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

In this Friday, March 27, 2015 file photo, ExxonMobil CEO Rex Tillerson delivers remarks on the release of a report by the National Petroleum Council on oil drilling in the Arctic, in Washington. President-elect Donald Trump on Tuesday announced Tillerson as his choice to be the next secretary of state. (AP Photo/Evan Vucci, File)

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### DAILY WASHINGTON NEWS

[Donald Trump picks Rex Tillerson to lead State Department](#)

NEW YORK (AP) — President-elect Donald Trump announced Tuesday he has settled on ExxonMobil CEO Rex Tillerson as his choice to be the next secretary of state.

secretary of state, saying that he's "among the most accomplished business leaders and international deal maker"  
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### [Obama: President without briefings 'flying blind'](#)

NEW YORK (AP) — President Barack Obama has criticized Donald Trump for saying he plans to shun daily intelligence briefings once inaugurated, saying that would be akin to "flying blind" in managing national security affairs.

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WASHINGTON (AP) — A key Republican lawmaker wants to overhaul Social Security, the decades-old program that provides benefits to some 60 million retirees and disabled, with a plan to gradually increase the retirement age and slow the growth of benefits for higher-income workers.

### [Trump pick to lead State known to back free trade, Russia](#)

WASHINGTON (AP) — Donald Trump's choice to lead U.S. foreign policy is known for his longstanding support of international law and an expansive presence in the Middle East that doesn't fit with Trump's pitch to supporters. Ilya Nigmatulin, CEO Rex Tillerson also is known for his Russia connections and would be Trump's most concrete outreach yet to President Vladimir Putin.

ICYMI

Russian President Vladimir Putin meets with Tver region governor Igor Rudenya in the Kremlin in Moscow, Russia, on July 12, 2016. Putin says he is prepared to meet President-elect Donald Trump at any time. According to an interview

public Tuesday, Putin told journalists "we are ready at any moment. There are no problems from our side." (Mikhail Klimentyev/Sputnik, Kremlin Pool Photo, AP)

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