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#1 HOUSING BILL HEADS TO HOUSE

The Senate passed the 21st Century Housing Act, which focuses on expanding access to housing. However, provisions pushed by the President to ban or reduce institutional investment in single-family rental housing have created a divide among Republicans (and some Democrats). The House, which is seemingly more skeptical of the provisions than the Senate, will now have their chance to shape the bill.

“ It is critical we get the details right and mitigate some of the concerns raised by House members with the Senate bill. ”

- Financial Services Chairman
French Hill (R-AR):

#2 USTR MAKES 301 INVESTIGATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

The United States Trade Representative made two announcements - investigations into roughly 15 countries for unfair trade practices (specifically excess capacity) and investigations into 60 countries for the use of forced labor. These investigations, which require public comments and public hearings, will likely be used to justify tariffs - similar to tariffs in the first Trump Administration on products imported from China. These investigations are done under the authority of Section 301 of the Trade Act of 1974.

“ These investigations will determine whether foreign governments have taken sufficient steps to prohibit the importation of goods produced with forced labor and how the failure to eradicate these abhorrent practices impacts U.S. workers and businesses. ”

- USTR Greer

#3 DHS REMAINS UNFUNDED...WITH LITTLE HOPE ON THE HORIZON

Democrats and Republicans continue to make little progress on resolving funding disagreements related to funding the Department of Homeland Security. Democrats offered to fund all agencies except ICE, which was rejected by Republicans in the Senate. It is not yet clear how this will ultimately be resolved.

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