Capitol Police Arrest Protesters Outside McConnell's Office

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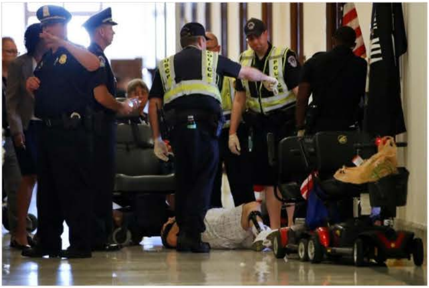

Capitol Police prepare to remove a man from a sit-in of Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell's office, as he and others protest proposed caps to Medicaid Thursday, June 22, 2017, on Capitol Hill in Washington. (AP Photo/Jacquelyn Martin) THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. Capitol Police have arrested 43 people who were protesting proposed cuts to Medicaid inside a Senate office building.

In a statement, Capitol Police say the protesters "removed themselves from their wheelchairs and lay themselves on the floor, obstructing passage through the hallway and into nearby offices."

Protesters filled a hallway in the office building, outside the office of Majority Leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky.

Some of the protesters were yelling "no cuts to Medicaid" as they were being led away by police.

The protest came on the same day Senate Republican leaders released their version of a bill that would repeal and replace President Barack Obama's health law. The bill limits Medicaid spending.

Capitol Police say those arrested were charged with crowding, obstructing or incommoding, which means inconveniencing or disturbing others.

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Washington Will Send Some Voter Data to Trump Commission

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Washington's secretary of state says her office will send some of the voter information requested by President Donald Trump's commission investigating alleged 2016 election voter fraud.

Judge Orders Illinois to Pay More Toward Medicaid Bills

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A federal judge has ordered the state of Illinois to pay $253 million more toward Medicaid bills every month and an additional $1 billion during the next year.

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Maine residents could face a partial government shutdown after resistance from House Republicans prevented enactment of a two-year budget.

Nevada Will Provide Some Voter Data for 2016 Election Probe

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Nevada's top election official intends to provide the voter information requested by a commission investigating unsubstantiated claims of voter fraud in the 2016 election.

Glendale Casino to Expand Now That Fight With State Ended

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A southern Arizona tribe that settled a lawsuit with the state last month allowing it to run full-fledged Indian gambling at its casino in the Phoenix suburb of Glendale now plans to expand the facility.

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Christie Facing 1st Gov't Shutdown With Months Left in Term

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Republican Gov. Chris Christie is facing the prospect of the first government shutdown on his watch and staking his position to legislation reviled by conservatives to make over the state's largest health insurer.

Hawaii Attorney General: Scaled-Back Travel Ban Is Illogical

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Hawaii's attorney general says the scaled-back version of President Donald Trump's travel ban has illogical standards for who should be prohibited from entering the country.

Missouri Governor Signs Budget, Cuts $250M in Spending

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Missouri Gov. Eric Greitens is cutting more than $250 million in spending for the fiscal year that begins Saturday, including money for K-12 school buses, higher education and social services.

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Assembly Speaker Vincent Prieto opened voting on a budget in an effort to pass the spending plan before a state government shutdown but lawmakers are deadlocked.

Oil, Gas Lines Near Colorado Buildings Mapped After Blast

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Colorado has nearly 129,000 underground oil and gas pipelines within about 1,000 feet (300 meters) of occupied buildings, according to energy company reports ordered by the state after a fatal house explosion blamed on a severed gas line.

3 Men Survive Small Plane's Crash Near Honolulu Freeway

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Emergency responders say there are no major injuries after a small plane carrying three men crashed near a Honolulu freeway.

The Latest: Inslee: Budget 'A Tremendous Education Budget'

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Gov. Jay Inslee says the new two-year $43.7 billion budget is "a tremendous education budget.".

Navajo Housing Authority Appoints Roberts as Interim CEO

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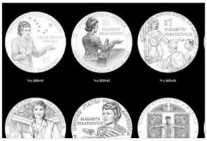
The board that oversees the Navajo Housing Authority has appointed an interim chief executive officer while the search begins for a permanent CEO.



Q&A: Coin to Mark Alaska's Landmark 1945 Civil Rights Law

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The U.S. Mint has proposed a new $1 coin with designs honoring a landmark anti-discrimination law that passed in territorial Alaska in 1945 and the Alaska Native woman influential in the law's passage.

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Doctor Accused of Sex Harassment Kills 1 at NYC Hospital

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Authorities say a doctor with a rifle hidden under a lab coat opened fire at the New York City hospital where he used to work, killing one physician and leaving several other doctors fighting for their lives.

Rhode Island Budget Caught in Limbo in House-Senate Dispute

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The Rhode Island Senate has passed an amended $9.2 billion state budget, but it has no chance of passing the House because that chamber's members have gone home.

Missouri Gov. Greitens Signs Discrimination Bill

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Missouri Gov. Eric Greitens has signed legislation to make it tougher to prove workplace and housing discrimination in court.

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Kansas has agreed to pay $133,000 to woman who filed a federal lawsuit after being attacked by a patient while working at a state mental hospital.

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Another day of mild winds and 300 added personnel gives firefighters a good chance of building a larger perimeter around a central Arizona forest fire.

Drinking Water Warning in Pinal County Lifted After Lab Test

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A drinking water warning in some Pinal County subdivisions over nitrate levels has been lifted.

Top Kansas Lawmakers Rebuke Brownback Over Budget, Taxes

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Top Republicans in the Kansas Legislature publicly dress down GOP Gov. Sam Brownback, top aide over administration's criticism of budget and tax measures.

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A former colleague of the doctor who opened fire at a New York City hospital where he used to work, killing one person and injuring six others, says he had been a problematic employee.

Indiana Offers More Money for Children Needing Hearing Aids

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Indiana health officials say more financial assistance is now available for children needing hearing aids.

Governor Names Former Henderson Mayor to County Commission

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A former Henderson mayor who once ran as a Democrat for governor is being named to replace a Clark County commissioner who announced last week she's resigning.

Hosemann: Mississippi Won't Release Voters' Personal Info

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Mississippi's top elections official says he will not deliver personal information about voters if he receives a request from a commission appointed by President Donald Trump.

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The application period for people seeking to grow, distribute or use medical marijuana in Arkansas has officially begun.

Aid Coming for Wisconsin Counties Hit by Alfalfa Winterkill

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Gov. Scott Walker says 10 Wisconsin counties have been designated disaster areas because of winterkill and late freezes that hit alfalfa fields.

Kansas Not Sharing Sensitive Voter Data It Seeks From Others

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Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach says his state will not be giving the federal election integrity commission he leads the partial Social Security numbers that he has asked other states to provide from their voter rolls.

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