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## "WHAT'S THE LEAD, AP?"

In this June 28, 2016 file photo, then-Deputy Attorney General Sally Yates speaks at the Justice Department in Washington, Monday, Jan. 30, 2017, President Donald Trump fired her after she ordered department lawyers to stop defending his immigration clampdown he had announced a few days earlier. (AP Photo/David Ake, File)

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In this Jan. 17, 2017, file photo, Education Secretary-nominee Betsy DeVos testifies on Capitol Hill in Washington are muscling more of President Donald Trump's Cabinet nominees to the cusp of Senate confirmation over Democratic objections, with committees poised to advance his picks to head agencies in the thick of partisan battles over health care protections and the economy. (AP Photo/Carolyn Kaster, File)

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