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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 \(NPR\)](#)

Government Executive and *The Huffington Post* report on a FOIA request filed by the ACLU with OGE and several other executive agencies. [Trump Faces New Legal Complaints on Day One](#); [The ACLU Announces Mass FOIA For Donald Trump's Business Conflicts](#)

Politico and *The Washington Post* report that the Senate HELP committee has postponed the DeVos hearing "to give each Senator time to review" her financial disclosure report and ethics agreement. [Republicans delay DeVos committee vote by a week](#); [After ethics review, Senate postpones committee vote for Betsy DeVos](#)

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](#)

Federal Agency and Related News

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

Next Scheduled Recess:

House: January 26-27

Senate: February 20-24

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The Senate reconvenes at 12:30 p.m.

The Senate reconvenes at 12:30 p.m., and will be in a period of morning business.

The House reconvened at 12 p.m.

The House reconvened at noon for legislative business. The chamber is expected to consider a bill (HR 238) that would clarify how the CFTC is to regulate derivatives and swaps and a bill (HR 78) that would require the SEC to conduct a cost-benefit analysis of all new and existing regulations.

Executive Branch Ethics and Related News

Multiple sources report on the OGE Director's public comments on the President-elect's conflicts of interest.

[Remarks of Office of Government Ethics Director Walter M. Shaub Jr. Office Of Government Ethics Director Blasts Trump Plan: 'Wholly Inadequate' The Office of Government Ethics Calls Trump's Plan to Turn His Businesses Over to His Sons 'Wholly Inadequate' Government ethics chief blasts Trump over plans for business Government ethics chief blasts Trump's business plan as 'meaningless' Federal ethics chief blasts 'meaningless' Trump business plan Top Government Ethics Official Blasts Trump's Conflict of Interest Plan The government official in charge of ethics just harshly condemned Trump's plan Government ethics chief calls Trump's conflicts of interest plan 'meaningless' Government Ethics Chief Blasts Trump's Plans for His Business as 'Wholly Inadequate.' Not a Blind Trust Government ethics chief says Trump conflicts plans are inadequate It Fails!: Government Ethics Chief Slams Trump's Conflict of Interest Plan Federal ethics chief blasts Trump's plan to break from businesses, calling it 'meaningless' US ethics chief blasts Trump plan to keep business profits US ethics chief slams Trump 'halfway blind' trust as failing to meet acceptable standard Top government ethics official denounces Trump's business plans Office of Government Ethics chief criticises Trump's business plan as 'wholly inadequate' Trump Organization handover plan slammed by ethics chief Ethics official denounces Trump's plan for business A top ethics official says Trump is setting a bad example Head of Government Ethics Group Calls Trump's Plan to Resolve Conflicts of Interest "Meaningless" Head Of Ethics Office Says Donald Trump's Conflict-Of-Interest Plan Is 'Meaningless' Government Ethics Chief Says Trump's Conflict-of-Interest Plan Isn't Good Enough Donald Trump condemned by ethics watchdog over business empire plans Federal ethics czar delivers broadside against Trump conflicts plan Experts Agree Trump's Ethics Plan Falls Short Experts Say Donald Trump's Plan on Conflicts of Interest Falls Short Federal ethics chief cites Donald Trump's favorite Supreme Court justice to urge him to divest U.S. Ethics Official: Trump's Divestiture Is Hard, Pricey And Essential Ethics official denounces Trump's plan for business Ethics experts: Conflict-of-interest protections fall short](#)

Multiple sources report on the President-elect's conflicts of interest. [Trump asks public for blind trust Why Trump's Conflict-of-Interest Plan Won't Prevent Conflicts of Interest Donald Trump hasn't solved any of his conflicts of interest DONALD TRUMP WON'T GIVE UP HIS BRAND TO BE PRESIDENT Trump Plan to Donate Hotel Profits Doesn't Erase Ethics Concerns: Experts Trump takes a step forward on ethics. Here's how he could do better. Trump's Conflict of Interest Farce Trump's conflict-of-interest plan is good enough, for now Is Trump's plan for his company enough to avoid conflicts of interest? Law Professor: Trump's Plan Fails To Adequately Address Conflicts Of Interest](#)

The Fairbanks Daily News-Miner reports that no Cabinet nominee of President-elect Donald Trump's will get a confirmation hearing before the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee without having a completed review by the Office of Government Ethics first. [Murkowski holds firm: Ethics review first, then hearing](#)

The Intercept reports that John Kelly, the retired Marine Corps general nominated by Donald Trump to be secretary of Homeland Security, did not disclose his position as a vice chairman at a lobbying firm called the Spectrum Group on his federal ethics forms made public this week. [Homeland](#)

[Security Nominee Gen. John Kelly Failed to Disclose Position at Lobbying Firm on Ethics Disclosure](#)

Multiple sources report on the financial disclosures of nominee Steven Mnuchin. [Treasury nominee Steven Mnuchin discloses holdings and pledges divestments if confirmed Trump Treasury Pick Mnuchin Is Much Richer Than Most People Thought A Financial Mystery Emerges. Its Name? Steven T. Mnuchin Inc.](#)

The Rochester Business Journal and the *Chicago Tribune* report that Rep. Louise Slaughter is calling for a Securities and Exchange Commission probe of Health and Human Services Secretary nominee Rep. Tom Price, R-Ga. for possible violations of the Stock Act. [Slaughter requests SEC probe of HHS nominee Trump's HHS pick faces calls for probe of stock trades](#)

Next Scheduled Recess:

House: January 14-19, 26-27

Senate: January 16, February 20-24

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The Senate and House are not in session.

Legislative Branch and Related News

The Washington Free Beacon reports that the top aide to Rep. John Lewis (D., Ga.) served dual roles in the congressman's office and on his 2016 reelection campaign, possibly running afoul of House ethics rules. [Top Aide to Rep. John Lewis Again Skirts Ethics Rules](#)

Executive Branch Ethics and Related News

CNN reports on OGE tweets. [Ethics office tweets in middle of Tom Price hearing](#)

Federal News Radio reports that the director of the Office of Government Ethics is asking the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee to hold a public hearing so he can answer questions about his organization's role. [Ethics director calls for an open meeting about Trump's divestiture plans](#)

The Huffington Post reports that Rep. Chaffetz missed a meeting with OGE's Director in December. [Chaffetz Skipped Meeting With Ethics Chief He Threatened To Subpoena, Emails Show](#)

The Washington Post runs a piece by Elizabeth Warren about the ethics of the nominations process and *the Hill* reports on it. [Elizabeth Warren: Trump's nominees are putting us all at risk by ignoring ethics laws](#) [Warren: GOP 'ignored' ethical requirements for Cabinet picks](#)

The National Law Journal reports that President-elect Donald Trump's transition team confirmed Tuesday that Puzder has submitted financial disclosure forms to the U.S. Office of Government Ethics. [What Labor Lawyers Want to Know About Andrew Puzder](#)

Buzzfeed reports that Donald Trump's choice to lead the Environmental Protection Agency, Scott Pruitt, declined to commit to recusing himself from any of the eight ongoing lawsuits he filed against the agency he is set to head. [EPA Pick Refuses To Recuse Himself From Lawsuits He Has Filed Against The Agency](#)

Common Dreams reports that Americans for Tax Fairness estimates that Steven T. Mnuchin, President-elect Donald Trump's nominee for U.S. Treasury Secretary, could cut his personal tax bill by up to roughly \$3.3 million a year should Trump's tax plan become law. [Trump's Proposed Treasury Secretary Could Get \\$3.3 Million Tax Cut Annually from Trump Tax Plan](#)

Breitbart reports that Elaine Chao, Donald Trump's nominee to head the Department of Transportation, could collect up to \$5 million in Wells Fargo preferred stock after assuming her new role in the Trump administration. [Trump's Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao Could Collect Millions From Wells Fargo For Taking Government Job](#)

Gant News reports that Donald Trump's nominee to lead the Department of Health and Human Services, Rep. Tom Price, defended himself from accusations of inappropriate financial investments Wednesday. [Under fire, HHS nominee Tom Price says financial dealings were legal](#)

Multiple sources report on the President-elect's conflicts of interest. [Trump's Washington Hotel Draws Protesters — And Ethics Concerns](#) [Trump plans for Scottish golf course expansion spark ethics concerns](#)

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