

THE BG TOP 3

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#1 SECRETARY KENNEDY FACES TOUGH HEARING

HHS Secretary Robert Kennedy faced some scrutiny from both sides of the political aisle in a Senate Committee on Finance hearing this week. The dialogue between the Secretary and various Senators was hostile at times, and several Democratic Senators called for the Secretary to resign or be fired. Much of the focus centered on vaccine policies, the firing of the CDC director, and those who have been tasked with developing vaccine policy.

“I think you ought to resign.”
- Senator Warnock (D-GA)

#2 NEW JOBS REPORT RELEASED BY BLS

The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) released new job numbers for August, including adding 22,000 jobs and an unemployment rate of 4.3% - an increase from the previous month. Democrats immediately highlighted the new jobs numbers as a signal that the economy is weakening. The new BLS nominee, EJ Antoni, has not yet had a nomination hearing.

“He talked about being the best president for the economy, and this economy is suffering mightily.”

- Senator Kim (D-NJ)

#3 FUNDING DEADLINE LOOMS

The biggest talk in DC is squarely around whether there will be a government shutdown. While this is the season for the annual debate around shutdown or no shutdown, the dynamics around this year increase the risk. Democrats feel like revisions are unwinding their funding decisions and feel as though they have been left out of the policymaking process, while Republicans want to align with a White House budget. Both sides are positioning around how to avoid a shutdown and who would be to blame should one happen.

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