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Morning update—

* GOP senators are heading to the WH around noon “to talk healthcare and other issues.”

* Yesterday afternoon McConnell told members he wanted to vote today on a MTP. He later pushed that vote to early next week after the WH reached out and asked for more time.

* As far as what might loom on the horizon, I thought this section of Politico’s long piece on McConnell (<http://www.politico.com/story/2017/07/18/healthcare-collapse-blow-to-mcconnell-240688>) was worth noting:
  + And now that it’s failed, McConnell may be ready to move on to another issue. He is wary of following Sen. Lamar Alexander (R-Tenn.) and other Republicans into bipartisan negotiations to save the insurance markets, according to GOP sources.

* President Trump this morning: “The Republicans never discuss how good their healthcare bill is, & it will get even better at lunchtime.The Dems scream death as OCare dies!”
  + If he’s talking about going back to the BCRA, this is a shift from what he said Monday night (“just REPEAL failing Obamacare now”) and Tuesday (“we’ll let Obamacare fail”).

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