

THE BG TOP 3

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#1 CONGRESS BEGINS OVERSIGHT OF VENEZUELA BOAT STRIKES

A Navy Admiral was on Capitol Hill this week, facing questions behind closed doors about a recent strike on alleged Venezuelan narco traffickers. As instances of these military strikes have increased, more policymakers have begun to raise questions -- especially around what the role of the Secretary was in ordering a follow-up strike on a boat that had two survivors. Focus on this issue will likely increase on Capitol Hill, although the White House and some Republican allies continue to support the campaign.

“ Our current operations in the Caribbean are lawful under both U.S. and international law, with all actions in compliance with the law of armed conflict – and approved by the best military and civilian lawyers, up and down the chain of command. ”

- Secretary Hegseth

#2 VAN EPPS WIN TN SEAT IN CONGRESS

Matt Van Epps (R-TN) won the special election for Tennessee's 7th Congressional District, which was open because of the resignation of Rep. Mark Green (R-TN) earlier this year. There was a lot of coverage of this special election, given the significant Democratic wins in recent gubernatorial elections in Virginia and Pennsylvania. Van Epps won by 9% in a congressional district that President Trump had won by 22%.

“ This is just an incredible win. Tonight you sent a message loud and clear: The people of Middle Tennessee stand with President Donald J. Trump ”

- Rep. Elect Van Epps

#3 END-OF-YEAR HEALTHCARE PACKAGE DOMINATING DC

Much of the focus in the waning days of this Congressional session is around the potential for a healthcare bill, which brings complexities among both Republicans and Democrats. There is clearly an opportunity for a bipartisan package, but there the path to passage and what may be included is not yet known -- although everything from extensions of Obamacare subsidies to pharmacy benefit manager (PBM) reform are currently within the conversations. Both sides of the political aisle see some political opportunity in advancing legislation and both see the increased political risk should the effort fail.

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