Rounds III](#); [Rodrick T. Johnson](#); [Huitema, David P](#); [Nightingale, Robert L](#); [Martin, Janice N](#)
Subject: PRECLEARED: Rex Tillerson
Date: Monday, January 02, 2017 4:09:40 PM
Attachments: [CLEAN COPY Final ethics agreement \(Monday405PM\).docx](#)

(b)(5) attachment - draft; final version available on OGE's website

Annie, Rex Tillerson is precleared. I've attached the ethics agreement.

Thanks!

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Subject: PRECLEARED: Ryan Zinke
Date: Friday, January 06, 2017 10:05:51 AM

Annie, Ryan Zinke is precleared.

Lorna, please forward the ethics agreement to Annie.

Thanks!

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Subject: PRECLEARED: Seema Verma
Date: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 3:59:28 PM
Attachments: [Ethics Agreement for Preclearance \[VERMA\].docx](#) (b)(5) attachment - draft; final version available on OGE's website

Annie, Seema Verma is precleared.
I've attached the precleared ethics agreement.
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Subject: PRECLEARED: Steven Mnuchin
Date: Monday, January 09, 2017 9:31:13 PM
Attachments: [Mnuchin Ethics Agreement 1 9 17 900pm.docx](#); [\(b\)\(5\) attachment - draft; final version available on OGE's website](#)

Elizabeth Horton and Peter Riesen

Annie, Steven Mnuchin is precleared.

I've attached the ethics agreement.

Thanks!

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To: ["Ann M Donaldson"](#)
Cc: [Patrick J. Lightfoot](#); [David J. Apol](#); [Heather A. Jones](#); [Sandra S. Mabry](#); [Keith Labeledz](#); [Teresa L. Williamson](#); [Rodrick T. Johnson](#); [Emory A. Rounds III](#); [Hall, Randall \(HHS/OGC\)](#); ["Fischmann, Elizabeth \(HHS/OGC\)"](#)
Subject: PRECLEARED: Thomas Price
Date: Wednesday, January 11, 2017 12:20:34 PM

Annie, Thomas Price is precleared.

Patrick, please forward the ethics agreement to Annie.

Thanks!

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To: ["Ann M Donaldson"](#)
Cc: [David J. Apol](#); [Heather A. Jones](#); [Sandra S. Mabry](#); [Keith Labeledz](#); [Teresa L. Williamson](#); [Rodrick T. Johnson](#); [Emory A. Rounds III](#); [\(b\)\(6\) Lindsey](#); [Deborah J. Bortot](#)
Subject: RE: PRECLEARED: Benjamin Carson
Date: Tuesday, January 10, 2017 7:14:05 PM
Attachments: [EA for preclearance-Carson.doc](#) (b)(5) attachment - draft, final version available on OGE's website

Attached is the precleared ethics agreement.

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Sent: Tuesday, January 10, 2017 7:12 PM
To: 'Ann M Donaldson'
Cc: Monica M. G. Ashar; David J. Apol; Heather A. Jones; Sandra S. Mabry; Keith Labeledz; Teresa L. Williamson; Rodrick T. Johnson; Emory A. Rounds III; [\(b\)\(6\) Lindsey Allen's](#)
Subject: PRECLEARED: Benjamin Carson

Annie, Benjamin Carson is precleared.

Lindsey A. Allen

Monica, please send the ethics agreement to Annie.

Thanks!

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From: [Ann M Donaldson](#)
To: [Ann Donaldson](#); [Deborah J. Bortot](#); [Heather A. Jones](#)
Subject: RE: PRECLEARED: James Richard Perry
Date: Friday, January 06, 2017 7:54:20 PM

Check that. I think we are set. Hope you all are enjoying a little Friday night time.

----- Message from (b) (6) on Sat, 07 Jan 2017 00:51:01 GMT -----

From: (b) (6)
To: "Deborah J. Bortot" , "Heather Jones"
Subject: RE: PRECLEARED: James Richard Perry

Sorry to bother you on Friday night, but can one of you give me a call at (b)(6)

----- Message from "Deborah J. Bortot" on Fri, 06 Jan 2017 20:03:21 GMT -----

From: "Deborah J. Bortot"
To: "Ann M Donaldson"
"Jim Robertson" , "David J. Apol" , "Heather A. Jones" , "Sandra S. Mabry" ,
CC: "Keith Labeledz" , "Teresa L. Williamson" , "Rodrick T. Johnson" , "Emory A.
Rounds III" , "Beard, Susan"
Subject: PRECLEARED: James Richard Perry

Annie, James Richard Perry is precleared.

Jim, please forward the ethics agreement to Annie.

Thanks!

Deb

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Subject: RE: PRECLEARED: Rex Tillerson
Date: Monday, January 02, 2017 4:17:08 PM
Attachments: [CLEAN COPY Final ethics agreement \(Monday416PM\).d](#)

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Walt

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Sent: Monday, January 02, 2017 4:10 PM
To: 'Ann M Donaldson'
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Subject: PRECLEARED: Rex Tillerson
Annie, Rex Tillerson is precleared. I've attached the ethics agreement.
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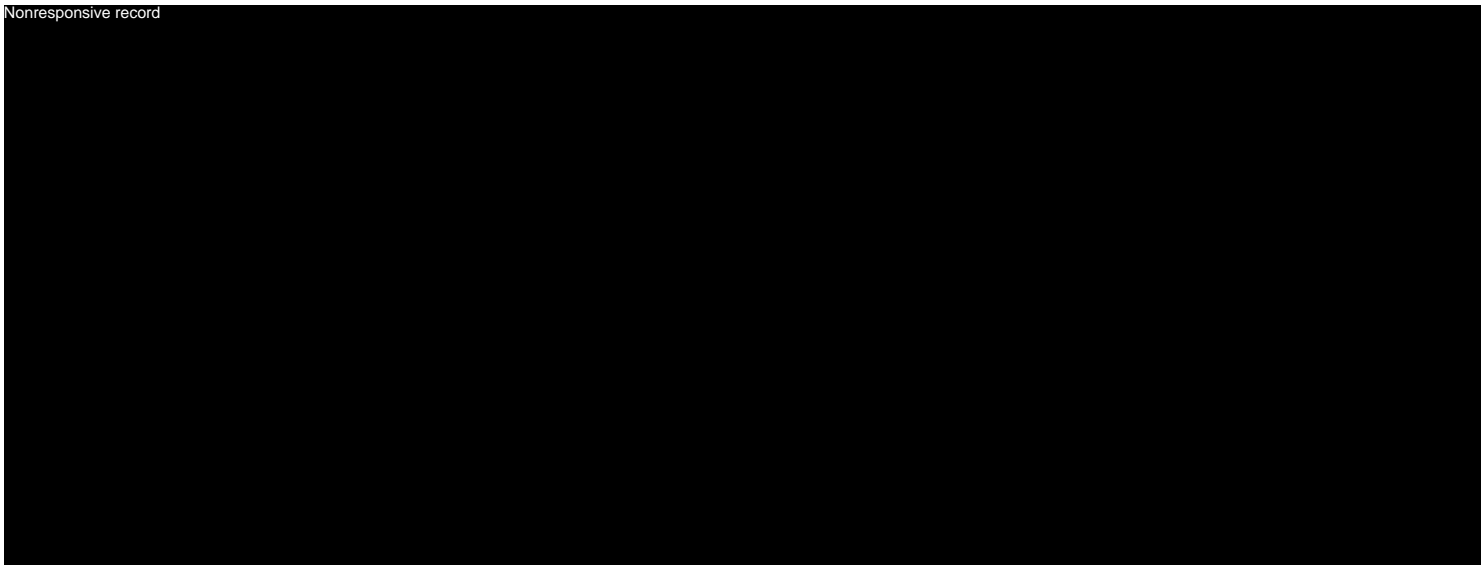
Brandon A. Steele

From: Ann M Donaldson (b) (6)
Sent: Monday, January 16, 2017 11:12 PM
To: Deborah J. Bortot; Heather A. Jones
Subject: Mrs. Linda McMahon

On behalf of the President-Elect, this email serves as confirmation that the President-Elect intends to nominate Mrs. Linda McMahon to be Administrator of the Small Business Administration. Please transmit herpre-cleared 278 report to the appropriate Senate committee.

Ann M. Donaldson
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Sent: Tuesday, January 03, 2017 8:20 AM
To: Deborah J. Bortot; Heather A. Jones
Subject: Mr. Rex Tillerson

On behalf of the President-Elect, this email serves as confirmation that the President-Elect intends to nominate Mr. Rex Tillerson to be Secretary of State. Please transmit his pre-cleared 278 report to the appropriate Senate committee. Thank you,
Annie

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Brandon A. Steele

From: Heather A. Jones
Sent: Sunday, January 15, 2017 5:58 PM
To: Deborah J. Bortot
Subject: RE: Mr. Wilbur Ross

No I've got it.

-----Original Message-----

From: Deborah J. Bortot
Sent: Sunday, January 15, 2017 5:57 PM
To: Heather A. Jones
Cc: Keith Labeledz
Subject: RE: Mr. Wilbur Ross

Okay. so I don't have to notify David then?

-----Original Message-----

From: Heather A. Jones
Sent: Sunday, January 15, 2017 5:55 PM
To: Deborah J. Bortot; Teresa L. Williamson
Cc: Keith Labeledz
Subject: RE: Mr. Wilbur Ross

Yes, he has signed and it is with David Maggi.

-----Original Message-----

From: Deborah J. Bortot
Sent: Sunday, January 15, 2017 5:55 PM
To: Teresa L. Williamson
Cc: Heather A. Jones; Keith Labeledz
Subject: FW: Mr. Wilbur Ross

-----Original Message-----

From: Ann M Donaldson [[\(b\) \(6\)](mailto:(b) (6))]
Sent: Sunday, January 15, 2017 5:44 PM
To: Deborah J. Bortot; Heather A. Jones
Subject: Mr. Wilbur Ross

On behalf of the President-Elect, this email serves as confirmation that the President-Elect intends to nominate Mr. Wilbur Ross to be Commerce Secretary. Please transmit his pre-cleared 278 report to the appropriate Senate committee.

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From: Ann M Donaldson (b) (6)
Sent: Friday, January 13, 2017 9:35 PM
To: Deborah J. Bortot; Heather A. Jones
Subject: Representative John Michael Mulvaney

On behalf of the President-Elect, this email serves as confirmation that the President-Elect intends to nominate Representative John Michael Mulvaney to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget. Please transmit his pre-cleared 278 report to the appropriate Senate committee.

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From: Ann M Donaldson (b) (6)
Sent: Tuesday, January 10, 2017 9:34 AM
To: Deborah J. Bortot; Heather A. Jones
Subject: Representative Ryan Zinke

On behalf of the President-Elect, this email serves as confirmation that the President-Elect intends to nominate Representative Ryan Zinke to be Secretary of the Interior. Please transmit his pre-cleared 278 report to the appropriate Senate committee.

Thank you,
Annie

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Brandon A. Steele

From: Ann M Donaldson (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, January 11, 2017 1:22 PM
To: Deborah J. Bortot; Heather A. Jones
Subject: Representative Tom Price

On behalf of the President-Elect, this email serves as confirmation that the President-Elect intends to nominate Representative Tom Price to be Secretary of Health and Human Services. Please transmit his pre-cleared 278 report to the appropriate Senate committee.

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Brandon A. Steele

From: Ann M Donaldson (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, January 05, 2017 1:38 PM
To: Deborah J. Bortot; Heather A. Jones
Subject: Secretary Elaine Chao

On behalf of the President-Elect, this email serves as confirmation that the President-Elect intends to nominate Secretary Elaine Chao to be Secretary of Transportation. Please transmit her pre-cleared 278 report to the appropriate Senate committee.

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From: Heather A. Jones
Sent: Wednesday, January 11, 2017 1:27 PM
To: Patrick J. Lightfoot; Teresa L. Williamson
Subject: Fw: Representative Tom Price

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From: Ann M Donaldson (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, January 11, 2017 1:21 PM
To: Deborah J. Bortot; Heather A. Jones
Subject: Representative Tom Price

On behalf of the President-Elect, this email serves as confirmation that the President-Elect intends to nominate Representative Tom Price to be Secretary of Health and Human Services. Please transmit his pre-cleared 278 report to the appropriate Senate committee.

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Brandon A. Steele

From: Deborah J. Bortot
Sent: Thursday, December 22, 2016 3:52 PM
To: Teresa L. Williamson; Jack MacDonald
Subject: FW: Senator Sessions

From: Ann M Donaldson [[mailto:\(b\) \(6\) \[REDACTED\]](mailto:(b) (6) [REDACTED])]
Sent: Thursday, December 22, 2016 3:51 PM
To: Deborah J. Bortot; Heather A. Jones
Subject: Senator Sessions

On behalf of the President-Elect, this email serves as confirmation that the President-Elect intends to nominate Senator Jeff Sessions to be Attorney General. Please transmit his pre-cleared 278 report and any accompanying documents to the appropriate Senate committee.

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From: Heather A. Jones
Sent: Tuesday, January 10, 2017 3:31 PM
To: Lorna A. Syme; Teresa L. Williamson
Subject: Fw: Steven Mnuchin

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From: Ann M Donaldson
Sent: Tuesday, January 10, 2017 3:26 PM
To: Deborah J. Bortot; Heather A. Jones
Subject: Steven Mnuchin

On behalf of the President-Elect, this email serves as confirmation that the President-Elect intends to nominate Mr. Steven Mnuchin to be Secretary of the Treasury. Please transmit his pre-cleared 278 report to the appropriate Senate committee.

Thank you,
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From: Ann M Donaldson (b) (6)
Sent: Tuesday, January 10, 2017 7:32 PM
To: Deborah J. Bortot; Heather A. Jones
Subject: Dr. Benjamin Carson

On behalf of the President-Elect, this email serves as confirmation that the President-Elect intends to nominate Dr. Benjamin Carson to be Secretary of Housing and Urban Development. Please transmit his pre-cleared 278 report to the appropriate Senate committee.

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From: Deborah J. Bortot
Sent: Friday, December 23, 2016 8:07 AM
To: Teresa L. Williamson; Megan V. Khaner; Stephanie Nonluecha; Emory A. Rounds III
Subject: FW: AG Scott Pruitt

From: Ann M Donaldson [mailto:(b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, December 22, 2016 9:05 PM
To: Deborah J. Bortot; Heather A. Jones
Subject: AG Scott Pruitt

On behalf of the President-Elect, this email serves as confirmation that the President-Elect intends to nominate Attorney General Scott Pruitt to be Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. Please transmit his pre-cleared 278 report to the appropriate Senate committee.

Thank you,
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From: Deborah J. Bortot
Sent: Tuesday, December 13, 2016 8:25 AM
To: Teresa L. Williamson
Subject: FW: Betsy DeVos

From: Ann M Donaldson [[\(b\) \(6\)](mailto:(b) (6))]
Sent: Tuesday, December 13, 2016 7:49 AM
To: Deborah J. Bortot
Cc: James Carroll; Katja Bullock
Subject: (b) (6)

Good morning,

The Public Financial Disclosure Report (OGE-278) for (b) (6) is now available for your review in *Integrity* regarding a possible nomination by the President-Elect to be (b) (6)

Because (b) (6) has not been formally nominated, please treat the identity and contents of the report confidentially, unless and until the Presidential Transition Team makes an official announcement.

(b) (6) can be reached via (b) (6) or (b) (6)

Please begin your review of the report and coordinate with our office as soon as possible. The Presidential Transition Team contact currently assigned to this matter is Jim Carroll. Mr. Carroll can be reached at (b) (6) or by email at (b) (6).

Thank you,

Presidential Transition Team

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From: Deborah J. Bortot
Sent: Monday, January 09, 2017 8:46 AM
To: Stephanie Nonluecha
Cc: Sandra S. Mabry; Heather A. Jones; Teresa L. Williamson
Subject: FW: General John Kelly

From: Ann M Donaldson [[mailto:\(b\) \(6\)](#)]
Sent: Monday, January 09, 2017 8:38 AM
To: Deborah J. Bortot; Heather A. Jones
Subject: General John Kelly

On behalf of the President-Elect, this email serves as confirmation that the President-Elect intends to nominate General John Kelly to be Secretary of Homeland Security. Please transmit his pre-cleared 278 report to the appropriate Senate committee.

Thank you,
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From: Heather A. Jones
Sent: Tuesday, January 10, 2017 3:27 PM
To: Lorna A. Syme; Teresa L. Williamson
Subject: Fw: Governor Rick Perry

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From: Heather A. Jones
Sent: Tuesday, January 10, 2017 3:26 PM
To: Jim Robertson; Teresa L. Williamson
Subject: Fw: Governor Rick Perry

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From: Ann M Donaldson
Sent: Tuesday, January 10, 2017 3:24 PM
To: Deborah J. Bortot; Heather A. Jones
Subject: Governor Rick Perry

On behalf of the President-Elect, this email serves as confirmation that the President-Elect intends to nominate Governor Rick Perry to be Secretary of Energy. Please transmit his pre-cleared 278 report to the appropriate Senate committee.

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From: Deborah J. Bortot
Sent: Thursday, December 22, 2016 4:37 PM
To: Lorna A. Syme; Teresa L. Williamson
Subject: FW: Representative Mike Pompeo

From: Ann M Donaldson [[mailto:\(b\) \(6\) \[REDACTED\]](mailto:(b) (6) [REDACTED])]
Sent: Thursday, December 22, 2016 3:53 PM
To: Deborah J. Bortot; Heather A. Jones
Subject: Representative Mike Pompeo

On behalf of the President-Elect, this email serves as confirmation that the President-Elect intends to nominate Representative Mike Pompeo to be CIA Director. Please transmit his pre-cleared 278 report and any accompanying documents to the appropriate Senate committee.

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From: Heather A. Jones
Sent: Tuesday, January 10, 2017 11:28 AM
To: Teresa L. Williamson; Lorna A. Syme
Subject: Fw: Representative Ryan Zinke

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Original Message

From: Ann M Donaldson (b) (6)
Sent: Tuesday, January 10, 2017 9:33 AM
To: Deborah J. Bortot; Heather A. Jones
Subject: Representative Ryan Zinke

On behalf of the President-Elect, this email serves as confirmation that the President-Elect intends to nominate Representative Ryan Zinke to be Secretary of the Interior. Please transmit his pre-cleared 278 report to the appropriate Senate committee.

Thank you,
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Brandon A. Steele

From: Jim Robertson
Sent: Friday, December 23, 2016 11:06 AM
To: Agency Wide
Subject: Legislative Update for Friday, December 23, 2016

The Senate meets in a pro forma session.

The House meets in a pro forma session.

Legislative and Related News

Multiple sources report on the partisan divisions at play for upcoming Senate confirmation hearings. [Democrats aim to launch comeback with Cabinet showdown](#) [Top Senate Democrats List Requirements for Trump Nominees](#) [Senate Foreign Relations Divided Over Tillerson Tax Returns](#) [Senate's random disclosure rules stoke Trump Cabinet clash](#)

Government Executive reports that the ranking member of the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee has sent a letter to 17 federal agencies asking for details of their efforts to identify potential conflicts of interest with President-elect Donald Trump's nominees. [Senator Asks Agencies If Trump Transition Is Meddling in Ethics Investigations](#)

Executive Branch Ethics and Related News

Politico discusses how President-elect Trump's approach to governing illuminates how much of the American political system is encoded in custom, and how little is based in the law. [Trump writing his own White House rules](#)

The New York Times describes the government financial vetting process for nominees as "arduous" and reports that the slow movement through this process by some wealthy nominees has raised concern in some quarters that their upcoming confirmations could compromise customary ethical safeguards. [Financial Vetting Goes Slowly for Trump's Wealthy Cabinet Picks](#)

Politico reports that Eric Trump, in recognizing that donors could use him to influence the President-elect, will discontinue his fundraising efforts for his charitable foundation. [Trump decries 'possible conflict of interest' that stops son from helping kids with cancer](#)

The Washington Post reports that President-elect Trump's ownership of a vineyard and certain federal involvement required for its operations illustrates how Trump's business interests can create conflicts of interest. [Trump vineyard seeks Labor Department approval to hire foreign workers](#)

Roll Call provides a chart comparing the timing of President-elect Trump's cabinet picks to the timing of picks made by President Obama in 2008. [How Long Will Trump Take to Build His Cabinet?](#)

Politico reports that President-elect Trump has selected his communications team. [Trump names his White House communications team](#)

Roll Call reports that the trading activity of prospective HHS Secretary Tom Price could cause appearance problems because it involves stocks in the healthcare industry. [Drug Stock Trades of Trump Health Secretary Pick Draw Criticism](#)

The Washington Post editorial board encourages President-elect Trump and his family to "embrace the ironclad rule that in public service, access and influence are not for sale." [The Trump family must make clear that influence is not for sale](#)

The LA Times reports that billionaire investor Carl Icahn's position as a special advisor for overhauling federal regulations could raise conflict of interest concerns even though, according to the transition team, he would be acting in an individual capacity and not as a federal employee. [Carl Icahn dismisses conflict-of-interest fears in role as Trump advisor on regulations](#)

International and Related News

Deutsche Welle reports that the South Korean corruption investigation has extended to South Korea's public pension fund and its connections to South Korean corporate interests which, in turn, may have links to political figures. [South Korea corruption probe extends to pension fund as political uncertainty grows](#)

Next Scheduled Recess:

House: December 19-30

Senate: December 19-30

Brandon A. Steele

From: Jim Robertson
Sent: Friday, December 30, 2016 10:53 AM
To: Agency Wide
Subject: Legislative Update for Friday, December 30, 2016

The Senate meets in a pro forma session.

The House meets in a pro forma session.

Executive Branch Ethics and Related News

Multiple outlets report on upcoming confirmation hearings. *Politico*: [Schumer set to clash with McConnell over Trump's Cabinet](#) *Topeka Capital Journal Online*: [Democrats already building a case against Trump's pick to lead Treasury Department](#) *Washington Post*: [Four Cabinet nominations that could blow up in Donald Trump's face](#) *Reuters*: [Senator McCain says has 'concerns' about Tillerson nomination](#)

The New York Times reports that over the last 10 years almost 200 employees and contract workers of the Department of Homeland Security have taken nearly \$15 million in bribes. [The Enemy Within: Bribes Bore a Hole in the U.S. Border](#)

Next Scheduled Recess:

House: December 19-30

Senate: December 19-30

Brandon A. Steele

From: Jim Robertson
Sent: Friday, January 06, 2017 11:28 AM
To: Agency Wide
Subject: Legislative Update for Friday, January 6, 2016

The Senate reconvenes at 12:45 pm.

The Senate reconvenes at 12:45 and will recess to proceed to the House chamber for the joint session to count electoral ballots.

The House reconvenes at noon.

The House reconvenes at noon for legislative business. At 1 p.m., the House and Senate will hold a joint meeting to count the electoral ballots for the President and Vice-President of the United States.

Legislative and Related News

USA Today opines that the fate of the Office of Congressional Ethics is far from decided. [Fight still looms over House ethics watchdog](#)

Executive Branch Ethics and Related News

Multiple outlets report that, according to transition officials, President-elect Trump is expected to name former Senator Dan Coats to head the Office of the Director of National Intelligence. [Dan Coats, the 'Mister Rogers' Senator Poised to Be Intelligence Chief Trump Expected to Name Former Sen. Dan Coats as Director of National Intelligence Trump is expected to nominate ex-senator Dan Coats for director of national intelligence Dan Coats picked to be director of national intelligence](#)

The Hill reports on Secretary of State nominee Rex Tillerson's recently posted ethics agreement. [Tillerson discloses assets worth up to \\$400M](#)

NBC News reports that the Senate Minority Leader has requested a postponement of the confirmation hearing for HHS nominee Tom Price to allow for an ethics investigation into Mr. Price's stock trading activities which occurred during his tenure as a congressman. [Schumer Calls for Ethics Probe of Trump's HHS Nominee](#)

Government Executive reports that 16 transparency groups are urging Senate committees to create new disclosure rules to allow public, online access to machine-readable questionnaires completed by the nominees on their finances and steps taken to avoid ethical conflicts. [Senate Panels Pressed to Open Up Nominees' Files Before Confirmation Hearings](#)

Multiple outlets report on President-elect Trump's possible conflicts of interest. [Trump's Debts Are Widely Held on Wall Street, Creating New Potential Conflicts Everyone Is Vulnerable To Conflicts Of Interest. Including Donald Trump Trump Business Deals In Southeast Asia Raise Conflict Of Interest Concerns](#)

Next Scheduled Recess:

House: January 14-19, 26-27

Senate: January 16, February 20-24

Brandon A. Steele

From: Jim Robertson
Sent: Friday, January 13, 2017 2:04 PM
To: Agency Wide
Subject: Legislative Update for Friday, January 13, 2017

The Senate meets in a pro forma session.

The House reconvened at 9 a.m.

The House reconvened at 9 a.m. for legislative business. The chamber is expected to consider a resolution (S Con Res 3) for budget reconciliation for FY 2017 and a bill (S 84) that would waive the limitation against appointment of recent military personnel as Defense secretary.

Executive Branch Ethics and Related News

Multiple outlets report on congressional reaction to OGE Director's public comments on the President-elect's conflicts of interest. [After Trump rebuke, federal ethics chief called to testify before House lawmakers](#) [G.O.P. Lawmaker Hints at Investigating Ethics Chief Critical of Trump](#) [Chaffetz threatens to subpoena federal ethics watchdog over Trump criticism](#) [Chaffetz eyes ethics office critical of Trump](#) [Oversight panel requests interview with ethics chief who criticized Trump's business plan](#)

Politico reports that some Senators now question whether the EPA nominee's ethics agreement adequately guards against the influence of his fossil-fuel industry donors. [Senate Dems raise new conflict-of-interest charges against Pruitt](#)

MarketWatch reports that President-elect Trump's recent social media endorsement of a private company does not violate government ethics rules but notes that such endorsements would be prohibited for federal employees. [Why Trump will be free to make more endorsements like he did with L.L. Bean](#)

Bloomberg Businessweek reports that President-elect Trump may have additional conflicts of interest in a proposed natural gas pipeline project on the border with Mexico. [Trump's New Border Conflict of Interest](#)

ABCNews reports that the U.S. Customs and Border Protection incorporated the lie detector in its hiring process and that the panel tasked to review the practice concluded that it served as "an important integrity tool" to combat corruption among U.S. Customs and Border employees. [Corruption at US Border Agency Led to Lie Detectors](#)

International and Related News

The Sydney Morning Herald reports that a recent poll shows that more than 80 per cent of Australians believe there is widespread corruption in federal politics and would support a new independent watchdog to stamp it out. [Federal corruption watchdog needed, say 80 per cent of Australians: poll](#)

Next Scheduled Recess:

House: January 14-19, 26-27

Senate: January 16, February 20-24

Brandon A. Steele

From: Elizabeth D. Horton
Sent: Monday, December 19, 2016 11:56 AM
To: Agency Wide; News Clippings
Subject: Legislative Update for Monday, December 19, 2016

The Senate and the House are not in session.

Legislative and Related News

Roll Call reports that Sen. Elizabeth Warren announced that Senate Democrats will introduce legislation that would require President-elect Donald Trump to divest from any financial entanglements that could conflict with his presidential duties. The article notes that the bill, which will be formally introduced in January, more strictly codifies the U.S. Constitution's Emoluments Clause, and would force the president, vice president, their spouses and any dependent family members to place their financial assets in a blind trust. [Warren Pushes for Presidential Divestment Bill](#)

Executive Branch Ethics and Related News

Multiple outlets report that the President-elect Donald Trump has nominated Rep. Mick Mulvaney to be the director of the Office of Management and Budget. [The Hill - Trump taps Mulvaney for budget director](#); [Government Executive - Trump's Pick to Lead OMB Supports Privatizing Some Federal Operations, Cutting Workforce](#); [Roll Call - Trump Nominates Anti-Deficit Crusader Mulvaney to Head OMB](#); [Politico - Mulvaney tapped to lead Trump's budget office](#)

The Editorial Board of *The New York Times* opines that Donald Trump's transition team is behind on vetting his nominees for potential conflicts of interest. [Donald Trump's Nominees Are In for a Rough Ride](#)

The National Law Review reports on the Office of Government Ethics' 2014 guidance on pooled investment fund assets, such as hedge funds. [Presidential Appointees Can Take Advantage of 2014 OGE Guidance on Hedge Funds](#)

The Huffington Post reports that Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, the lead Senate author of the STOCK Act, stated that the intent of the STOCK Act was to say no member of Congress and no member of the executive branch, including the president and his Cabinet, should be benefiting financially because they have access to nonpublic information. [Senator Fears Trump's Business Ties Endanger American Democracy](#) In another article, *The Huffington Post* reports on OGE's Legal Advisory clarifying that the STOCK Act does apply to the president. [It's Clear: Trump Isn't Exempt From Insider-Trading Ethics Law](#)

PBS and *The Daily Journal* report that the Trump Organization has canceled a licensing deal for a hotel in Azerbaijan and is taking steps to do the same for a project in neighboring Georgia, part of a string of recent efforts by the president-elect to extricate his business from potentially thorny relationships before he takes office. [PBS - Trump moves to cancel business deals in Azerbaijan, Georgia](#); [The Daily Journal - Trump moves to cancel international deals](#)

The Bellingham Herald credits Stephen D. Potts, former OGE Director, with helping to create the U.S. government procedures to root out conflicts of interest and indicates that Mr. Potts admitted that he never contemplated someone that had expansive wealth and holdings in as many varied forms as Donald Trump has. The article notes that Mr. Potts stated that Mr. Trump's nominees will have to rid themselves of the conflicts and the article also references OGE's recent letter to Sen. Tom Carper. [Trump's billionaire-loaded cabinet will face a government ethics test after confirmation](#)

Opposing Views reports that President-elect Donald Trump is not expected to divest from his businesses before he enters the White House, but will not be involved in the day-to-day decision-making of his wide-ranging business empire, according to Wall Street Journal reporter Monica Langley. [Report: Trump To Keep Businesses As President](#)

Bloomberg BNA reports that according to lobbying expert Kenneth Gross, Donald Trump is treating registered lobbyists “sort of like Obama” by restricting their ability to participate in the presidential transition process, but unlike President Barack Obama, President-elect Trump hasn’t barred former lobbyists from his operations. The article notes that Trump’s restrictions on lobbyist participation in his administration go further than Obama’s in some respects, referencing Trump’s call for a five-year ban on future lobbying by officials who leave the administration, compared to Obama’s two-year “revolving-door” restriction. [Trump Seen ‘Sort of Like Obama’ in Treatment of Lobbyists](#)

Next Scheduled Recess:

House: December 19-30

Senate: December 19-30

Brandon A. Steele

From: Jennifer Matis
Sent: Monday, January 23, 2017 1:51 PM
To: Agency Wide; News Clippings
Subject: Legislative Update for Monday, January 23, 2017

The Senate will proceed to executive session at 3:00 p.m.

The Senate will proceed to executive session at 3:00 p.m. to resume consideration of the nomination of Mike Pompeo to be Director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

The House reconvenes at 2 p.m.

The House reconvenes at 2 p.m. for legislative business and is expected to consider measures under suspension of the rules. Roll call votes will be postponed until 6:30 p.m.

Executive Branch Ethics and Related News

NPR and *Federal News Radio* report on the meeting between OGE's Director and House Oversight and Government Reform Committee Chairman Chaffetz today. [In U.S. Ethics Chief, An Unlikely Gadfly To Trump](#); [Ethics director, oversight chairman meeting to discuss 'blurred lines' of PR and guidance](#). In related news, *The Hill* publishes an opinion piece discussing Chairman Chaffetz's recent criticism of the Director. [Juan Williams: Ethics cloud hangs over Trump](#)

Multiple outlets report on a lawsuit being filed today by CREW regarding President Trump's business interests. [Foreign Payments to Trump Firms Violate Constitution, Suit Will Claim \(NYT\)](#); [Ethics Lawyers to Sue Trump Over Continuing Business Interests \(NBC News\)](#); [Ethics Experts File Lawsuit Saying Trump's Overseas Interests Violate Constitution \(NPR\)](#)

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The New York Times and *The Wall Street Journal* report on President Trump's conflict of interests. [As Trump Takes Office, Many Conflicts of Interest Still Face His Presidency](#); [Trump, His Children, and 500+ Potential Conflicts of Interest](#)

The Washington Post publishes an opinion piece by Senator Warren on nominees' compliance with ethics rules. [Elizabeth Warren: Trump's nominees are putting us all at risk by ignoring ethics laws](#)

Time publishes an opinion piece by POGO on the fate of the "Ethics Commitments By Executive Branch Personnel" executive order signed by President Obama in 2009. [The Real Ethics Test for Donald Trump Lies in This Little-Known Rule](#)

The Huffington Post reports on ethics issues "plaguing" Cabinet nominees, quoting the OGE Director's recent comments at the Brookings Institute. [The Ethics Problems Plaguing Trump's Cabinet Have Sunk Plenty Of Prior Nominees](#)

Mother Jones reports on Steven Mnuchin's revised financial disclosure form. [Steven Mnuchin Forgot \\$95 Million In His Financial Disclosure Forms](#)

The Huffington Post reports that Senate Democrats are calling for a delay in Rep. Price's confirmation hearing until an ethics investigation into his stock trading can be completed. [Democrats Want More Info On Tom Price's Stock Accounts After Insider Trading Questions](#)

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Government Executive reports that the President has issued an executive order freezing federal hiring. [Trump Signs Order to Freeze Federal Hiring](#)

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The Senate is not in session.

The House is not in session.

Legislative and Related News

Politico reports that five Democratic senators on Thursday unveiled a bill they plan to release next month that would require Donald Trump to divest assets that risk a conflict of interest and place the proceeds in a blind trust as well as require his appointees to step aside from official decisions that could benefit him. [Senate Dems seek divestment blind trust for Trump's assets](#)

Fox5 reports on a potential conflict of interest with a Georgia Congressman and a pharmacies bill. [Questions of conflict of interest with a Georgia congressman Rep. Buddy Carter](#)

Executive Branch Ethics and Related News

Multiple sources report on OGE's letter in response to Senator Carper. [Trump giving businesses to his kids won't eliminate conflicts, government ethics office says](#) [Office of Government Ethics responds to senator's letter](#) [Ethics office says a blind trust run by Trump kids wouldn't comply with law](#) [U.S. Ethics Office Says Donald Trump Should Divest His Businesses](#)

The Hill reports that the President-elect announced that Rep. Ryan Zinke (R-Mont.) would be his nominee for Interior secretary. [Trump picks GOP Rep. Zinke for Interior secretary](#)

Politico reports on speculation as to how the President-elect's business dealings would be impacted by the STOCK Act. [Trump's businesses could trip insider-trading law](#)

The *New York Times* reports that President-elect Trump's business is pulling out of a real estate deal with criminal issues in Brazil. [Trump Firm Quits Brazil Hotel Project That Was Named in Criminal Inquiry](#)

Newsmax reports that a former lobbyist is being considered for a role in the President-elect's administration. [Trump Considers Ex-Lobbyist, Bush Official for Trade Role](#)

Roll Call reports that Senator Sessions plans to divest from Brazilian oil bonds. [Sessions Plans to Divest Some Investments as AG](#)

Bloomberg reports that General Mattis may have to recuse himself from dealings with General Dynamics. [Pentagon Chief May Have to Steer Clear of \\$10 Billion Contractor](#)

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Federal News Radio reports that that the 2016 Best Places to Work rankings are out. [Feds generally happier at work, but leadership satisfaction lags in Best Places to Work](#)

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The Senate and House meet in a pro forma session.

Legislative and Related News

Santa Monica Observer reports that Rep. Clark introduced the Presidential Accountability Act, which would [Bill Would Require Trump to Address Conflicts of Interest with Business and Family](#)

Executive Branch Ethics and Related News

CNN and *The Huffington Post* report that Mr. Gingrich opined that should any of President-elect Trump's advisers run afoul of the ethics rules when he is POTUS, a President Trump could simply pardon them. [Gingrich: Trump could pardon aides for ethics violations](#) [Newt Gingrich Thinks Nepotism Laws Shouldn't Apply To Trump Administration](#)

The National Memo reports that the Transition Team has not responded to repeated questions on whether Mr. Trump will file a financial disclosure form in 2017. [Will Trump File A Financial Disclosure In 2017?](#)

Various outlets discuss the Opening Day Foundation, a nonprofit allegedly created by Mr. Trump's sons. Some outlets allege that the organization was created to sell access to Mr. Trump. [Trump's Doral Golf Course Highlights His Conflicts Of Interest Report: Trump sons accused of selling access to father with new nonprofit](#) [Trump's sons behind Texas nonprofit selling access to president-elect](#) [Report: Event Offers Donors Chance To Hunt With Trump's Sons For \\$500K](#) [Trump sons bring 'Camouflage and Cufflinks' fundraiser to inauguration](#)

Various prospective nominees are discussed in the news. [Trump's pick for commerce secretary may have biggest conflicts](#) [Trump Nominates Billionaire Florida Panthers Owner As Army Secretary](#) [Docs Show Tillerson Led US-Russia Oil Firm Registered In Bahamas](#) [The Richest Administration In History Just Got Richer](#) [DeVos heads into confirmation with a megadonor's advantage](#)

While *Think Progress* alleges that Kuwait received pressure from the Trump Transition Team to switch a scheduled event from the Four Seasons to the Trump D.C. Hotel, [Under political pressure, Kuwait cancels major event at Four Seasons, switches to Trump's D.C. hotel](#), *The Washington Post* reports that the Kuwaiti ambassador announced that he had not been contacted by the Transition Team and felt no pressure to switch. [Kuwaiti embassy is latest to book Trump D.C. hotel, but ambassador says he felt 'no pressure'](#)

NPR opines that President-elect Trump's golf courses present conflicts of interest because he is able to steer beneficial environmental and labor policies that would increase their profitability. [Trump's Doral Golf Course Highlights His Conflicts Of Interest](#)

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House: December 19-30
Senate: December 19-30

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The Senate meets in a pro forma session.

The House is not in session.

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Multiple outlets discuss the Trump Foundation. [Not So Fast: Trump Foundation Can't Close While Still Under Investigation](#) [Trump defends his foundation after promising to shut it down](#) [Trump Defends Shady Foundation After Vowing to Close It](#) [Trump to dissolve Trump Foundation to avoid conflict, but NY Attorney General says 'you can't'](#) [What Trump Foundation's 'Self-dealing' Disclosure Means For a Conflicted President-elect](#) [On Twitter, Trump defends foundation, ignores legal controversy surrounding it](#)

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Politico reports that more than 1/3 of the 200 people who have met with President-elect Trump were large donors to his campaign. [Trump rewards big donors with jobs and access](#) *Roll Call* opines that donations to his inaugural committee “afford [donors] moments to make the case for their policy agendas.” [Trump Inaugural Gives Corporations an Outlet to Press Policy Agendas](#)

Daily Kos discusses the STOCK Act, opining that there is disagreement over whether the insider trading prohibitions apply to POTUS. [If a president breaks insider trading laws, is it illegal? Opinions differ!](#)

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The Patriot Ledger discusses the alleged revolving door between the DEA and pharmaceutical companies. [The revolving door between drug makers, Drug Enforcement Administration](#)

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Government Executive reports that OSC sent a letter to senators in the minority party warning “the incoming Trump administration not to place a chilling effect on government workers attempting to do their jobs.” OSC encourages any

employee that feels he/she has been “subject to an adverse action in violation of merit system principles” by the transition team to file a claim with OSC. [Federal Watchdog Warns Trump Not to 'Chill' Feds From Doing Work](#) The letter is [here](#).

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The Senate meets in a pro forma session. At noon, the Senate will convene for the 115th Congress pursuant to the Constitution.

The House meets in a pro forma session at 11 a.m. for the final session of the 114th Congress. The 115th Congress convenes at noon and is expected to elect the speaker of the House, swear in members and delegates and consider measures under suspension of the rules.

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Multiple outlets report on the majority party's vote to "rein in an independent ethics office that investigates potential wrongdoing by lawmakers." [House Republicans vote to eviscerate the Office of Congressional Ethics](#) [House Republicans gut their own oversight](#) [House Republicans move to slash powers of ethics watchdog](#) [GOP Congress jolted by ethics PR debacle](#) [Conway: GOP has 'mandate' to gut congressional ethics office](#) [Ryan defends move to gut ethics watchdog](#) [Back to The Auction House](#) PEOTUS called the "Ethics Watchdog" unfair, but questioned why weakening it was the first priority. [here](#) and [here](#). *The Atlantic* has a history of the OCE. [The GOP's Ethics Disaster](#)

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Washington Examiner reports that the DOJ declined to prosecute two VA officials accused of gaming a VA program designed to assist moving employees between cities. [Justice Dept. declines to prosecute VA fraudsters](#)

Multiple outlets discuss OGE's tweets. [U.S. Ethics Chief Was Behind Those Tweets About Trump, Records Show](#) [Office of Government Ethics should have studied up on Twitter before taking on Trump](#)

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The Washington Post reports that federal agency hiring is up since the election. [Federal agencies rush to fill job openings before Trump takes office Jan. 20](#)

Federal News Radio reports that OPM issued new teleworking guidance. [OPM offers guidance for feds who telework from home with children, dependents](#)

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Subject: Legislative Update for Tuesday, January 10, 2017

The Senate reconvened at 12 p.m.

The Senate reconvened at noon and will resume consideration of the Fiscal 2017 budget resolution.

The House reconvened at 12 p.m.

The House reconvened at noon for legislative business. The chamber is expected to consider a bill (HR 79) that would require the SEC to expand the circumstances where offering unregistered securities in the private market would not require the verification of accredited investors. The chamber will also consider measures under suspension of the rules.

Legislative and Related News

The Huffington Post reports that a House revision to a disclosure law would appear to allow members to shield expenditure records from ethics and criminal investigations. [Congress Quietly Passes New Rule Allowing House Members To Hide Records From Ethics Probes](#)

Roll Call reports the former Rep. Fattah is set to appeal his corruption conviction, *inter alia*, on the purported new definition of bribery created by SCOTUS in *McDonnell*. [Chaka Fattah Appeals Conviction](#)

Executive Branch Ethics and Related News

The Hill alleges that Sen. Sessions failed to disclose oil interests on his ethics filings. [Sessions did not disclose oil interests in government ethics forms](#)

Multiple outlets report on the process of vetting nominees. [Cabinet posts too important to rush ethics probes](#) [Ethics Groups Alarmed By Trump Team's Secrecy](#) [Pruitt among Trump nominees to comply with ethics requirements](#) [4 Of 9 Trump Nominees Set For Hearings This Week Haven't Completed Ethics Disclosures \[Updated\]](#) [Read the financial disclosure documents released for five Trump nominees](#) [Lawmaker: Ethics office needs to 'pick up the pace' on Trump's nominees](#) [Ethics officials clear Trump EPA nominee](#) [Congress returns to second ethics fracas in 2 weeks](#) [Trump Cabinet picks' ethics disclosures lag behind Obama's](#) [Ethics reports lag for Trump nominees facing confirmation hearings this week](#) [Does battle over Trump's nominees augur a new era of ethics battles?](#)

Multiple outlets report on upcoming confirmation hearings. [Republicans Used To Care About Cabinet Disclosures. Then Trump Won.](#) [Ethics lawyers for Bush and Obama sounds the alarm: Trump's cabinet hearings must be delayed](#) [Betsy DeVos, Trump's Education Pick, Plays Hardball With Her Wealth](#) [Protecting the Swamp](#) [GOP's Rush to Rubber-Stamp Trump Nominees: Destroy What We Can, While We Can](#) [Senate Democrats Question Vetting Of Cabinet Picks With Slew Of Hearings](#) [CIA director confirmation hearing delayed a day](#) [DeVos hearing delayed](#) [Sessions at confirmation hearing says he would recuse himself from Clinton matters](#) [The most powerful Cabinet ever faces the least serious hearings ever](#)

Multiple outlets discuss alleged conflicts of interest of PEOTUS. [DONALD TRUMP'S CONFLICT-OF-INTEREST NIGHTMARE IS ABOUT TO FORMALLY BEGIN](#) [Ethics Rules Are National Security Rules](#) [Republicans do Trump no favors on ethics](#) [Donald Trump inauguration: Ethics concerns swirl around Trump team](#) [Trump Set to Address Ethics Concerns as Cabinet Picks Get Whirlwind Week of Hearings](#) [Trump and Divestiture: The Lawyers Weigh In](#) [A Canadian bankruptcy adds to Trump's legal woes](#) [The conflicts of interest Donald Trump recently canceled added up to less than \\$400,000](#) [Trump pulled out of project in ex-Soviet Georgia to avoid conflict of interest - ex-partner](#) [Not All Interests Are Conflicts](#) [Selling his empire would cost Trump money. A lot of it.](#) [Donald Trump's 'first attempt to ignore the law'](#)

Multiple outlets discuss Mr. Kushner reportedly taking a position in the incoming administration. [Jared Kushner to transfer Observer interest to family trust](#) [It's Official: Kushner To Serve As Unpaid Senior Adviser To Trump Democrats Call on DOJ to Look Into Jared Kushner's White House Role](#) [Jared Kushner Will Sell Many of His Assets, but Ethics Lawyers Worry](#) [Nothing to See Here, Just Nepotism and Massive Conflicts of Interest](#) [Kushner's appointment brings attention to anti-nepotism law](#) [Kushner to resign from exec posts, divest sizable assets](#) [Kushner will 'extricate himself entirely' from businesses, attorney says](#)

Politico and *Federal News Radio* report on OGE's request for comment on discretionary trusts. [Ethics czar mulls reining in officials' off-the-books trusts](#) [Before Trump's inauguration, Congress, OGE take another look at federal ethics regulations](#)

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House: January 14-19, 26-27

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The Senate convenes at 3:00 p.m.

The Senate re-convenes at 3 p.m. and begins a period of morning business.

The House meets in a pro forma session.

Legislative Branch and Related News

Roll Call reports that while public outcry saved OCE, some watchdogs “fear that the OCE’s death sentence has simply been postponed until public attention shifts.” [Crisis Averted but Future Is Still Unclear for House Watchdog](#)

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Multiple outlets report on Fridays’ director’s note. [In a Memo, the U.S. Ethics Chief Reminds 'Everyone' in the Executive Branch What Ethics Are After Trump's Tweet, Ethics Office Reminds U.S. Employees: No Endorsing Products US ethics watchdog takes to Twitter to remind federal employees not to endorse any products a day after Trump tweeted 'buy L.L. Bean' The Office of Government Ethics is waging a one-sided Twitter feud with Trump Website Goes Down At Office Of Government Ethics Amid Political Storm](#) The [tweet](#) OGE sent Friday is our most popular tweet (likes, retweets, etc.) to date, achieving this milestone in two days. OGE’s [prior](#) top tweet took over 30 days to achieve its numbers.

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Washington Examiner opines that OGE is hypocritical to question payments received by the Trump DC Hotel, because the agency did not question payments received by the Hyatt Regency Capitol Hill. The piece alleges that the agency sent a letter to the minority party in the Senate “while merely cc-ing the actual leadership of the Senate.” [The unethical Office of Government Ethics](#)

Outlets discuss the confirmation hearings. [Zinke, DeVos Kick Off Week of Senate Hearings Confirmation fights dominate ahead of inauguration Lawmakers set Mattis up for quick confirmation](#)

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Government Executive reports that a recent survey shows a tie between the media and the government for what American surveyed view as the least trusted key institution. [The Results Are In: Nobody Trusts Anyone Anymore](#)

Washington Examiner alleges that the Clinton Foundation was merely a pay-for-play front, because the separate Clinton Global Initiative conference was shuttered. [Clinton Inc exposed for what it was](#)

Forbes opines having a new administration may alter how ethics are taught in the classroom. [Teaching Ethics In The Trump Era](#)

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Washington Examiner reports that President-elect Trump is eyeing executive branch spending cuts of 10% and slashing the federal workforce by 20% through attrition, a hiring freeze and reorganization. [Trump eyes 10% spending cuts, 20% slash of federal workers](#) *Federal News Radio* opines on other possible changes. [Federal pay freeze likely under new Congress](#)

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Subject: Legislative Update for Tuesday, January 24, 2017

The Senate reconvened at 10:45 a.m.

The Senate reconvenes at 10:45 a.m. and will be in a period of morning business. The Senate will recess from 12:30-2:15 p.m. for weekly caucus lunches. Confirmation votes are possible.

The House reconvened at 12:00 p.m.

The House reconvenes at noon for legislative business. The chamber is expected to consider a bill (HR 7) that would permanently prohibit the use of federal funds and resources to provide for abortion or abortion coverage and prohibit individuals and small businesses from receiving federal subsidies under the 2010 health care overhaul to purchase health care plans that cover abortions. The chamber is also expected to consider measures under suspension of the rules.

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Multiple outlets discuss President Trump purportedly resigning from his businesses. [Has Donald Trump resigned from his businesses? Here's what we know. Trump claims he resigned from 400 businesses](#) [Trump Files Documents To Shift Management Of Businesses To His Sons](#)

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Fed Smith discusses the hiring freeze. [Details Announced About Trump's Hiring Freeze](#)

Politico opines that the "White House is installing senior aides atop major federal agencies to shadow the administration's Cabinet secretaries, creating a direct line with loyalists who can monitor and shape White House goals across the federal bureaucracy." [Trump assembles a shadow Cabinet](#)

International Ethics and Related News

ACNS reports that Kenya's Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission has a new chair. [Former Archbishop sworn in as head of ethics body](#)

New Europe reports on Swedish measures to address the revolving door between public service and the private sector. Among the steps proposed, parliament would set “quarantine periods” and approve jobs taken by former ministers.
[Sweden aspires to block political revolving door to the private sector](#)

Transparency International reports that it will release its 22nd annual Corruption Perceptions Index on January 25, 2017.
[CORRUPTION PERCEPTIONS INDEX TO BE LAUNCHED ON 25 JANUARY 2017](#)

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The Senate and House are not in session.

Executive Branch Ethics and Related News

PoliZette reports that a spokesperson for President-elect Trump said that “it’s a possibility” that he could “seek to alter White House ethics requirements because of the complexity of his vast business interests.” The spokesperson’s comments were made in response to former House Speaker Newt Gingrich’s remarks on Monday. [Conway: Trump Team Won’t Rule Out Ethics Rules Revision](#)

Politico mentions OGE in an article on President-elect Trump’s plans to address potential conflicts of interest. [Trump team discussing ‘half-blind’ trust for conflicts of interest](#)

Government Executive reports on allegations that the new nominee for Interior Secretary once engaged in a “pattern of travel fraud” while serving as a Navy SEAL. [The Allegations That Trump's Pick for Interior Secretary Committed 'Travel Fraud'](#)

Government Executive reports on the recent dismissal of the National Security Agency Inspector General for retaliating against a whistleblower. [Why the NSA Inspector General Lost His Job \(and Wants It Back\)](#)

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Government Executive reports that the National Academy of Public Administration has a new president and CEO. [Good Government Academy Names New Leader](#)

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Subject: Legislative Update for Wednesday, January 11, 2017

The Senate reconvened at 12 p.m.

The Senate reconvened at noon and will resume consideration of the Fiscal 2017 budget resolution (S Con Res 3). There are three hours of debate remaining for both parties.

The House reconvened at 12 p.m.

The House reconvened at noon for legislative business. The chamber is expected to consider a measure under suspension of the rules and a bill (HR 5) that would modify the federal rule-making process to focus on reducing the possible economist costs of federal regulations and take a final vote on one bill (HR 39) previously debated under suspension of the rules.

Executive Branch Ethics and Related News

Politico reports that the time it's taking to complete the ethics check related to Betsy DeVos' vast financial holdings contributed to Republican leaders' decision to delay her Senate confirmation hearing. The article refers to the letter from the director of the Office of Government Ethics responding to questions from Sen. Patty Murray which stated that it is "impossible to predict" how long it will take for a nominee to complete an ethics review. [Sources: Delays in DeVos' paperwork contributed to postponement decision](#) *The Washington Post* also reported on OGE's letter to Sen. Murray and the length of the vetting process. [Ethics office director says proper vetting of ultrawealthy Cabinet nominees can take weeks, months](#)

Multiple outlets report on the delay of some confirmation hearings. [Republicans Delay Confirmation Hearings for Trump Picks Amid Vetting Concerns](#) (New York Magazine); [GOP slows Trump Cabinet confirmation pace](#) (The Hill); [Republicans, Facing Pressure, Delay Hearings for 4 Trump Cabinet Nominees](#) (The New York Times); [Pompeo, DeVos, Ross Confirmation Hearings Delayed](#) (Roll Call); [GOP slows pace of confirmation hearings](#) (Hot Air); [GOP plan for quick confirmations slowed by complicated background checks](#) (Albuquerque Journal); [After prodding, Republicans slowing down Cabinet confirmation process](#) (KOBI TV); [Senate Delays Hearing For Commerce Pick Over Lack Of Ethics Agreement](#) (Talking Points Memo); [Dem: No hearing for EPA pick until questions answered](#) (The Hill)

News Channel 5 provides a general overview of the nominee confirmation process. [Paperwork To Hearings: What It Takes To Confirm A Presidential Nominee](#)

Fox News discusses OGE's director and his handling of conflict of interest concerns. [Ethics official takes heat for knocking Trump Cabinet hearings, giving Clinton a 'pass'](#)

News OK reports that conflict laws passed in the wake of the Nixon-era Watergate scandal govern senior White House officials but not the president and vice president. [Cabinet picks must do more than Trump to avoid conflicts](#)

Sun Herald reports that former Texas Gov. Rick Perry is among Donald Trump's Cabinet nominees whose federal financial disclosure forms have not been made public yet by the Office of Government Ethics, meaning either that he had not submitted the forms or they had not been processed by the Senate. [Rick Perry is among the Trump nominees whose ethics forms aren't yet available](#)

AL.com reports that Jeff Sessions, during a hearing to become the 84th attorney general, admitted to omitting details about ownership in oil interests and that he plans to update his own financial disclosure forms submitted last month with the Office of Government Ethics. [Jeff Sessions admits to omitting oil revenue in ethics forms](#)

Bloomberg BNA reports on the statement of the White House press secretary about the Senate's application of ethics standards to the President-elect's Cabinet choices. The article refers to a 2009 letter by Sen. Mitch McConnell in which he stated that one standard expected before any choice would be considered was that a nominee's Office of Government Ethics letter would be complete and submitted to the committee "in time for review and prior to a committee hearing." [Senate Cutting Corners on Ethics Standards: White House](#)

The New York Times and *The Huffington Post* report that President-elect Donald Trump's nominee to be the nation's top health official is facing calls for investigation of whether his stock picks were guided by insider knowledge gleaned as a senior member of Congress. *The New York Times* article notes that the STOCK Act clarifies that federal laws against insider trading apply to members of Congress and staff, and requires lawmakers to make regular disclosures. [Trump's HHS Pick Faces Calls for Probe of Stock Trades](#) (The New York Times); [Democrats Ramp Up Ethics Attack On Trump's Top Health Pick](#) (The Huffington Post)

Federal Agency and Related News

Federal News Radio discusses legislation that is expected in the 115th Congress including a pay freeze for federal workers that would most likely be passed under budget reconciliation procedures that would prohibit a filibuster in the Senate. [Federal pay freeze likely under new Congress](#)

Next Scheduled Recess:

House: January 14-19, 26-27

Senate: January 16, February 20-24

Brandon A. Steele

From: Jim Robertson
Sent: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 12:59 PM
To: Agency Wide
Subject: Legislative Update for Wednesday, January 25, 2017

The Senate is not in session.

The House is not in session.

Legislative and Related News

The Huffington Post reports that the House Oversight Committee voted against an amendment to the committee's rule that would have prohibited the committee from approving any legislation that could directly benefit President Trump and his business empire. [GOP Committee Members Take First Vote To Protect Trump's Conflicts of Interest](#)

The Washington Post editorial board opines that Representative Price's trading activities while a member of the House demonstrate why congressional ethics requirements are too lax. [Tom Price is Exhibit A for congressional ethics reform](#)

Executive Branch Ethics and Related News

The Washington Post reports that some senators and watchdog groups believe there remain important unanswered questions about the financial interests that Education Secretary nominee Betsy DeVos will continue to hold. [Betsy DeVos's ethics review raises further questions for Democrats and watchdogs](#) However, according to *CNN*, the chairman of the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor & Pensions rejected the ranking member's request for a second hearing with Betsy DeVos. [Democrats won't get a second hearing with Betsy DeVos, Trump's education pick](#)

The Washington Post reports that three nominees were confirmed by the Senate this week but others will have to wait for confirmation until the Senate returns next week. [Three Trump nominees confirmed, but still no deal for the others](#)

Reuters reports that the recent emoluments lawsuit filed against President Trump by the Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington is part of a larger strategy by the group to highlight its concerns and put political pressure on the White House. [U.S. ethics lawsuits against Trump part of groups' political strategy](#) *The Hill* reports that President Trump views the lawsuit as being "without merit." [Trump: Ethics lawsuit 'without merit'](#)

Politico reports that President Donald Trump's company has hired an outside lawyer and promoted one of its own attorneys as part of its plan to address the president's potential conflicts of interest. [Trump's company picks GOP lawyer, own attorney for ethics team](#)

CITYA.M. reports that the *Economist Intelligence Unit* has downgraded the United States in its recently released Democracy Index. Erosion of public trust in the government and elected officials moved the U.S. system of government from a "full democracy" to a "flawed democracy." [US labelled a "flawed" democracy over collapsing public trust](#)

The Washington Examiner reports that the Secret Service is investigating possible Hatch Act violations by one of its employees in connection with the employee's Facebook postings. [Senior Secret Service agent suggests she wouldn't take 'a bullet' for Trump](#)

International and Related News

Deutsche Welle reports that Transparency International has published its annual Corruption Perceptions Index and, in connection with that publication, has expressed fears that a global rise of populism risks undermining the fight against corruption. [Rise in populism risks worsening corruption, warns transparency watchdog](#) View the full report [here](#).

Voice of America reports that broader issues of public trust made an appearance at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland. [Elites Gather in Davos; Some Worry About Plunging Public Trust](#)

Next Scheduled Recess:

House: January 26-27

Senate: February 20-24

Brandon A. Steele

From: Jim Robertson
Sent: Friday, December 16, 2016 11:59 AM
To: Agency Wide
Subject: Legislative Update for Friday, December 16, 2016

The Senate meets in a pro forma session.

The House meets in a pro forma session.

Legislative and Related News

Roll Call reports on potential areas of investigation that might interest the House Oversight and Government Reform Chairman and other committee members. According to the article, the President-elect's potential conflicts of interest remain an undecided matter. [Questions Loom for House's Top Inquisitor](#)

Executive Branch Ethics and Related News

On the nominee front, multiple outlets report that President-elect Trump has selected David Friedman as his ambassador to Israel. [Trump picks a supporter of West Bank settlements for ambassador to Israel](#) [Trump picks hard-line attorney as Israel envoy, angering Jewish left](#) [Trump Chooses Hard-Liner as Ambassador to Israel](#)

The Washington Post reports that Larry Kudlow is under consideration as a possible pick for chairman of the Council of Economic Advisors. [Trump considers financial pundit Larry Kudlow for Council of Economic Advisors](#)

Government Executive discusses some of the social science around why people tend to discount the severity of their own conflicts of interest. [Why President-elect Trump Doesn't Think He Has a Conflict of Interest Problem](#)

The New York Times reports that the Trump children's annual charity auction this year could be viewed as ethically problematic given their influential position in the presidential transition. [Available to the Highest Bidder: Coffee With Ivanka Trump](#)

MarketWatch reports on OGE's STOCK Act Legal Advisory and the President's restriction on using nonpublic information for private gain. [Trump barred from trading on non-public info, ethics office says](#)

The Hill hosts an opinion piece by Steptoe & Johnson lawyers that outlines a number of OGE policies and procedures related to vetting political appointees for conflicts of interest. [Want to be on Team Trump? Get your finances in order](#)

ABC News reports that a U.S. Border Patrol agent held down a second job retrieving and transporting illicit drugs while on duty, and has now been charged with bribery and drug-related crimes. [Border Patrol Agent Charged With Bribery for Running Drugs](#)

Next Scheduled Recess:

House: December 19-30

Senate: December 19-30

Kehli Cage

From: Emory A. Rounds III
Sent: Thursday, December 29, 2016 12:49 PM
To: Kehli Cage
Subject: FW: time-sensitive issue

From: Walter M. Shaub
Sent: Friday, November 18, 2016 10:34 AM
To: Emory A. Rounds III
Subject: Re: time-sensitive issue

Ah good. If you have to leave the cart outside it's ok. Hopefully it will still be there when you leave, but I won't blame you if it's not. Don't get there before or after 11:00. Try to get there right att

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Verizon Wireless 4G LTE network.

From: Emory A. Rounds III
Sent: Friday, November 18, 2016 10:26 AM
To: Walter M. Shaub
Subject: RE: time-sensitive issue

Teresa – we got this, have already talked to Sean . . . On our way . . .

From: Walter M. Shaub
Sent: Friday, November 18, 2016 10:26 AM
To: Emory A. Rounds III
Subject: Re: time-sensitive issue

The key?

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Verizon Wireless 4G LTE network.

From: Emory A. Rounds III
Sent: Friday, November 18, 2016 10:23 AM
To: Walter M. Shaub
Subject: RE: time-sensitive issue

GOT IT . . .

From: Walter M. Shaub
Sent: Friday, November 18, 2016 10:23 AM
To: Emory A. Rounds III
Subject: Re: time-sensitive issue

Possibly Nelson or Kaneisha too. Or Deb. Or Dave.

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Verizon Wireless 4G LTE network.

From: Emory A. Rounds III

Kehli Cage

From: Emory A. Rounds III
Sent: Thursday, December 29, 2016 12:49 PM
To: Kehli Cage
Subject: FW: OGE Reports for Trump Nominees

From: Deborah J. Bortot
Sent: Tuesday, December 20, 2016 9:01 AM
To: Emory A. Rounds III
Subject: FW: OGE Reports for Trump Nominees

From: Teresa L. Williamson
Sent: Monday, December 19, 2016 1:43 PM
To: Deborah J. Bortot; Heather A. Jones; Sandra S. Mabry
Subject: FW: OGE Reports for Trump Nominees

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From: Shek, Chung (HELP Committee) [(b) (6)]
Sent: Monday, December 19, 2016 1:42 PM
To: Teresa L. Williamson
Subject: OGE Reports for Trump Nominees

Hey Teresa,

Wanted to check in to see if there was a status on the OGE reports for any of the upcoming Trump nominees. We're looking for (b) (6)

Thanks!
Chung

Sent: Friday, November 18, 2016 10:21 AM
To: Walter M. Shaub
Subject: RE: time-sensitive issue



From: Walter M. Shaub
Sent: Friday, November 18, 2016 10:21 AM
To: Emory A. Rounds III
Subject: Re: time-sensitive issue

Teresa. Also (b) (6)

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Verizon Wireless 4G LTE network.

From: Emory A. Rounds III
Sent: Friday, November 18, 2016 10:19 AM
To: Walter M. Shaub
Subject: RE: time-sensitive issue

Who has key to your office?

From: Walter M. Shaub
Sent: Friday, November 18, 2016 10:19 AM
To: Emory A. Rounds III
Subject: Re: time-sensitive issue

Don't know. Get there by 1100

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Verizon Wireless 4G LTE network.

From: Emory A. Rounds III
Sent: Friday, November 18, 2016 10:18 AM
To: Walter M. Shaub
Subject: RE: time-sensitive issue

Where is Matt?

From: Walter M. Shaub
Sent: Friday, November 18, 2016 10:10 AM
To: George Hancock; Emory A. Rounds III
Subject: Fw: time-sensitive issue

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Verizon Wireless 4G LTE network.

From: Walter M. Shaub <wmschaub@oge.gov>
Sent: Friday, November 18, 2016 10:08 AM
To: Emily Mallon
Subject: Re: time-sensitive issue

Emily,

We'll send George right away. If possible, (b) (5)

Walt

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Verizon Wireless 4G LTE network.

From: Emily Mallon
Sent: Friday, November 18, 2016 10:04 AM
To: Walter M. Shaub
Subject: Re: time-sensitive issue

Walter,

That would be great. (b) (5) but we would love another quick demo from George.

Thanks,

Emily

On Fri, Nov 18, 2016 at 10:00 AM, Walter M. Shaub <wmshaub@oge.gov> wrote:
Thanks, Sean. Access is all set. We can send Emory right now if you're ready for him.

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Verizon Wireless 4G LTE network.

From: Sean Doocey
Sent: Friday, November 18, 2016 9:51 AM
To: Walter M. Shaub; Emily Mallon
Cc: Shelley K. Finlayson
Subject: Re: time-sensitive issue

Thank you both. I understand the difficulty getting in touch with counsel's office.

On the plus side, we are ready to being initiating folks in Integrity.

I'm running in and out. Would it be possible to for George to coordinate a time with Emily and we can either come to you, meet at (b) (6) or here at the transition hq if the access was worked out with GSA.

Thanks, Sean

On Fri, Nov 18, 2016 at 9:15 AM, Walter M. Shaub <wmshaub@oge.gov> wrote:
Sean,

I'm just dropping another quick note to remind you that OGE is here to help. We seem to have lost contact with the Trump-Pence transition since the election.

As we discussed prior to the election, announcing cabinet picks without taking OGE up on the offer to take an early look at financial disclosure picks poses the risk of embarrassment for the President-elect (and the

individual candidate for nomination) in the event that the individual walks away from the nomination after learning what he or she will have to do with his or her financial interests. This is true even in the case of Senators, as Senators are not subject to conflicts of interest laws and may not fully appreciate how different life is in the executive branch. We would genuinely like to help you prevent that undesirable outcome.

As we also previously discussed, the same offer applies to possible White House appointees. The risk is even higher for them because OGE would not normally receive their financial disclosure reports until after they have been in office for weeks or even months. By that time, they run the risk of having inadvertently violated the criminal conflicts of interest restriction at 18 USC 208. If we don't get involved early to prevent problems, we won't be able to help them after the fact.

In addition, please remind people that, as we discussed, OGE needs to be involved before anyone seeks to set up a blind trust. Conversations with potential trustees before consulting to OGE could disqualify them. Also, please be sure that people realize that no asset placed in a blind trust is considered blind, and thus continues to pose conflicts of interest, until the asset has been sold off and the government official receives a letter (approved in advance by OGE) indicating that an asset has been sold down to \$1,000 or less.

I will be taking to Don McGahn as soon as I can pin him down to a time for a call, which is proving to be difficult. However, I don't have confirmation from anyone on the transition team or from OMB that he is serving in any official capacity. It would help to have confirmation that he is authorized to speak for the transition.

As you know, our goal is to help you by preventing problems before they arise. I will consider OGE successful if we get the new administration off to a great start, wholly free of conflicts of interest.

Walt

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Verizon Wireless 4G LTE network.

From: Walter M. Shaub

Sent: Thursday, November 17, 2016 2:52 PM

To: Sean Doocey

Subject: semi time-sensitive issue

Sean,

Is there a phone number where I can call you for a quick phone call today. A somewhat time sensitive issue has arisen.

Walt

Walter M. Shaub, Jr.

Director

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Sean Doocey
Presidential Transition Team

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A large black rectangular redaction box covers the contact information of Sean Doocey, including his phone number and email address.

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From: [Matthew A. Marinec](#)
To: [Walter M. Shaub](#)
Subject: Call with OGE Cancelled
Date: Monday, December 12, 2016 10:37:07 AM

Mr. McGahn's Assistant Jo Lynch contacted me this morning to cancel today's call with Mr. McGahn and Ms. Donaldson.

Thank You,

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Don McGahn, Ann Donaldson & Jo Ann Lynch

From: [Director of OGE](#)

To: [Shelley K. Finlayson](#); [David J. Apol](#); (b) (6)

Cc: (b) (6)

Subject: Call with OGE

OGE will call (b) (6)

Recurring appointment every Monday and Thursday for 45 minutes.

If any adjustments need to be made please contact me.

Thank You,

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Cc: (b) (6)
Subject: Call with OGE

Updating the Monday, 1/2/17 appointment only to instead take place on Tuesday, 1/3/17 at 11:00 am.

OGE will call (b) (6).

If any adjustments need to be made please contact me.

Thank You,

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Cc: (b) (6)
Subject: Call with OGE

Updating the Monday, 1/9/17 appointment only to instead take place on Tuesday, 1/10/17 at 10:30 am.

OGE will call (b) (6)

If any adjustments need to be made please contact me.

Thank You,

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Cc: (b) (6)
Subject: Call with OGE

Updating the Monday, 1/9/17 appointment only to instead take place on Tuesday, 1/10/17 at 4:30 pm.

OGE will call (b) (6)

If any adjustments need to be made please contact me.

Thank You,

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From: [Director of OGE](#)
To: [Shelley K. Finlayson](#); [David J. Apol](#); (b) (6) [Walter M. Shaub](#)
Cc: (b) (6)
Subject: Canceled: Call with OGE
Importance: High

Today's meeting is cancelled per correspondence from Jones Day.

If we are able to reschedule I will send out an updated appointment.

Thank You,

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From: [Director of OGE](#)

To: [Walter M. Shaub](#); [Shelley K. Finlayson](#); [David J. Apol](#); (b) (6)

Cc: (b) (6)

Subject: Conference Call with OGE

OGE will call Mr. McGahn's office at (b) (6)

Thank You,

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From: [Deborah J. Bortot](#)
To: [Emory A. Rounds III](#); [Heather A. Jones](#); [Sandra S. Mabry](#); [Teresa L. Williamson](#); [Keith Labeledz](#)
Subject: FW: Senate Transmissions
Date: Thursday, December 22, 2016 4:43:14 PM

From: Ann M Donaldson (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, December 22, 2016 3:46 PM
To: Deborah J. Bortot
Subject: Senate Transmissions

Deb,

You will be receiving emails shortly regarding transmitting (b)(6) and (b)(6) pre-cleared 278 Reports and Ethics Agreements to the appropriate Senate committee. Going forward, we will send such emails to confirm the President-elect's intent to nominate once we have received confirmation of a filer's pre-clearance from your office. We will continue this process until Inauguration Day.

Thanks,
Annie

Ann M. Donaldson
Associate

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From: [Deborah J. Bortot](#)
To: ["Ann M Donaldson"](#)
Cc: [Stephanie Nonluecha](#); [Emory A. Rounds III](#); [David J. Apol](#); [Teresa L. Williamson](#); [Sandra S. Mabry](#); [Keith Labeledz](#); [Rodrick T. Johnson](#); ["Alexander, M. J."](#); [Martin, Janice N](#); ["Huitema, David P"](#); [Heather A. Jones](#)
Subject: PRECLEARED: (b)(6)
Date: Thursday, December 22, 2016 3:47:34 PM

Annie, (b)(6) is precleared.

Alex, Stephanie will call you with a minor edit to the ethics agreement.

Stephanie, please forward the ethics agreement to Annie.

Thanks!

Deb

Deborah J. Bortot

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From: [Heather A. Jones](#)
To: ["Ann M Donaldson"](#)
Subject: RE: Call with Director
Date: Thursday, December 22, 2016 6:56:07 PM

I'm happy to handle it next week.

From: Ann M Donaldson (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, December 22, 2016 6:29 PM
To: Heather A. Jones
Subject: RE: Call with Director
Merry Christmas and enjoy a short break!

Thanks for dealing with the scheduling of this call. Let's plan for Tuesday at 11, but we'll touch base in the morning. I'm not entirely sure what will shape up over the weekend. Should I circle back with you or someone else Tuesday morning?

Ann M. Donaldson
Associate

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(b)(6)

From: "Heather A. Jones" <hajones@oge.gov>
To: 'Ann M Donaldson' (b)(6)
Date: 12/22/2016 06:20 PM
Subject: RE: Call with Director

Walt will be in next week (except the holiday on Monday). He suggested Tuesday at 11.

I'm out tomorrow but will have e-mail access and I will be back in the office on Tuesday.

Merry Christmas,
Heather

From: Ann M Donaldson (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, December 22, 2016 5:16 PM
To: Heather A. Jones
Subject: Re: Call with Director

Heather,
I'm sorry this didn't work today. Please relay our apologies to Walt and David. We will schedule a time to talk early next week. Probably Tuesday morning if folks will be back then.
Thanks,
Annie

Ann M. Donaldson

Associate

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(b)(6)

From: Ann M Donaldson/JonesDay

To: "Heather A. Jones" <hajones@oge.gov>

Date: 12/22/2016 12:04 PM

Subject: Re: Call with Director

Ok. Will work on it.

Ann M. Donaldson

Associate

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(b)(6)

From: "Heather A. Jones" <hajones@oge.gov>

To: Ann M Donaldson (b)(6)

Date: 12/22/2016 12:03 PM

Subject: Re: Call with Director

We would also like to avoid 2 if possible

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Verizon Wireless 4G LTE network.

From: Ann M Donaldson

Sent: Thursday, December 22, 2016 11:52 AM

To: Heather A. Jones

Subject: Re: Call with Director

Heather,

I'm sorry -- he was unavailable after all. I am trying to find a time this afternoon.

Thanks,
Annie

Ann M. Donaldson

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(b)(6)

From: "Heather A. Jones" <hajones@oge.gov>

To: Ann M Donaldson (b)(6)

Date: 12/22/2016 11:41 AM

Subject: Re: Call with Director

Yes he will call then

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Verizon Wireless 4G LTE network.

From: Ann M Donaldson

Sent: Thursday, December 22, 2016 11:31 AM

To: Heather A. Jones

Subject: Re: Call with Director

Can he call at 11:45? (b)(6) Sorry to push another 15 minutes.

Ann M. Donaldson

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(b)(6)

From: "Heather A. Jones" <hajones@oge.gov>

To: Ann M Donaldson (b)(6)

Date: 12/22/2016 11:22 AM

Subject: Re: Call with Director

Is there a call in number?

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Verizon Wireless 4G LTE network.

From: Ann M Donaldson
Sent: Thursday, December 22, 2016 9:47 AM
To: Heather A. Jones
Subject: Re: Call with Director

Great -- thanks for reaching out. I had left a message for Shelley earlier. We would like to have the call, but need to move it back if possible to 11:30 or thereabouts. Can you check on that possibility?

Thanks

Annie

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From: "Heather A. Jones" <hajones@oge.gov>
To: 'Ann M Donaldson' (b)(6)
Date: 12/22/2016 09:44 AM
Subject: Call with Director

Annie-

We have several people out of the office for the holiday today. If Don needs to cancel the call today, would you ask him to e-mail me and I will let Walt know.

Thanks,
Heather

Heather Jones
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From: [Deborah J. Bortot](#)
To: "Ann M Donaldson"
Cc: [Emory A. Rounds III](#); [Heather A. Jones](#); [Teresa L. Williamson](#)
Subject: (b)(6)
Date: Thursday, December 22, 2016 8:13:38 AM

Annie,

There has been no movement on this report on the part of the filer. The questions have been pending with the filer since 12/9/2016. Could someone in PTT call the filer/filer's representative to get movement on addressing the comments?

Thanks,

Deb

From: Ann M Donaldson (b)(6)
Sent: Friday, December 16, 2016 6:19 PM
To: Deborah J. Bortot
Cc: Emory A. Rounds III
Subject: (b)(6)

We'll shake the branches.

Thanks,

Annie

Ann M. Donaldson

Associate

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(b)(6)

From: "Deborah J. Bortot" <djbortot@oqe.gov>

To: (b)(6) (b)(6)

Cc: "Emory A. Rounds III" <earounds@oqe.gov>

Date: 12/16/2016 05:45 PM

Subject: (b)(6)

Annie,

Questions about the report have been pending with the filer for a week. Could someone in PTT call the filer/filer's representative to get movement on addressing the comments?

Thanks,

Deb

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From: [Ann M Donaldson](#)
To: [Heather A. Jones](#)
Subject: Re: Revised Gift Rule and Ethics Program Rule
Date: Tuesday, December 06, 2016 9:22:18 AM

Thanks, Heather.
Annie

Ann M. Donaldson
Associate

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From: "Heather A. Jones"
To: 'Ann M Donaldson'
Date: 12/06/2016 09:17 AM
Subject: Revised Gift Rule and Ethics Program Rule

Annie-
Attached are the revised gift rule and the Executive Branch ethics program rule. I think the ethics program rule may be helpful as you set up the White House ethics office.

Best,
Heather

Heather Jones
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From: [Ann M Donaldson](#)
To: [Deborah J. Bortot](#); [Heather A. Jones](#)
Subject: Representative Mike Pompeo
Date: Thursday, December 22, 2016 3:53:13 PM

On behalf of the President-Elect, this email serves as confirmation that the President-Elect intends to nominate Representative Mike Pompeo to be CIA Director. Please transmit his pre-cleared 278 report and any accompanying documents to the appropriate Senate committee.

Thank you,
Annie

Ann M. Donaldson
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From: [Ann M Donaldson](#)
To: [Deborah J. Bortot](#); [Heather A. Jones](#)
Subject: Senator Sessions
Date: Thursday, December 22, 2016 3:50:21 PM

On behalf of the President-Elect, this email serves as confirmation that the President-Elect intends to nominate Senator Jeff Sessions to be Attorney General. Please transmit his pre-cleared 278 report and any accompanying documents to the appropriate Senate committee.

Thank you,
Annie

Ann M. Donaldson
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