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Ladies & Gentlemen, below please find this week's edition of *Executive Insight Brief* from The Roosevelt Group.

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TOP STORIES

Defense Spending Bill Advances

The [Senate Appropriations Committee](#) passed their annual defense spending

bill on Thursday, September 12. This despite Democratic objections to funding President Trump's border wall. Democrats argued that the bill does not explicitly block President Trump from redirecting defense funds to build the border wall under the declaration of a national emergency. The 16-15 party line vote creates an unclear future for the Senate to pass at least one "minibus" package of several spending bills by the end of the month.

More U.S. Troops Possibly Sent to Syria

The U.S. military could be sending more troops to northeast Syria to establish a buffer zone between Syria and Turkey. No official decision has been made, but if troops were to go, they would likely be redeployed from somewhere else in the region. The [troops would patrol the buffer zone](#), which the U.S. and Turkey have been working to establish in order to prevent a military incursion into the area that would target Syrian Kurdish groups. The U.S. fears that any incursion could undermine the fight against ISIS. This all comes after President Trump declared the U.S. would pull troops from Syria earlier this year, leaving a small number to ensure stability.

White House Releases \$250 Million in Ukraine Military Aid

The White House released [\\$250 million in military aid to Ukraine](#) after lawmakers argued that funding would help deter Russia. The White House Office of Management and Budget lifted the hold on the funds, including the \$250 million in the Pentagon's Ukraine Security Assistance Initiative and \$141.5 million in foreign military financing by the State Department. Ukraine and Russia's relationship turned negative in 2014 when Russia annexed

Ukraine's Crimean Peninsula. U.S. lawmakers looked to back Ukraine in an effort to fight against Russia.

John Bolton No Longer National Security Advisor

[John Bolton is stepping down as National Security Advisor](#) after long-term differences with President Trump over foreign policy. Bolton was the third National Security Advisor in this administration. Charles Kupperman, Bolton's deputy, will now serve as acting advisor. President Trump plans to announce a replacement next week. The position of National Security Advisor does not require a Senate confirmation, and it is still unclear who President Trump will choose. The announcement came after President Trump announced peace talks with a delegation from Afghanistan, followed by their cancellation. Bolton was continuously kept out of Afghanistan decisions over fear of complications with his policy beliefs. President Trump and John Bolton have found themselves at odds for a while, leading up to this change.

PG&E Reaches \$11 Billion Settlement Relating to Wildfire Claims

PG&E has announced it reached an [\\$11 billion settlement claim relating to the 2017 and 2018 California wildfires](#). Claims were based on payments made by insurance companies to individuals and businesses with coverage for wildfire damages. This settlement does not fully satisfy the total \$20 billion in claims. This is the second major settlement by the company, and proceedings on a third settlement are pending.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

1788

The Constitutional Convention authorizes the first federal election resolving that electors in all the states will be appointed on January 7, 1789.

1862

Union troops in Frederick, Maryland, discover General Robert E. Lee's attack plans for the invasion of Maryland wrapped around a pack of cigars. They give the plans to General George B. McClellan who sends the Army of the Potomac to confront Lee but only after a delay of more than half a day.

1863

The Loudoun County Rangers route a company of Confederate cavalry at Catocin Mountain in Virginia.

1918

U.S. and French forces take St. Mihiel, France in America's first action as a standing army.

1961

An unmanned Mercury capsule is orbited and recovered by NASA in a test.

1976

The United States announces it will veto Vietnam's UN bid.

1988

Hurricane Gilbert becomes the strongest hurricane ever recorded in the Western Hemisphere, based on barometric pressure. Hurricane Wilma will break that record in 2005.

1993

The Oslo Accords, granting limited Palestinian autonomy, are signed by Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and PLO chairman Yasser Arafat at the White House.

LOOK AHEAD

Monday, September 16

9:00 AM EDT

Meeting: Defense Department; Navy Department

Topic: Naval Academy Academic and Disciplinary Issues

Location: TBA, Library of Congress

9:00 AM EDT

Conference: The Air Force Association

Topic: Defense

Location: Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center, 201 Waterfront St.,
National Harbor, Md.

10:00 AM EDT

Discussion: The United States Institute of Peace

Topic: Foreign Affairs

Location: USIP, 2301 Constitution Avenue NW

12:00 PM EDT

Briefing: The Healthcare Leadership Council

Topic: Health

Location: 2045 Rayburn House Office Building

1:00 PM EDT

Meeting: Defense Department; Defense Acquisition Regulations System

Topic: Military Computer Acquisition and License Rights

Location: Mark Center Auditorium, 4800 Mark Center Drive, Alexandria, Va.

2:00 PM EDT

Meeting: Health and Human Services Department; Centers for Disease Control
and Prevention

Topic: CDC State-based Funding Mechanisms

2:00 PM EDT

Hearing: House Oversight and Reform Committee

Topic: Michigan Air/Water Quality Inequities

Location: Kemeny Recreational Center, 2260 South Fort St., Gymnasium,
Detroit, Mich.

Tuesday, September 17

8:00 AM EDT

Meeting: Defense Department; Office of the Secretary

Topic: Military Women and Family Issues

Location: Key Bridge Marriott, 1401 Lee Highway, Arlington, Va.

8:00 AM EDT

Discussion: The American Bar Association Law and National Security
Committee

Topic: Defense

Location: University Club, 1135 16th St. NW

9:00 AM EDT

Conference: The Air Force Association

Topic: Defense

Location: Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center, 201 Waterfront St.,
National Harbor, Md.

9:00 AM EDT

Briefing: The Missile Defense Advocacy Alliance

Topic: Defense

Location: SVC-208 U.S. Capitol

9:30 AM EDT

Meeting: Health and Human Services Department

Topic: Health Information Standards

Location: Key Bridge Marriott Hotel, 1401 Lee Highway, Arlington, Va.

9:30 AM EDT

Forum: The Carnegie Endowment for International Peace

Topic: Defense

Location: CEIP, 1779 Massachusetts Avenue NW

10:30 AM EDT

Markup: Senate Appropriations Committee

Topic: Military Construction-VA Appropriations

Location: 124 Dirksen Senate Office Building

3:00 PM EDT

Hearing: Senate Armed Services Committee

Topic: Southeastern Europe

Location: 222 Russell Senate Office Building

Wednesday, September 18

8:00 AM EDT

Meeting: Health and Human Services Department; Food and Drug
Administration

Topic: FDA Nicotine Oral Spray New Drug Review

Location: FDA White Oak Campus, 10903 New Hampshire Avenue, Building 31
Conference Center, the Great Room, Room 1503, Silver Spring, Md.

8:30 AM EDT

Discussion: The Council on Foreign Relations

Topic: Foreign Affairs

Location: CFR, 1777 F St. NW

8:30 AM EDT

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Topic: Defense

Location: Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center, 201 Waterfront St.,
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9:00 AM EDT

Discussion: The Center for Strategic and International Studies

Topic: Foreign Affairs

Location: CSIS, 1616 Rhode Island Avenue NW

11:30 AM EDT

Briefing: The Missile Defense Advocacy Alliance

Topic: Defense

Location: SVC-208 U.S. Capitol

12:00 PM EDT

Briefing: The American Association for Cancer Research

Topic: Health

Location: 2168 Rayburn House Office Building

2:00 PM EDT

Hearing: House Armed Services Committee

Topic: Military Domestic Violence
Location: 2118 Rayburn House Office Building

Thursday, September 19

7:00 AM EDT

Conference: National Cyber Symposium, Day 1

Topic: Cyber

Location: The Broadmoor, 1 Lake Avenue, Colorado Springs, CO 80906

7:45 AM EDT

Symposium: The Defense Strategies Institute

Topic: Defense

Location: Mary M. Gates Learning Center, 701 N Fairfax St., Alexandria, Va.

8:00 AM EDT

Meeting: Defense Department; Navy Department

Topic: Marine Corps University Standards and Policies

Location: Marine Corps University, 2076 South St., Quantico, Va.

11:00 AM EDT

Discussion: The United States Institute of Peace

Topic: Foreign Affairs

Location: USIP, 2301 Constitution Avenue NW

5:30 PM EDT

Discussion: The American Security Project

Topic: Defense

Location: ASP, 1201 Pennsylvania Avenue NW

Friday, September 20

8:00 AM EDT

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Topic: Marine Corps University Standards and Policies

Location: Marine Corps University, 2076 South St., Quantico, Va.

8:30 AM EDT

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Topic: Defense

Location: Mary M. Gates Learning Center, 701 N Fairfax St., Alexandria, Va.

9:00 AM EDT

Conference: National Cyber Symposium, Day 2

Topic: Cyber

Location: The Broadmoor, 1 Lake Avenue, Colorado Springs, CO 80906

10:30 AM EDT

Discussion: The United States Institute of Peace

Topic: Foreign Affairs

Location: USIP, 2301 Constitution Avenue NW

11:45 AM EDT

Briefing: President Donald Trump

Topic: White House

Location: The White House, East Room

Have a great weekend!

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