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The Senate reconvened at 9:30 a.m.

According to *CQ*, the Senate reconvened at 9:30 a.m. Following leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of a joint resolution (S J Res 64) related to charitable contribution reporting. At 12:15 p.m. the Senate will vote on the joint resolution (S J Res 64).

The House reconvened at 12:00 p.m.

According to *CQ*, the House reconvened at noon for legislative business and is expected to consider measures under suspension of the rules.

Legislative and Related News

Multiple outlets report on the possibility of a government shutdown following the President's meeting with House and Senate Democratic leaders. [Oval Office clash ups chances of shutdown \(The Hill\)](#); [Trump bickers with Dem leaders, threatens gov't shutdown \(Federal Times\)](#); [Trump threatens shutdown in wild encounter with Democrats \(Federal News Network\)](#); [McConnell warns against shutdown after fiery White House meeting \(The Hill\)](#); [Trump jams Republicans with shutdown vow \(Politico\)](#); [House GOP may try vote on \\$5B for Trump border wall \(The Hill\)](#); [Sen. Kennedy: 'I think we're going to have a shutdown' \(The Hill\)](#)

Roll Call reports that the former president of a nonprofit pleaded guilty to charges of concealing that a 2013 congressional delegation trip to Azerbaijan was funded by that country's government. The article notes that the individual admitted that he falsely reported on official disclosure forms that his nonprofit had not accepted outside funding for the congressional trip. [Nonprofit Head Pleads Guilty in Congressional Travel Plot](#)

Executive Branch Ethics and Related News

FEDweek reports that the Office of Government Ethics issued new guidance on ethical considerations for federal employees on attending events sponsored by former employers. [OGE Issues Guidance on Attending Events of Former Employers](#)

The Washington Post reports that a senior political appointee at the Department of Veterans Affairs who spent months on the federal payroll doing little to no work was forced out by the Trump administration. [Trump loyalist at VA forced out after collecting pay but doing little work](#)

NBC News reports that one President Trump's administration appointee has stopped representing Saudi Arabia to the U.S. government. [Trump administration appointee quits lobbying for Saudi Arabia](#)

Multiple outlets report that President Trump's daughter Ivanka and her husband Jared Kushner could benefit from a program that gives tax breaks to property developers who invest in run-down areas. [Ivanka and Jared Kushner could profit from developer tax break they advocated: report \(The Hill\)](#); [Ivanka, Jared could profit from tax break they pushed \(Mercury News\)](#); [AP: Ivanka, Kushner could profit from tax break they pushed \(KPIC\)](#)

MENAFN reports that the Securities and Exchange Commission announced that Danae M. Serrano has been named Acting Ethics Counsel and Designated Agency Ethics Official. [SEC Names Danae M. Serrano Acting Ethics Counsel and Designated Agency Ethics Official](#)

Next Scheduled Recess:

House: Dec. 14 - Jan. 2

Senate: Dec. 17 - Jan. 2