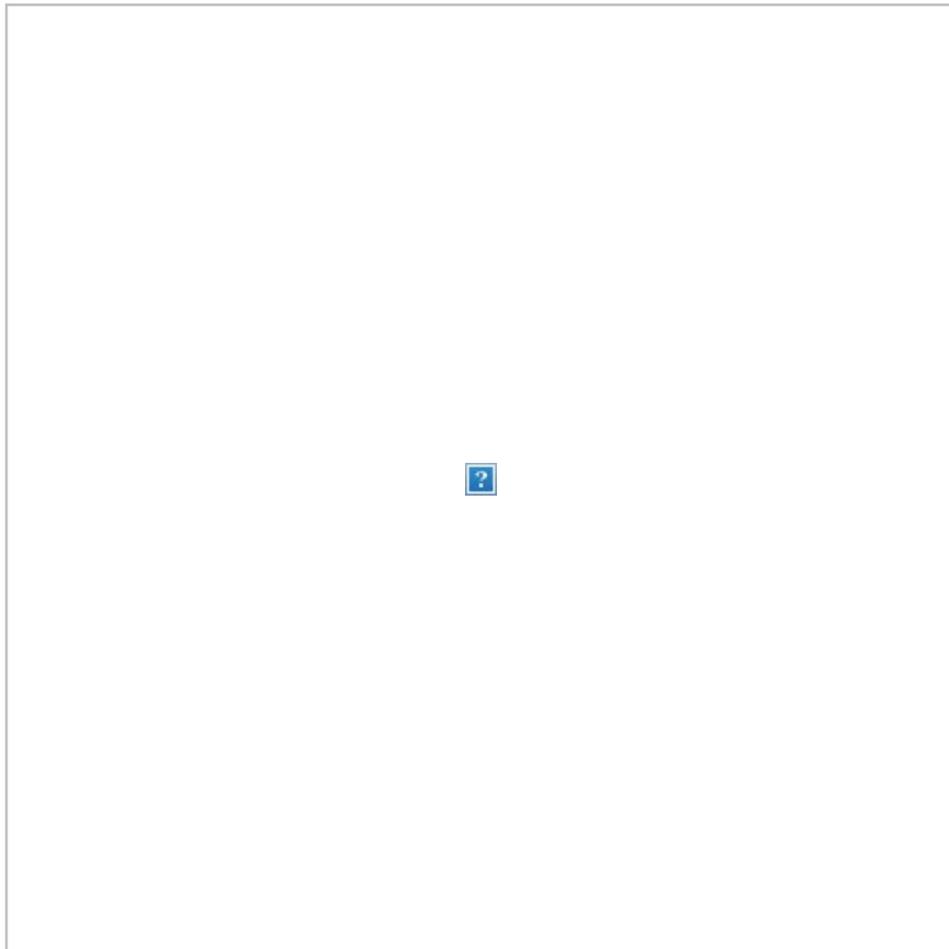
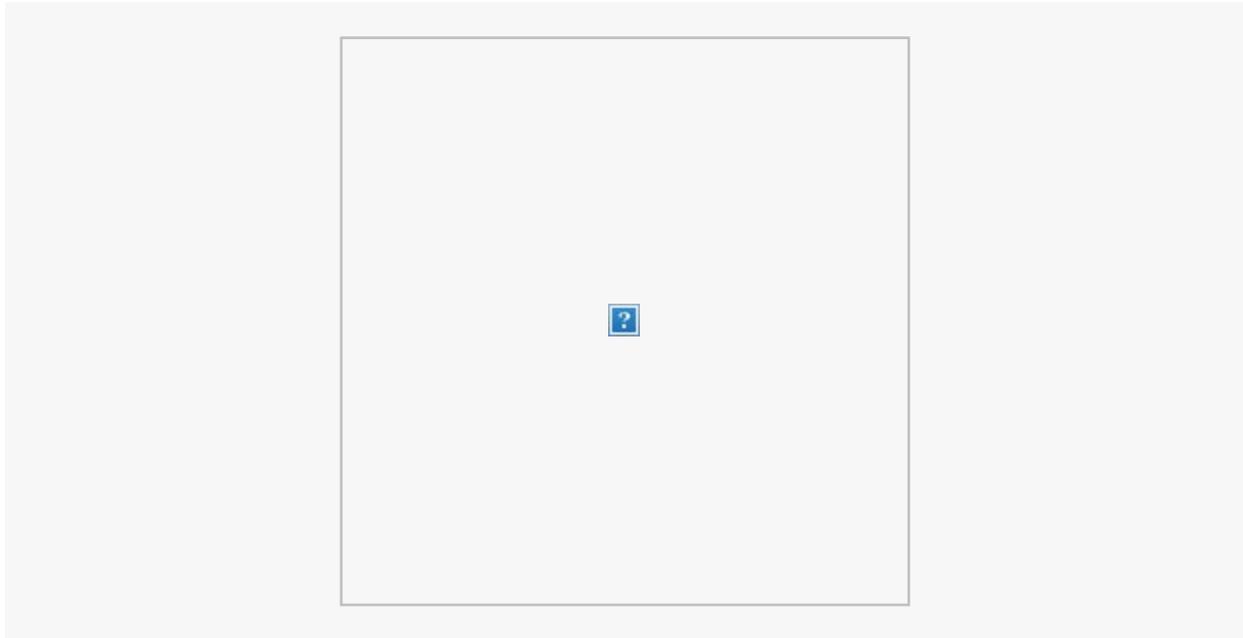


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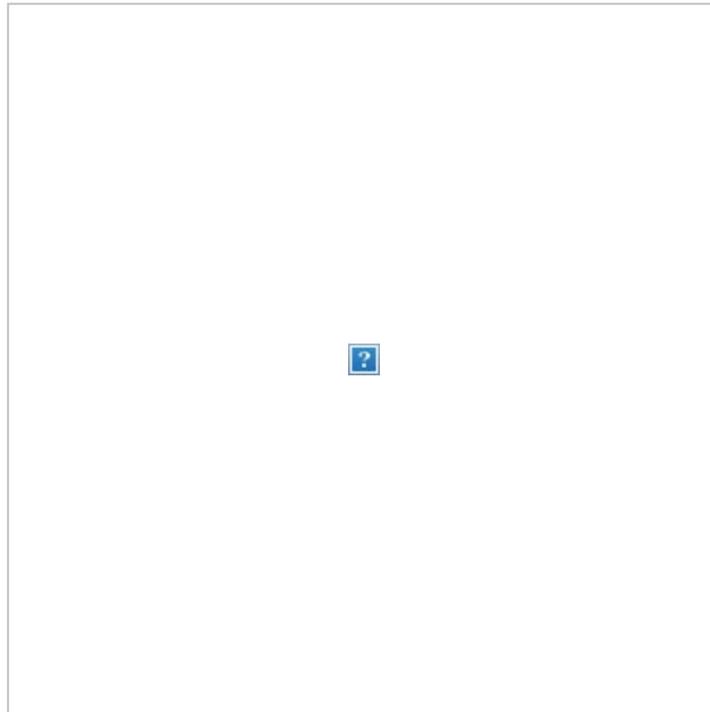
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## View From The Hill



Government funding, known around town as “appropriations,” dominated politics on Capitol Hill this week. Speaker Mike Johnson (R-LA) is facing [significant](#) backlash from his far right flank for striking a deal with Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY) and the White House. The [agreement](#) includes approximately \$1.6 trillion in spending, with \$886 billion set aside for defense and \$774 billion for non-defense funding and largely resembles the numbers agreed upon in the *Fiscal Responsibility Act* passed by Congress last year. Conservatives have been calling for a tougher stance from House GOP leadership on

seeking steeper spending cuts for domestic programs, as well as policy changes for immigration and border security. Some hardliners are also opposed to an additional short-term continuing resolution (CR), which is now needed to avert a partial government shutdown on January 19th. While there may be a deal struck on topline numbers, it will take time for Congress to agree and pass individual appropriations measures, creating the need for another CR. As of Thursday evening, rumors were swirling that Speaker Johnson may be considering backing out of his deal with Leader Schumer in the face of pressure from the right, though many other House Republicans expressed strong resistance to a change of course.

Congressional defense committee leaders reacted harshly to Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin's initial failure to communicate his ongoing hospitalization to the White House, Congress, or senior Pentagon leadership, with House Armed Services Chairman Mike Rogers (R-AL) [launching](#) an investigation. The Pentagon has now [disclosed](#) that Secretary Austin underwent surgery for prostate cancer, and was forced to return to the hospital due to a severe infection.

The House also moved forward with its impeachment inquiry of Secretary of Homeland Security Alejandro Mayorkas, which stems from Republicans' argument that the ongoing crisis along the U.S.-Mexico border is an intentional, unlawful effort on the part of Mayorkas. The inquiry is widely viewed inside Washington—and certainly by Democrats—as politically motivated. After teasing the hearing for weeks the hearing mostly fell flat, with House Homeland Security Chairman Mark Green (R-TN) [struggling](#) to communicate an effective case, so far. Hunter Biden, who is at the center of House Republicans' other impeachment inquiry into President Joe Biden, [made](#) a surprise appearance at a House Oversight Committee meeting today, amidst GOP motions to hold him in contempt of Congress for refusing to appear in private in compliance with two prior congressional subpoenas. The panel voted along party lines to advance a measure to hold the President's son in contempt, which will now move to the House Floor for a vote.

Disgraced Senator Bob Menendez (D-NJ) made a defiant [speech](#) on the Senate Floor this week, in the wake of new superseding federal corruption charges filed last week. Also in the upper chamber, bipartisan negotiators [continued](#) to struggle to come to agreement on a border security and immigration deal, key to unlocking GOP support for supplemental funding for Ukraine, Israel, and Taiwan.

## Aerospace & Defense

### [Boeing CEO admits error, says mid-air blowout 'can never happen again' \(Reuters\)](#)

Boeing CEO Dave Calhoun is speaking out after the shocking incident of a door plug snapping off a Boeing 737 Max 9 last Friday. This event caused the Federal Aviation Administration to ground 170 jets. In the days after, Alaska Airlines and United Airlines “that use the temporarily grounded planes, have found loose parts on similar aircraft, raising fears such an incident could have happened again.” While Calhoun has stated this incident ‘can never happen again’ Boeing is already feeling the effects. Earlier this week Boeing shares “fell 1.4%” as United canceled “225 daily flights or 8% of it’s total” while Alaska Airlines “canceled 109, or 18%.”

## [Pentagon fell short in tracking \\$1 billion in Ukraine aid, IG finds](#)

### [U.S. air strike foils rocket attack on Iraqi air base \(Reuters\)](#)

Earlier this week a U.S. air strike on a rocket launch “foiled an attack on Ain al-Asad air base.” This base hosts “U.S. and other international forces in western Iraq” two Iraqi army sources said. Sources said a rocket launcher on the back of a truck had been “parked in a rural area about 4 miles to the east of the base, with at least two rockets ready to be fired towards Ain al-Asad.” The Iraqi army sources confirmed the U.S. air strike destroyed the launcher. The attacks on U.S. troops in the Middle East is due to their continued support for Israel in the Israel-Hamas war. Since the war began the U.S. military has come under attack at least “100 times” in Iraq and Syria.

## [White House Pushes Defense Industries on Tech Help for Ukraine](#)

### [‘Reckless and irresponsible’: Pentagon officials feel from news Austin kept cancer diagnosis quiet \(Politico\)](#)

There has been mixed reactions to the news that Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin kept his medical condition for days. Officials have described the feelings as “emotional whiplash” as details about Austin’s condition have become public. Earlier this week we learned Austin was diagnosed with prostate cancer, had surgery, and “subsequent complications that landed him in the ICU.” While some are sympathetic to Austin’s right to privacy there are some who believe he made the wrong decision not to share this information with President Biden. The Defense Secretary is a vital individual in government and many believe his duty to the country and nation “outweigh his desire for privacy.” Regardless of position on the issue the question remaining is ‘how did this happen?’

## **Budget & Appropriations**

### [AIA chief urges congressional lawmakers to pass appropriations bills \(Inside Defense\)](#)

The head of the Aerospace Industries Association sent a letter to congressional leaders today, calling on them to pass full-year appropriations bills for national security and defense. Eric Fanning, president and CEO of AIA, addressed the letter to House Speaker Mike Johnson (R-LA), Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY), Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) and House Democratic Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries (D-NY). Fanning called on Congress to pass an appropriations package with “topline budget numbers for FY-24” that lawmakers announced on Jan. 7 and the “related side agreement on offsets and additional resources for non-defense programs.” The aerospace and defense industry, Fanning said, needs consistent “demand signals” from the federal government. “Unfortunately, with fiscal year 2024 (FY24) funding still in flux, our industry continues to face the harmful consequences of a broken budget process,” he said. “If this impasse is not resolved soon, the country could face severe damage to our defense posture and our ability to enhance aviation safety. The uncertainty could also hinder our progress in developing next-generation space technologies and in supporting a growing commercial space industry.”

## [Conservatives take revenge for Johnson's spending deal by halting action on House floor](#)

### [Congress approves resolution against Biden EV charger plans \(Politico\)](#)

The House approved legislation Thursday to undo a Biden administrative role meant to facilitate the proliferation of electric vehicle charging stations. President Biden has vetoed the bill. The piece of legislation passed both chambers with bipartisan support. Sen. Brown (D-OH) and Sen. Tester (D-MT) voted in support of the bill and are both up for re-election in Republican heavy states. Rep. Graves (R-MO) chair of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee said, "If the administration is going to continue to push for a massive transition to EVs, it should ensure and comply with Buy America requirements." The White House believes the opposite and says the legislation, if enacted, would "weaken Buy America requirements...allowing federal dollars to be spent on chargers made in competitor nations like China." A vote to override the President's veto is unlikely to succeed as two-thirds are needed in each chamber.

## [Budget fight threatens poor families with cuts to housing aid, evictions](#)

### [An 'agency in crisis': Union makes pitch for \\$20 Billion supplemental funding for SSA \(Federal News Network\)](#)

The Social Security Administration is going through workforce challenges and the American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE) union is calling for a "massive funding influx" over the next decade. The union is calling for \$20 billion and while President of the AFGE recognizes it's a large ask she says "it's necessary to reach the quality of services that the public expects." The supplemental funding could also help with overpayments the SSA makes as "over the past two years, the SSA overpaid about 2 million beneficiaries." The SSA believes more money will make them more efficient. This has already been seen as the IRS used their supplemental funding and "has seen customer service improvements." With many studies showing Social Security will run out in the future there will be some who question if the investment will be worth it.

## **Advanced Technologies**

### [Microsoft Debates What to Do With A.I. Lab in China \(NY Times\)](#)

In 1998 Microsoft opened a research lab in Beijing when tensions with China were low and optimism was high. Hundreds were hired and they pioneered a lot of work that Microsoft did. As tensions continue to rise the debate continues as to whether a US tech giant ought to have a lab in the heart of its geopolitical adversary. Researchers at the lab "many of whom were at the top of their field" have left for other roles including founding "start-ups such as Megvii, a facial recognition company that has contributed to a vast national surveillance system in China." While Microsoft is renewing their commitment to this lab they do so when many of their competitors including Google have whittled down their presence in China. Microsoft is walking a fine line and according to Chris Miller, "needs to consider where the trust of the political system is going."

## [Mine-spotting drones and tracked robots: The Army's efforts to breach minefields with tech](#)

### [China raises concerns with US over chip-making export controls, sanctions \(Reuters\)](#)

The Chinese Commerce Minister Wang Wentao in a call to U.S. Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo, "expressed concern over US curbs preventing third countries from exporting lithography machines to China." This is a strategic move by the US to cut off access to "advanced chips and chip-making tools that could fuel breakthroughs in AI and sophisticated computers for its military." The U.S. has also encouraged their allies to restrict these machines to China. The Netherlands has done so by "revoking an export license for ASML covering shipment of some of its equipment to China." ASML is the world's leading chip equipment maker and China is their largest market. The U.S. sees independence in chip manufacturing as part of its national security strategy, so we can expect to see more actions like this taken against China.

## [Amazon layoffs show Big Tech is still coming down from pandemic highs](#)

### [NASA Eyes Billion-Dollar Space Vehicle to Avert International Space Station's Uncontrolled Reentry \(Military.com\)](#)

One of NASA's next missions will be determining how to deorbit the International Space Station. Whether that be due to an emergency or when the mission has concluded. March 4 is the deadline for companies to turn in their proposals to "design, develop, manufacture, test, integrate, achieve NASA acceptance, deliver, and sustain" the deorbit vehicle. NASA plans to award the contract in June for the "one-of-a-kind vehicle meant to dock with the space station and 'perform ISS attitude control, ISS translational maneuvers, and the final ISS orbit shaping and reentry burns.'" The goal of the vehicle is to help the ISS crash into the ocean and not drop debris over populated areas. The planned retirement for the ISS is 2030 and NASA expects the deorbit vehicle to cost about \$1 billion.

## **Military Installations & Communities**

### [Navy chief to prioritize getting more ships ready for action \(DefenseNews\)](#)

In her speech at the Surface Navy Association's annual conference, Adm. Lisa Franchetti said the service "must get more players on the field." Franchetti sees this as necessary due to the fact that international crises demand more of the naval force. She also said she is focused on "improving the Navy's readiness, including the necessary logistics; better integrating the service with the joint force; and working with Congress and industry to address naval needs." The Navy has already been put to work not only being prepared to respond if the conflicts in Ukraine and Israel escalate, but shooting down Houthi missiles and drones in the Red Sea. Franchetti is grouping her efforts into "warfighting, warfighters, and the foundation that supports them." She is also utilizing that three-area mentality when it comes to competing budget items and ensuring there is a balance between the different

areas that meet the needs of the Navy.

### [VA to Fund Research on Using MDMA, Psilocybin to Address Mental Health Disorders in Veterans](#)

#### [VA gets flak for using staff to help ICE process illegal immigrant health care despite backlog of veterans \(Fox\)](#)

The Department of Veterans Affairs is receiving backlash for an arrangement that has existed for more than 20 years. In this agreement, ICE “pays for the VA’s Financial Service Center to process medical claims for ICE’s Health Services Corps, as well as other government agencies.” The IHSC is only responsible for authorizing healthcare services and obtaining providers to deliver the health care. A spokesman for the VA made it clear that “the VA is not providing funds or healthcare to illegal immigrants in ICE detention.” Due to the backlog of benefit claims at the VA the agreement is being criticized by Republican lawmakers and they are calling for the agreement to stop. The VA Press Secretary said “the VA’s work for ICE is administrative in function only, involves no more than 10 employees, and is fully paid for by ICE.”

### [New life insurance program for disabled vets sees high demand](#)

#### [Army Sees Sharp Decline in White Recruits \(Military.com\)](#)

In 2018, “44,042 new Army recruits were categorized by the service as white.” That number has dropped to a new low of “25,070 in 2023.” In the same time frame, the amount of Black and Hispanic recruits are relatively flat, but “increase as a percentage of incoming soldiers.” Army officials do not point to a single cause, but rather a group of issues such as “partisan scrutiny of the service, obesity, and underfunded public education.” The trends the Army is seeing do reflect society as more men are leaving the workforce with only an 86% workrate in 2023. As the military has tried to diversify their forces they have sustained partisan attacks from conservative lawmakers and media. Being labeled as ‘woke’ has hurt their reputation, not necessarily with the applicants, but with “the older people in their life who have a lot of influence.”

## **Homeland Security**

#### [Republicans hammer Biden border chief during impeachment hearing \(Reuters\)](#)

Republican lawmakers in the U.S. House of Representatives on Wednesday condemned President Joe Biden's top border official during an impeachment hearing over record numbers of migrants attempting to illegally cross the U.S.-Mexico border. Representative Mark Green, Republican chairman of the committee leading the impeachment effort, said in opening remarks that Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas had intentionally encouraged illegal immigration with lax policies. "The secretary's actions have brought us here today, not ours," Green said, calling Mayorkas "the architect of the devastation" at the border. The impeachment effort is the culmination of years of Republican criticism of Biden's border management and the Democratic president's moves to reverse hardline policies of former Republican President Donald Trump. Democrats and

some Senate Republicans have questioned the attempt to remove Mayorkas over a policy dispute, which legal experts say does not satisfy the high standard for impeachment.

### [Inspector general to review how the Pentagon handled Sec. Austin's hospitalization](#)

#### [Threats against Jews, Muslims and Arabs continue on social media \(ABC News\)](#)

The Department of Homeland Security Office of Intelligence and Analysis "continues to observe" domestic and foreign individuals using social media to make threats against Jewish, Muslim and Arab communities, according to a new bulletin obtained by ABC News Thursday. "[Foreign Terrorist Organizations] continue to post or recirculate messaging in response to the ongoing conflict to encourage violence or recruit new members," the bulletin, dated Jan. 10, said. "On 4 January, ISIS media released a 34-minute speech by official ISIS spokesman Abu Hudhayfa al-Ansari titled "And Kill Them Wherever You Find Them," it said. In the speech, al-Ansari called for attacks against Jewish and Christian targets around the world, including in the United States, according to DHS. The speech encourages prioritizing houses of worship as targets, lists a range of tactics including bombings, stabbings, shootings, and vehicle attacks, and promotes the intentional targeting of civilians. The speech is the first time ISIS has directly addressed the Israel-HAMAS conflict," the bulletin said.

### [Remarks by Deputy Secretary of Commerce Don Graves at the National Foreign Trade Council's Alliance for National Security and Competitiveness](#)

#### [Supreme Court won't hear case over FBI national security demands of X \(The Hill\)](#)

The Supreme Court on Monday refused to hear an appeal from X, formerly known as Twitter, seeking to make public the number of times the FBI requested user information from the company in connection with national security investigations. The social media company sued the government in 2014, during the Obama administration, after it was blocked from publishing the quantity of requests in its biannual online "Transparency Report," claiming the government unlawfully restrained its speech. In its petition to the high court, X argued it's critical to make the standards for discussing the extent of governmental surveillance "clear, settled and constitutionally adequate." "History demonstrates that the surveillance of electronic communications is both a fertile ground for government abuse and a lightning-rod political topic of intense concern to the public," X wrote.

## **Transportation & Infrastructure**

#### [USDOT Announces Progress Delivering Results for America \(DOT\)](#)

The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) released a report updating the public on the Biden-Harris Administration efforts to improve America's transportation infrastructure. The report includes updates on DOT's key priorities, including rail safety, strengthening consumer protections for air travelers, and the implementation of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), among others. "We are delivering for the American people with

the resources now available because President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law reversed decades of underinvestment in our transportation systems," said Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg. "The public placed great trust in DOT, and we are honoring that trust by making improvements to transportation that get people and goods to where they need to be more safely, affordably, and sustainably while creating good-paying jobs." You can view the DOT 2021-2023 Progress Report here. Improvements on key priorities are highlighted below.

### [Record number of firearms seized by TSA in 2023](#)

#### [Honda unveils new line of EVs \(The Hill\)](#)

Honda unveiled two concept electric vehicles (EVs) during CES in Las Vegas, part of the company's new line of EVs that will go into production in 2026. The vehicles, called the "Honda 0 Series," were developed using the company's new "electrification" design. "We have gone back to basics and formulated the Honda 0 Series with a design for the new era," said Shinji Aoyama, Honda's global executive vice president. "A bold and pure proportion that from the first glance is overwhelmingly different from other EVs to evoke a new perspective for people." The two vehicles in the Honda's 0 Series are dubbed Space-Hub and Saloon. Space-Hub is a van that features "flexible" space and can accommodate a "variety" of passengers, according to Honda. The Saloon is a hatchback and has a "low" and "wide" exterior along with a "spacious" interior, according to Honda. It will debut a new "steer-by-wire" and motion control management systems. The sale of the Saloon in North America is expected in 2026.

### [Ohio invests \\$10 million in Cleveland broadband expansion](#)

#### [FRA announces \\$8.2B in passenger rail projects \(Transportation Today\)](#)

On Monday, the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) announced it had awarded \$8.2 billion for 10 passenger rail projects, and identified corridors across the country for future development. The awarded, part of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Act, will bring the total invested in America's railroad system to nearly \$30 billion, officials said. The investment includes 10 ready for construction projects in 9 states and 69 corridors across 44 states for future development. The Federal State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail Program will advance two high-speed rail corridors and fund improvements to existing rail corridors. The projects will create a new high-speed rail corridor between Las Vegas and southern California, as well as make major upgrades to existing rail corridors to connect Northern Virginia and the Southeast to the Northeast Corridor, invest in Chicago's Union Station and improve the Midwest corridors hub, and improve service in Maine, Montana and Alaska, among other corridors.

## **Biotechnology & Healthcare**

#### [More Than 20 Million People Have Signed Up for Obamacare Plans, Blowing by Record \(NYT\)](#)

More than 20 million people have signed up for plans on the Affordable Care Act's marketplaces during the annual open enrollment period, far surpassing last year's record

of more than 16 million enrollments, the Biden administration announced on Wednesday. The figures were a landmark moment for the 2010 health law, underscoring the significance of enhanced subsidies for Americans and the continuing reach of the marketplaces after years of Republican efforts to whittle them down. “The marketplaces are getting stronger and more embedded into the fabric of U.S. health care,” said Adrianna McIntyre, a health policy expert at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. “The more the marketplaces grow, the more it enhances their stability.” The Biden administration revealed last month that on Dec. 15 — the deadline to sign up for coverage that began on Jan. 1 — almost 750,000 people signed up for a marketplace plan on [HealthCare.gov](https://www.healthcare.gov), the largest single-day total. The full tally could grow in the coming days; the deadline to sign up for plans is 5 a.m. Eastern on Jan. 17, giving Americans coverage that begins next month.

### [ADHD treatment prescriptions for adults surged during pandemic, fueling shortages](#)

#### [Biorobotic Heart Imitates the Real Thing and Could Further Research \(U.S. News\)](#)

A biorobotic heart that combines a biological pig heart with a silicone robotic pump is providing researchers with a new tool to understand and potentially treat heart disease. Scientists built the heart by replacing the heart muscle in the left chamber with a soft silicone robotic pump system powered by air. When inflated, the pump twists and squeezes the heart like real heart muscle, simulating a natural heartbeat. Using the bionic organ, researchers tested surgical methods to treat a leaky heart valve, which can trigger heart failure. “It was really interesting for the surgeons to see every step,” said senior researcher Ellen Roche, a biomedical engineer with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), in Boston. “When you’re working with patients, you can’t visualize the process because there’s blood in the heart.” New treatments for heart problems must undergo rigorous testing in heart simulators and animal subjects before they are used in humans, the researchers noted in background notes. Unfortunately, existing heart simulators have a short shelf life of two to four hours, and they don’t completely capture the complex workings of a heart.

### [Scientists crack mystery of how MS gene spread](#)

#### [Majority of debtors to US hospitals now people with health insurance \(The Guardian\)](#)

People with health insurance may now represent the majority of debtors American hospitals struggle to collect from, according to medical billing analysts. This marks a sea change from just a few years ago, when people with health insurance represented only about one in 10 bills hospitals considered “bad debt”, analysts said. “We always used to consider bad debt, especially bad debt write-offs from a hospital perspective, those [patients] that have the ability to pay but don’t,” said Colleen Hall, senior vice-president for Kodiak Solutions, a billing, accounting and consulting firm that works closely with hospitals and performed the analysis. “Now, it’s not as if these patients across the board are even able to pay, because [out-of-pocket costs are] such an astronomical amount related to what their general income might be.” Although “bad debt” can be a controversial metric in its own right, those who work in the hospital billing industry say it shows how complex health insurance products with large out-of-pocket costs have proliferated. “What we noticed was a breaking point right around the 2018-2019 timeframe,” said Matt Szaflarski,

director of revenue cycle intelligence at Kodiak Solutions. The trend has since stabilized, but remains at more than half of all “bad debt”.

## Climate & Development

### [US emissions dropped nearly 2 percent in 2023 while economy grew \(The Hill\)](#)

Planet-warming emissions in the U.S. dropped nearly 2 percent last year while the economy grew by about the same amount, according to a new analysis. Research firm Rhodium Group determined that U.S. emissions fell 1.9 percent compared to 2022 and were 17.2 percent lower than they were in 2005. At the same time, the American economy grew by 2.4 percent in 2023. Rhodium Group noted that this was the first time since before the coronavirus pandemic that the U.S. saw both economic growth and an emissions decline. The analysis attributed the emissions drop to a mild winter — meaning less energy used for heating — as well to less electricity coming from coal power. Power sector emissions dropped 8 percent while residential and commercial building emissions dropped 4 percent. Emissions from transportation actually rose by 1.6 percent, though fuel consumption was still lower than it was before the pandemic.

### [Brain drain worries grow as energy, climate lawmakers exit](#)

### [Biggest US wind project is under construction in New Mexico \(E&E News\)](#)

In the 1930s, the Hoover Dam symbolized the push to electrify the American West. Today, a New Mexican wind project represents the effort to green it. Pattern Energy recently broke ground on SunZia Wind and Transmission, a huge, 3.5-gigawatt wind farm that will send power from New Mexico to California via a 550-mile transmission line. The developer says it will be the largest wind development in the Western Hemisphere when it comes online in 2026 — generating about three times more power annually than the Hoover Dam. The project is vital to California’s climate goals and is expected to deliver a surge of clean power to the state during the evening, when wind speeds accelerate, solar generation plunges and natural gas generation soars. SunZia is one of two massive wind projects that will serve California’s hungry energy market. Chokecherry and Sierra Madre, a 3.5-GW wind project in Wyoming that will be served by a 732-mile transmission line, is expected to come online in 2029.

### [Arizona Governor Vows to Update State’s Water Laws](#)

### [Renewable energy growth must accelerate to reach 2030 goal \(Reuters\)](#)

Global renewable energy capacity is expected to grow by two and a half times by 2030 but governments need to go further to achieve a goal of tripling it by then agreed at United Nations’ climate talks, the International Energy Agency (IEA) said. In its annual renewable energy outlook report, the IEA said new capacity added last year increased by 50% from the previous year to 510 gigawatts (GW). That takes installed capacity to 3,700 GW. Under current policies and market conditions, global renewables capacity is forecast to grow to a total of 7,300 GW by 2028. To reach the 2030 goal agreed last year, it will require reaching at least 11,000 GW. World governments agreed to triple renewable energy generation capacity by 2030 and move away from fossil fuels at the COP28 U.N. climate conference

in Dubai last December. But no mechanism was agreed to finance the shift to clean energy in developing countries. The report said the biggest challenge to meeting the goal will be scaling up financing and deployment of renewables in most emerging and developing economies.

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## Next Week's Hearings

### **Armed Service Committee:**

**House:** None listed

**Senate:** None listed

### **Appropriations Committee:**

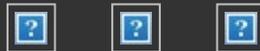
**House:** None listed

**Senate:** None listed

### **Homeland Security Committee:**

**House:** None listed

**Senate:** Wednesday, January 17, 2024, 10:00am EST; ["The Cyber Safety Review Board: Expectations, Outcomes, and Enduring Questions"](#)



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