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On the Hill

The House will meet at noon. Secret Service Director **KIMBERLY CHEATLE** will testify before the Oversight Committee at 10 a.m. The Rules Committee will meet at 4 p.m to take up the Financial Services, Interior-Environment, Energy-Water and Agriculture-FDA appropriations bills.

The Senate is out.

3 things to watch ...

1. **Expect a tough day for Cheate at the Rayburn**

Building: Members of both parties, starting with House Oversight Chairman **JAMES COMER** (R-Ky.), will have tough questions for the Secret Service chief after the assassination attempt on Trump — in particular, whether the agency had denied the former president’s requests for enhanced security. “While we give overwhelming thanks to the individual Secret Service agents who did their jobs under immense pressure, this tragedy was preventable,” Comer is set to say, according to prepared remarks. “The Secret Service has thousands of employees and a significant budget, but it has now become the face of incompetence.”

2. **For her part, Cheate this morning will admit** that “we failed” and will “take full responsibility for any security lapse” on July 13, according to her own prepared remarks. White pledging cooperation with various investigations, she also will express “full confidence in the men and women of the Secret Service” ahead of the hostile questioning that will include many calls for her resignation: “We must learn what happened and I will move heaven and earth to ensure an incident like July 13th does not happen again,” she will say. “Thinking about what we should have done differently is never far from my thoughts.”

3. **Relatedly: House leaders are teeing up a vote** this week creating a bipartisan “task force” on the assassination attempt. The [resolution posted yesterday](#) would set up an 11-member body — six lawmakers appointed by Speaker **MIKE JOHNSON**, five by Minority Leader **HAKEEM JEFFRIES** — empowered with subpoena authority

to “investigate and fully examine all actions by any agency, Department, officer, or employee of the federal government, as well as State and local law enforcement or any other State or local government or private entities or individuals,” delivering a final report and legislative recommendations no later than Dec. 13.