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#1 VAN HOLLEN CONTINUES MAJORITY LEADER CAMPAIGN

Senator Chris Van Hollen (D-MD) advanced his "underdog" campaign to unseat Senator Schumer (D-NY) as Majority Leader. Senator Schumer has said he has the votes, but Senator Van Hollen is counting on support from more progressive members who want a new path forward for their new majority. The election is scheduled for December 1st.

> "It's now on us to meet this moment, and to do that we need new leadership."
>
> Sen. Van Hollen (D-MD)

#2 PERMITTING REFORM PASSES SENATE, MOVES TO HOUSE

The Senate passed the permitting reform bill by a vote of 62 to 33. For months, committees across the Capitol negotiated legislation despite significant hurdles, including opposition from environmental groups. However, they gathered enough votes in the Senate to send the bill to the House for consideration, where House members are expected to consider it soon.

> "The passage of permitting reform in the Senate finally became reality and we took a major step towards addressing the affordability concerns of the American people."
>
> EPW Chair Capito (R-WV)

#3 ONE CAMPAIGN REMAINS IN THE SENATE

In a meeting in China between President Xi, President Putin, and President Trump, the leaders discussed a small handful of issues, including United Nations reform, but did not create any new formal agreements. President Trump noted that "The United States, Russia, and China are uniquely positioned to discuss how to reduce the number of nuclear weapons on Earth."

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