

June 12-16: Attorneys general sue the President, congressman and aides shot, Amazon buys Whole Foods

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- **On Monday**, the attorneys general for Washington, D.C., and Maryland sued President Trump for allegedly violating the Constitution by accepting payments from foreign governments through continued ownership of his company
- The U.S. Supreme Court ruled that a federal law granting citizenship based on parents' gender is unconstitutional
- A second appeals court ruled against Trump's revised executive order limiting travel from six Muslim-majority countries, citing the absence of a genuine rationale

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- **On Tuesday**, during his testimony before the Senate Intelligence Committee, Attorney General Jeff Sessions denied "stonewalling" when senators accused him of not fully answering their questions, and vowed to defend himself "against scurrilous and false allegations" related to Russia
- Virginians voted in the 2017 gubernatorial primary. Democrats selected Ralph Northam as their nominee while Republicans selected Ed Gillespie. The general election will take place on November 7, 2017

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- **On Wednesday**, a gunman attacked a GOP congressional baseball practice in Alexandria, Virginia, seriously injuring House Majority Whip Steve Scalise (R-LA) and four others on the field
- The Federal Reserve raised its benchmark interest rate to between 1 and 1.25 percent, citing confidence in the steady growth of the U.S. economy
- Michigan Health Director Nick Lyon and four other officials were charged with involuntary manslaughter for failing to act on a Legionnaires' disease outbreak related to the Flint, Michigan, lead-poisoning crisis

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- **On Thursday**, The Washington Post reported that Robert Mueller, the special counsel investigating Russia's involvement in the 2016 election, will interview top intelligence officials, a move that likely means President Trump is under investigation for obstruction of justice
- Rep. Steve Scalise remains in critical condition at a Washington-area hospital

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- **On Friday**, Amazon announced it would buy Whole Foods in a \$13 billion deal
- Trump, for the first time, publicly acknowledged that he is under investigation to examine whether his firing of former FBI Director James Comey was an attempt to obstruct the investigation

Sources: National Journal Research, The Atlantic Politics and Policy Newsletter, 2017.