

# Washington state, Minnesota lead travel ban fight

States say restoring ban would 'unleash chaos again'

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Lawyers for Washington state and Minnesota have told a federal appellate court that restoring President Donald Trump's ban on refugees and travelers from seven predominantly Muslim countries would "unleash chaos again."

The filing with the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco came early Monday after the White House said it expected the federal courts to reinstate the ban.

Washington and Minnesota said their underlying lawsuit was strong and a nationwide temporary restraining order was appropriate. If the appellate court reinstated Trump's ban the states said the "ruling would reinstate those harms, separating families, stranding our university students and faculty, and barring travel."



Michael Ares/Palm Beach Post  
A man protests against President Donald Trump holding a sign depicting the cover of the German magazine Der Spiegel.

The rapid-fire legal maneuvers by the two states were accompanied by a declaration filed by John Kerry and Madeleine Albright, former sec-

retaries of state, along with former national security officials under President Barack Obama. They said Trump's ban would disrupt lives and cripple

U.S. counterterrorism partnerships around the world without making the nation safer.

"It will aid ISIL's propaganda effort and serve its recruitment message by feeding into the narrative that the United States is at war with Islam," according to the six-page declaration filed in court.

"Blanket bans of certain countries or classes of people are beneath the dignity of the nation and Constitution that we each took oaths to protect," the declaration later added.

The technology industry also argued against the ban, contending it would harm their companies by making it more difficult to recruit employees. Tech giants like Apple and Google, along with Uber, filed their arguments with the court late Sunday.

The next opportunity for Trump's team to argue in favor of the ban will come in the form of a response to the Washington state and Minnesota filings. The 9th Circuit ordered the Justice Department to file its briefs by 6 p.m. EST Monday. It had already turned down a Justice request to set aside immediately a Seattle judge's ruling that put

a temporary hold on the ban nationwide.

That ruling last Friday prompted an ongoing Twitter rant by Trump, who dismissed U.S. District Court Judge James Robart as a "so-called judge" and his decision "ridiculous."

Trump renewed his Twitter attacks against Robart on Sunday. "Just cannot believe a judge would put our country in such peril. If something happens blame him and court system. People pouring in. Bad!" He followed with another tweet saying he had instructed the Homeland Security Department to check people coming into the country but that "the courts are making the job very difficult!"

The government had told the appeals court that the president alone has the power to decide who can enter or stay in the United States, an assertion that appeared to invoke the wider battle to come over illegal immigration.

Congress "vests complete discretion" in the president to impose conditions on entry of foreigners to the United States, and that power is "largely immune from judicial con-

trol," according to the court filing.

Sen. Dianne Feinstein, the top Democrat on the Judiciary Committee, predicted the appeals court would not have the last word. "I have no doubt that it will go to the Supreme Court, and probably some judgments will be made whether this president has exceeded his authority or not," she said.

In his ruling, Robart said it was not the court's job to "create policy or judge the wisdom of any particular policy promoted by the other two branches," but to make sure that an action taken by the government "comports with our country's laws."

The Twitter attacks on Robart — appointed by President George W. Bush — prompted scolding from fellow Republicans as well as Democrats.

"We don't have so-called judges," said Sen. Ben Sasse, R-Neb. "We don't have so-called senators. We don't have so-called presidents. We have people from three different branches of government who take an oath to uphold and defend the Constitution."

## Measure aims to end daylight saving time in Washington

Associated Press

OLYMPIA — A state senator is pushing to eliminate daylight saving time in Washington.

KOMO reported Republican Jim Honeyford of Sunnyside has introduced a measure that would exercise Washing-

ton's right under the Uniform Time Act to opt out of daylight saving time and remain on Pacific Standard Time year round.

"I didn't really realize the problems that it creates," Honeyford said. "There's an increased number of accidents, increased suicides,

heart attacks."

The Washington Traffic Safety Commission and Washington Department of Transportation could not provide crash comparison figures in time for the article. But, at a Senate Hearing on Wednesday, nobody testified for or against Honeyford's bill.

## Lawmakers consider expanding self-serve gas in rural Oregon

Associated Press

BEND — Residents in rural Oregon counties may have to get used to pumping their own gas, as lawmakers are considering expanding the availability of self-service gas stations.

The Bulletin reported that

two bills introduced this legislative session propose expanding self-service gas stations to 24 hours a day in rural Oregon counties.

Currently, self-service gas stations operate between 6 p.m. and 6 a.m. in rural Oregon counties. One bill would

remove that limit for counties with populations less than 40,000 — like Clatsop County — making self-service accessible around the clock. Another bill would allow the public to pump gas at cardlock stations, which are open 24 hours for commercial vehicles.

## Mother, baby rescued from RV

Associated Press

FLORENCE — A mother and her baby have been rescued after a landslide trapped them in their RV home on the Oregon Coast.

The Register-Guard reported that Siuslaw Valley

Fire & Rescue fire marshal Sean Barrett says 3 inches of rain fell overnight Saturday and soaked the coast, causing the ground to give way on the hillside above the RV.

The slide trapped the RV under an uprooted tree. The mother called for help

shortly after 10 a.m. Sunday morning.

The mother's name and age were unavailable. Barrett says the baby is less than a year old and estimated that he mother was in her 20s or 30s.

Officials say they are staying with relatives.

## Iraqi refugees arrive to cheers at PDX

Associated Press

PORTLAND — Roughly 100 people greeted the first refugees to land at Portland International Airport since President Donald Trump's travel ban was rescinded by a federal judge.

The Oregonian reported Mustapha Mohamed arrived Sunday night with his wife and daughters.

The former interpreter for U.S. military in Iraq waited four years to get a visa that

would allow him and his family to relocate. They were supposed to arrive last week before getting blocked by the executive order temporarily banning visitors from Iraq and six other Muslim-majority countries.

Members of the crowd shouted "Welcome," and "We love you," as the family came into view. Portland Police Chief Mike Marshman was among those greeting the family.

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