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Trump calls on Democratic senator to resign after VA pick drops out

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - President Donald Trump said on Saturday that the top-ranking Democrat on the Senate Veterans' Affairs committee should resign after the president's pick to lead the Veterans Affairs department withdrew from consideration amid numerous allegations.

On Thursday, Trump's physician Ronny Jackson withdrew from consideration to head the department after allegations that he had been lax with prescription drugs and drank alcohol on the job.

Trump had already singled out Sen. Jon Tester, the top-ranking Democrat on the Senate Veterans' Affairs committee, who is up for re-election in November in Montana.

"Allegations made by Senator Jon Tester against Admiral/Doctor Ron Jackson are proving false... Tester should resign," Trump tweeted on Saturday.

"Admiral Jackson is the kind of man that those in Montana would most respect and admire, and now, for no reason whatsoever, his reputation has been shattered. Not fair, Tester!" Trump added.

In a statement, Tester said he would "never stop fighting."

"It's my duty to make sure Montana



WITHDREW FROM CONSIDERATION: President Donald Trump's nominee for U.S. Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Navy Rear Adm. Ronny Jackson, meets with Sen. Jon Tester (D-Mont.) at his office on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C., on April 17. Joshua Roberts/Reuters

veterans get what they need and have earned, and I'll never stop fighting for them as their senator," Tester said.

Jackson, a U.S. Navy rear admiral who has been physician to three presidents, has categorically denied the accusations as false. Trump doubled down on his criticism of Tester in a tweet later on Saturday.

"Secret Service has just informed me that Senator Jon Tester's statements on Admiral Jackson are not true," Trump tweeted. "There were no such findings. A horrible thing that we in D.C. must live with, just like phony

Russian Collusion. Tester should lose race in Montana. Very dishonest and sick!"

Democrats said more than 20 people, whose names they withheld, said Jackson had prescribed himself medications, got drunk at a Secret Service party, wrecked a government vehicle and once could not be reached on a work trip to provide medical treatment because he was passed out drunk in a hotel room.

Tester had said Jackson's nickname was "the candyman" because of his willingness to hand out prescription drugs.

The White House said on Friday it had looked through records of motor vehicle incidents involving government vehicles and found only three that involved Jackson. None of the records noted alcohol use. Reuters also reviewed two years of audits of the White House medical unit pharmacy, which did not show any major issues.

Separately, the U.S. Secret Service said it had no records to back allegations that its personnel intervened to stop Jackson from disturbing former President Barack Obama during a foreign trip in 2015.

Arizona governor announces deal to raise teacher pay

PHOENIX (Reuters) - Arizona Gov. Doug Ducey on Friday announced a deal with state legislative leaders to raise teachers' pay 20 percent by 2020, as educators stayed away from classrooms a second straight day in a spreading revolt over salaries and school funding.

In a joint statement with Arizona Senate President Steve Yarbrough and House Speaker J.D. Mesnard, Ducey said the deal would also restore funding for schools that were cut in the last recession.

The funds would be "flexible dollars for superintendents to use for support staff pay increases, update antiquated curriculum and improve school infrastructure - without raising taxes," the statement said.

The legislature would work through the weekend "to introduce a budget early next week and pass it shortly thereafter," the statement said.

Teachers in Colorado also walked out of classroom for a second day over the same issues, but little progress was made there on Friday. The walkouts are part of a wave of actions by teachers in states that have some of the lowest per-student spending in the county. A nearly two-week strike in Oklahoma ended earlier this month with a pay rise for teachers.

Ducey, a Republican, had earlier offered a cumulative 20 percent pay rise by 2020 and pledged \$371 million over the next five years for school infrastructure, curriculum, school buses and technology.

But he had not secured an agreement with the legislature on those promises until Friday's deal.

Two teacher groups that have been spearheading the walkout reacted with skepticism.

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Regular Session Meeting,
Monday, May 7, 2018 at 9:00 AM

at the Terlaje Professional Building, 194
Hernan Cortez Avenue, 2nd Floor, Suite 209
Health Professional Licensing Office Board
Conference Room, Hagatna, Guam.

For more information please contact the Board office at 735-7405 thru 12. Persons with disabilities needing special accommodations may call Jimmy Sian at 735-7172 or the telecommunication device for the Hearing/Speech Impaired (TDD) at 649-1801. Executive meeting may be called if necessary.

Trump pans 'leaked' Mueller questions

Manafort eyes leaks

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - President Donald Trump on Tuesday criticized the leak to media outlets of more than 40 questions that U.S. special counsel Robert Mueller wants to ask the president as part of the probe into Russia's election meddling and possible collusion by the Trump campaign.

As negotiations continue over whether the president will sit for an interview with investigators, legal experts said the leaked questions would have little impact on the case.

"So disgraceful that the questions concerning the Russian Witch Hunt were 'leaked' to the media. No questions on Collusion," Trump wrote on Twitter. "It would seem very hard to obstruct justice for a crime that never happened!"

Mueller's investigators read the questions to Trump's lawyers who compiled them into a list, according to The New York Times, which said it obtained the document from a person outside Trump's legal team. Trump's legal team met with Mueller last week to discuss interviewing the president, according to The Wall Street Journal.

Representatives for the Special Counsel's Office declined to comment. Jay Sekulow, a lawyer for Trump, also had no comment.

Mueller's list of at least four dozen questions includes ones on Trump's ties to Russia and others to determine whether the president obstructed the inquiry itself, the Times reported late Monday. The Journal also reported the potential queries.

"I don't see the benefit of the leak to the Trump team, and I don't see any particular harm to the Mueller team," Savannah Law School professor Andrew Wright, former associate counsel in President Barack Obama's White House, said of the leak.

"It's hard for me to imagine it's coming from Mueller's team. And it's kind of a ham-handed effort if it's some-



RUSSIA PROBE: Robert Mueller, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, testifies before the House Judiciary Committee hearing on FBI oversight on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C., June 13, 2013. Reuters

one who's trying to help the president."

Mueller is probing Russia's alleged interference in the 2016 presidential election, whether Moscow colluded with the Trump campaign and if the president has unlawfully tried to obstruct the investigation.

Russia has denied meddling in the U.S. election, while Trump has said there was no collusion and that the probe should end.

Most of the questions relate to possible obstruction of justice, the reports said. Under federal law, obstruction of justice is the act of intentionally impeding judicial proceedings. A crime does not necessarily have to have been proven.

While the questions do not cite "collusion," they do address what the president knew about Russian hacking, its use of social media and "other acts aimed at the campaign" for the U.S. presidency ahead of the November 2016 election, the Times said.

Manafort targets possible leaks

One question was, "What knowledge did you have of any outreach by your campaign, including by Paul Manafort, to Russia about potential assistance to the campaign?," a reference to Trump's former campaign manager who faces two indictments

by Mueller in federal courts in Washington, D.C. and Alexandria, Virginia.

Manafort faces charges that include conspiracy to launder money, failure to register as a foreign agent when he lobbied for the pro-Russia Ukraine government, bank fraud and tax fraud.

Late Monday, Manafort's lawyers asked a Virginia federal judge to hear oral arguments later this month on whether prosecutors in Mueller's office may have leaked classified and other secretive materials about the case to the media.

Manafort's lawyers also said that after they requested evidence of any surveillance or intercepted communications between Manafort and Russian officials, Mueller's office advised that no such evidence exists.

On Friday, Manafort's lawyers will also ask the judge in Virginia to dismiss the indictment on the grounds that the scope of Mueller's probe is excessive, in violation of Justice Department rules governing special prosecutors.

Mueller's list also included inquiries about Trump's firings of former FBI Director James Comey, who headed the Russia investigation before he was dismissed in May 2017, and former national security adviser Michael Flynn, the Times reported.

Two top EPA staffers resign amid ethics probe

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - Two high-level Environmental Protection Agency employees whose names have come up in investigations of Administrator Scott Pruitt's ethics and travel have resigned from the agency, the EPA confirmed on Tuesday.

Pasquale "Nino" Perrotta, a former Secret Service agent who served as the head of Pruitt's security team, resigned on Monday but said he will continue to cooperate in a U.S. House of Representatives investigation of his role in costly decisions around Pruitt's security. ABC News first reported the resignation on Tuesday.

Albert "Kell" Kelly, who ran the agency's Superfund cleanup program, also announced his resignation, the EPA confirmed. Kelly, a friend of Pruitt's from his days in Oklahoma, was barred by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation from working at any U.S. financial institution after unspecified violations while working at a bank in that state.

Lawmakers last week grilled Pruitt in back-to-back hearings on reports of ethics violations, excessive spending on travel and security, close industry ties and the reassignment of agency whistleblowers who flagged concerns about high spending.

Those issues included the installation of a \$43,000 soundproof phone booth in Pruitt's office and routine use of first-class flights - both of which the EPA has argued were important to Pruitt's safety and privacy.

Perrotta had also hired a business associate from a firm where he also works to carry out a \$3,000 security sweep of Pruitt's office, which internal staff said did not meet national security standards.

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