

THE BG TOP 3

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#1 SENATE CHANGES RULES ON NOMINATIONS

Republicans in the Senate have passed a significant change to the Senate rules around the consideration of Administration nominees. After bipartisan negotiations broke down, Republicans moved to change the rules and passed the change by a vote of 45 to 53. Democrats have labeled this action the "nuclear option" and are frustrated with the change, which will allow for groups of nominees to be considered together (en bloc) to reduce the amount of time it takes to get nominees across the finish line.

“ We've got a crisis, and it's time to take steps to restore Senate precedent and codify in Senate rules what once was understood to be standard practice. ”

- Senate Majority Leader Thune (R-SD)

#2 NDAA PASSES HOUSE, AWAITS ACTION IN SENATE

The House passed the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) by a vote of 321 to 196 (including 17 Democrats). Most Democrats opposed the bill, noting a variety of Republican provisions that Democrats viewed as both partisan and unnecessary. The Senate was planning to move forward on the bill, but the process of adjusting Senate rules delayed its progress. They will move forward on the bill next week, and final legislation needs to be done by the end of the year.

“ We didn't get any of the amendments and the debates that we wanted; not a single solitary one. ”

- Ranking Member Smith (D-WA)

#3 PRESIDENT TRUMP REACHES 200 EXECUTIVE ORDERS

The Trump White House committed to moving policy through Executive Orders when the President was elected -- in part to avoid the cumbersome legislative process -- and they have done so. This week, the President reached 200 Executive Orders. For context, President Biden issued 162 Executive Orders throughout his four years in the White House, and President Obama issued 277 Executive Orders throughout his eight years in office. President Trump will clearly surpass many of his recent predecessors, but it will be interesting to see if he will come close to FDR (2023 Executive Orders) and Harry Truman (906 Executive Orders).

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