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**The Senate and House are not in session.**

**Legislative and Related News**

*The Hill* reports that although the President has signed a continuing resolution until December 21st, the parties remain in a stalemate over funding for the President's border wall. [Trump signs stopgap spending bill, averting shutdown](#)

*Bloomberg* reports on a legislative proposal that would ban lawmakers from trading any stocks. The article notes that Congress already toughened the rules on insider trading when it passed the STOCK Act. [A Democratic Proposal Would Ban Lawmakers From Trading Any Stocks at All](#)

**Executive Branch Ethics and Related News**

*The Washington Post* reports that Scott Pruitt received \$50,000 for his legal defense fund from a GOP donor. The article reports that EPA officials noted on his financial disclosure form that Pruitt had not sought ethics advice before accepting the donation. [Billionaire GOP donor gave Scott Pruitt \\$50,000 for legal expenses](#)

*CBS New* reports that Nancy Pelosi and other top Democratic legislators are demanding an in-person briefing with the Justice Department's DAEO about any guidance given to Acting AG Matthew Whitaker. [Democrats demand ethics meeting on Acting AG Matthew Whitaker's oversight of Mueller probe](#)

*Law & Crime* reports on whether a past political contribution is evidence that a federal official has a "conflict of interest." ['Know Who Else Donated to Clinton?' Fmr Gov't Ethics Director Throws Trump's 'Angry Democrats' Complaint In His Face](#)

**Next Scheduled Recess:**

**House:** Dec. 14 - Jan. 2

**Senate:** Dec. 17 - Jan. 2