

# White House wants major cuts to Coast Guard

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**The Trump administration is proposing cuts in the U.S. Coast Guard's budget, including axing the procurement program for a new class of national security cutters, the first of which is pictured.**

the Coast Guard.

And there's an added twist: Cochran had publicly wavered last month about supporting Mulvaney's nomination and had been a critic of the former tea party congressman from South Carolina. Cochran ended up voting for Mulvaney, which saved Vice President Mike Pence from having to alter travel plans to cast a tie-breaking vote.

The documents say at least \$500 million could be saved

by canceling the contract and the money would be spent elsewhere in the homeland security budget for next year. Cochran, R-Miss., who also chairs the subcommittee that oversees defense spending, is certain to fight the cut.

"There are responsible ways to reduce spending," said Cochran spokesman Stephen Worley. "Weakening our nation's first line of defense against drug cartels and human trafficking isn't one of them."

Ingalls spokeswoman Beci Branton said in an email that "the impact of OMB's direction to the Coast Guard is unknown at this time." She said the ship-builder has already purchased some materials and is in the pre-production stage.

Ingalls employs 11,000 workers, more than half of them in well-paying union positions. But it's unclear how many jobs might be threatened by Mulvaney's move, if it succeeds.

The national security cutter program is part of an expensive and delay-plagued program to replace the Coast Guard's older fleet. The ships are more than 400 feet long and have a helipad and modern weapons systems.

For years, Cochran was among the most prolific sponsor of so-called earmarks — pet projects for one's state or congressional district — before they were banned in 2011 after Republicans took back the House. The cutter doesn't fit the official definition of an earmark but is widely seen as one.

## WORLD IN BRIEF

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### House panel OKs health bill, industry groups say 'no'

WASHINGTON — House Republicans scored a pre-dawn triumph today in their effort to scuttle former President Barack Obama's health care overhaul, but it masked deeper problems as hospitals, doctors and consumer groups mounted intensifying opposition to the GOP health care drive.

After nearly 18 hours of debate and over two dozen party-line votes, Republicans pushed legislation through the Ways and Means Committee abolishing the tax penalty Obama's statute imposes on people who don't purchase insurance and reshaping how millions of Americans buy medical care.

"That's what this whole bill was about, kicking people who weren't politically popular," Ways and Means Chairman Kevin Brady, R-Texas, said of Obama's overhaul.

It was a victory of high symbolism because Obama's so-called individual mandate is perhaps the part of the statute that Republicans most detest.

Even so, the White House and Republican leaders confront a GOP and outside groups badly divided over the party's high-stakes overhaul crusade.

### Hawaii becomes 1st state to sue over Trump's new travel ban

HONOLULU — Hawaii has become the first state to file a lawsuit against President Donald Trump's revised travel ban, saying the order will harm its Muslim population, tourism and foreign students.

Attorneys for the state filed the lawsuit against the U.S. government Wednesday in federal court in Honolulu. The state had previously sued over Trump's initial travel ban, but that lawsuit was put on hold while other cases played out across the country.

The revised executive order, which goes into effect March 16, bars new visas for people from six predominantly Muslim countries and temporarily shuts down the U.S. refugee program. It doesn't apply to travelers who already have visas.

"Hawaii is special in that it has always been non-discriminatory in both its history and constitution," Attorney General Douglas Chin said. "Twenty percent of the people are foreign-born, 100,000 are non-citizens and 20 percent of the labor force is foreign-born."

Chin, who noted the state has budgeted about \$150,000 for an outside law firm to help with the lawsuit, said people in Hawaii find the idea of a travel ban based on nationality distasteful because they remember when Japanese Americans were sent to internment camps during World War II. Hawaii was the site of one of the camps.

### IRS strikes back as agents make big dent in identity theft

WASHINGTON — The IRS strikes back: The tax agency reports that the number of identity theft victims plummeted last year after agents struggled for years to combat what has become a multibillion-dollar industry.

The number of victims dropped by 46 percent, to 376,000, the IRS said. These taxpayers had their identities stolen by criminals who used their Social Security numbers and birthdates to obtain fraudulent tax refunds.

The IRS stopped nearly 1 million fraudulent refunds from being issued last year. They totaled almost \$6.6 billion, the agency said.

"It's a much more challenging time for the cybercrooks," said Mark Ciaramitaro, vice president for retail tax products and services at H&R Block. "All of the easy paths have been closed."

Identity theft exploded from 2010 to 2012, and "for a time overwhelmed law enforcement and the IRS," said John Dalrymple, deputy IRS commissioner for services and enforcement.

# Divorces: Staff handled 1,240 cases in 2016

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involved, accusations of serious mistreatment or disagreements about money or property, a couple can expect to spend more, wait longer and appear in court at least once.

Couples who are divorcing more or less amicably have another option: they can send their paperwork to Wahkiakum County, along with a check for \$294, then wait for the clerk's office to do the rest.

"I had the idea before I was the clerk," said Holland, who started working in the clerk's office in 1995. Several years ago, she learned that online divorce-processing companies like www.completecase.com and www.Washingtondivorceonline.com were sending hundreds of Washington divorces to Lincoln County. She saw a "good opportunity."

After she took office, it took about three years to figure out how to efficiently process long-distance divorces and get the necessary policies in place. For example, since the parties don't visit the office in person, all signatures have to be notarized. Additionally, Holland said, "They have to be in agreement" about how to handle the split.

### Dissolution solution

Holland wanted to get the word out, so she contacted a few online divorce processors.

"I talked them into giving us a try," Holland said. "A lot of our divorces come from companies."

In 2014, her office handled 103 cases. The slow start allowed the staff to develop a fairly seamless process. When a case comes in, Holland and

her staff make sure the paperwork is complete, and then a mandatory 90-day "cooling-off period" goes into effect. When each file is sufficiently cool, the customers pay a \$30 signing fee, and the office delivers it to a court commissioner or judge, who finalizes the divorce. Within a few days, the two newly single people can go their separate ways.

"We don't sit on 'em. We count them up. We have the piles ready," Holland said. "We get them in front of a judge. If (the parties) need copies back, 99.9999 percent of the time, we get them out the same day."

She and her staff have to send a small percentage back to customers for corrections. Some couples realize their divorces are too contentious for such a hands-off approach, and have to hire lawyers and appear in person, Holland said. Other couples realize they aren't ready to call it quits, and ask the clerk's office to put their cases on hold or dismiss them.

### Quick and quiet

Plenty of divorcing couples welcome the opportunity to end their marriages with as little fanfare as possible. Some like the convenience, Holland said, while others like the anonymity of filing in a small, out-of-the-way place. There are also people who find it less intimidating than a traditional divorce.

"I hear from a lot of people that they don't want to file in their own county. They don't want to come to court. They're scared to come to court," Holland explained.

Satisfied customers like the fast turnaround time, and the individual attention they get by filing in Wahkiakum County.

"They love hearing a voice, and not a phone tree," Holland said. "I have really had a lot of compliments about my staff and how they talk to people on the phone."

Word spread, and by 2015, "We just started getting more and more," Holland said. That year, they processed 1,103 divorces — more than nine times the number of divorces in neighboring Pacific County.

### The diva of divorce

Lincoln and Wahkiakum counties rank 35th and 38th out of 39 counties in terms of population size. In 2015, Wahkiakum County residents made up just 0.06 percent of the state's population, according to state figures, but Holland, along with one full-time and two part-time deputy clerks, handled about 3 percent of the state's divorce cases.

In all, those brought in about \$182,000. Minus fees for the commissioners and judges who signed the paperwork, the divorces contributed around \$80,000 to state coffers, and about \$70,000 to the county budget. Some of the local money paid for domestic-violence prevention and the county's law library. The remaining \$55,000 went into the general expense fund.

It's not the first time Holland has used her resourcefulness to find new ways to make money. She was recognized in 2012, when a study by the Washington State Association of County Officials found that Wahkiakum County had the highest per-capita collection rate for fines in the state. During her first term, she made several changes to make it easier to collect restitution fines and other

court fees, including a "financial responsibility docket" for people who weren't meeting their obligations. Judge Bill Faubion worked with people who were behind, and Prosecutor Dan Bigelow cracked down on the toughest cases, even sending some to jail. Between 2008 and 2012, the county's fine collection rate increased by more than 100 percent.

### Separations with a smile

In 2016, the staff handled 1,240 cases — slightly over Holland's goal of 100 divorces per month. The success of the program allowed her to hire someone for a full-time position that had been built into the budget, but not filled, due to the county's tight finances. That person helps with the growing divorce caseload, but also helps with other all other court clerk duties. The timing is especially good, Holland said, as this year, both Wahkiakum and Pacific counties will be working on a very ambitious state-mandated project — moving all of their court records to a new software system.

Holland thinks her staff could handle more divorces, and she'd like to start doing business with at least one more processing company. However, she's very aware that if they take on too many, they won't be able to offer the kind of personal service that makes an unpleasant process a bit easier to endure.

"I don't want to get to the point where I can't process them perfectly, because then you're not giving people good service, and I really think a lot of it is about the service," Holland said.

# TV LISTINGS

Evening listings THURSDAY

THURSDAY EVENING												MARCH 9	
A - Charter Astoria/Seaside - L - Charter Long Beach													
A	L	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
2	KATU	(2) KATU News at 6		Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Grey's Anatomy "Civil War" (N)	Scandal "They All Bow Down" (N)	Scandal "They All Bow Down" (N)	The Catch "The New Deal" (SP) (N)	KATU News at 11	(35) Jimmy Kimmel		
3	KOMO	(4) KOMO 4 News		Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Grey's Anatomy "Civil War" (N)	Scandal "They All Bow Down" (N)	The Catch "The New Deal" (SP) (N)	KOMO 4 News	(35) Jimmy Kimmel			
4	KING	(5) NBC Nightly News	KING 5 News	KING 5 News	Evening	Superstore	Powerless (N)	Chicago Med "Prisoner's Dilemma" (N)	Redemption "Independence U.S.A." (N)	KING 5 News	(35) Tonight Show		
5	KOIN	(6) KOIN Local 6 at 6	CBS Evening News	Extra	Ent. Tonight	Big Bang Theory	Great Indoors (N)	Mom (N)	Life in Pieces (N)	Training Day "Faultlines" (N)	KOIN 6 News @ 11	(35) S. Colbert	
6	KIRO	(7) KIRO 7 News	CBS Evening News	The Insider	Ent. Tonight	Big Bang Theory	Great Indoors (N)	Mom (N)	Life in Pieces (N)	Training Day "Faultlines" (N)	KIRO News	(35) S. Colbert	
7	KGW	(8) KGW News at 6:00 p.m.	Live at 7	Inside Edition	Superstore	Powerless (N)	Chicago Med "Prisoner's Dilemma" (N)	Riverdale (N)	KGW News at 11	Two and a Half	Two and a Half	Met Your Mother	
8	KRCW	(3) Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Modern Family	Modern Family	Supernatural (N)	Midsomer M. "The Dogleg Murders" (N)	Midsomer M. "The Dogleg Murders" (N)	KGW News at 11	Two and a Half	Two and a Half	Met Your Mother	
9	KOPB	(10) Born to Expl (N)	Business (N)	PBS NewsHour	Modern Family	Supernatural (N)	Midsomer M. "The Dogleg Murders" (N)	Midsomer M. "The Dogleg Murders" (N)	KGW News at 11	Two and a Half	Two and a Half	Met Your Mother	
10	KPTV	(12) 6 O'Clock News	Family Feud	Family Feud	Family Feud	MasterChef "Kitchen Emergency" (N)	Kicking "Welcome to the Jungle" (P) (N)	10 O'Clock News	11 O'Clock News	2 Broke Girls			
11	KPDJ	(6) Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	FOX 12's 8 O'Clock News on PDX-TV	FOX 12's 9 O'Clock News on PDX-TV	Family Guy	Family Guy	American Dad	Cleveland Show		
12	KCPQ	(13) Modern Family	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	MasterChef "Kitchen Emergency" (N)	Kicking "Welcome to the Jungle" (P) (N)	Q13 News at 10	Q13 News at 10	Q13 News	The Simpsons		
13	TBS	(20) Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld Pt. 1 of 2	Seinfeld Pt. 2 of 2	2 Broke Girls	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Conan (N)		
14	KZJQ	(22) Two and a Half	Two and a Half	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Modern Family	Modern Family	Q13 News at 9	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Friends	Friends	
15	ESPN	(29) NCAA Basketball ACC Tournament Site: Barclays Center -- Brooklyn, N.Y. (L)						NCAA Basketball Pac-12 Tournament Quarter-final (L)		SportsCenter	The day's news in the world of sports.		
16	ESPN2	(30) NCAA Basketball Big-10 Tournament (L)						Baseball Tonight (L)		SportsCenter	Jalen & Jacoby	College Basketball Jalen & Jacoby	
17	NICK	(31) Henry Danger	Henry Danger	Nicky Ricky Dicky Dawn "Go Hollywood"	★ ★ ★ The Parent Trap	(1998, Family) Dennis Quaid, Natasha Richardson, Lindsay Lohan.					Nashville "Fire and Rain"		
18	DISN	(32) Bunk'd	Bizaardvark	K.C. Undercover	Good Luck Charlie	Stuck in Middle	Good Luck Charlie	Liv and Maddie	Liv and Maddie	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Jessie	Jessie
19	FAM	(34) ★ ★ The Prince and Me (2004, Comedy) Luke Mably, Miranda Richardson, Julia Stiles.					★ ★ Because I Said So (2007, Romance) Mandy Moore, Gabriel Macht, Diane Keaton.					The 700 Club	
20	FMC	(35) Movie	(40) ★ ★ ★ Rise of the Planet of the Apes (11) Andy Serkis, James Franco.				(55) FXM Presents ★ ★ Kiss of the Dragon (2001, Action) Jet Li, Tcheky Karyo, Bridget Fonda.					Kiss of the Dragon '01) Bridget Fonda.	
21	ROO	(36) ★ ★ My Best Friend's Wedding ('97) Dermot Mulroney, Julia Roberts.				★ ★ ★ The Proposal (2009, Comedy) Ryan Reynolds, Betty White, Sandra Bullock.		★ ★ What Happens in Vegas ('08) Ashton Kutcher, Rob Corddry, Cameron Diaz.				H.S. Basketball WIAA Tournament Boys 4A Championship	
22	LIFE	(38) (4:30) H.S. Basketb. H.S. Basketball WIAA Tournament						H.S. Basketball WIAA Tournament Girls 4A Championship				H.S. Basketball WIAA Tournament Boys 4A Championship	
23	FS1	(39) Big East Bridge	NCAA Basketball Big East Tournament (L)					Big East Post	Speak for Yourself		Skip and Shannon: Undisputed Opinions on the biggest sports topics of the day.		
24	COKE	(43) (3:00) The Dark Knight Rises		Lip Sync Battle	Caraoke	★ ★ ★ The Dark Knight Rises (2012, Action) Christian Bale, Tom Hardy, Anne Hathaway.							
25	SP1M	(44) (1:15) Futurama (C50) Futurama		(20) Futurama	(55) Tosh.0 "Nerf Hoops"	★ ★ ★ Tosh.0 (C25) Tosh.0		Tosh.0	Tosh.0	South Park	South Park	The Daily Show (N) @midnight (N)	
26	HIST	(45) Swamp People "Fresh Blood"		Swamp People "Breakdown"	Swamp Blood "Vampire Gator" (N)	Swamp People "Landry vs. Landry" (N)		Swamp People "Landry vs. Landry" (N)	(05) Gangland U. "The Devil You Know"	(05) Swamp People "Breakdown"			
27	A&E	(46) The First 48 "Teardrops/Almost Home"		First 48 "Love Hate/A Soldier's Life"	The First 48 "Fatal Mistake" (N)	60 Days In "Truth or Dare" (N)		60 Days In "Truth or Dare" (N)	Nightwatch "Animal Instinct" (N)	(05) Cold Case Files			
28	TLC	(47) She's In Charge "Pooch to the Rescue"		My 600-lb Life "Angel's Story"	My 600-lb Life "Tanisha's Story"	Tanisha is desperate to survive for her kids. (N)		My 600-lb Life "Tanisha's Story"	Skin Tight "Megan and Ashley" (N)	600 Life: Supersized "Tanisha's Story"			
29	DISC	(48) Gold Rush "Golden Bombshell"		Gold Rush "Oregon Gold"	Gold Rush "Frozen Pay"	Gold Rush "King of the Klondike"		Gold Rush "King of the Klondike"	Gold Rush "Degan and Ashley" (N)	600 Life: Supersized "Tanisha's Story"			
30	NGEO	(49) Clever Monkeys		Kingdom Ape "Brother Against Brother"	Kingdom of the Apes "Clash of Kings"	Mountain Gorilla "Legend of the King"		Mountain Gorilla "Legend of the King"	Wild Congo "King Kong's Lair"	Mystery Gorillas			
31	TNT	(50) (5:00) NBA Basketball San Antonio vs Oklahoma (L)		NBA Basketball Los Angeles Lakers at Phoenix Suns Site: Talking Stick Resort Arena -- Phoenix, Ariz. (L)		Inside the NBA		Inside the NBA		NBA Basketball S.A./OKI.			
32	AMC	(51) (5:00) ★ ★ ★ Inception ('10) Leonardo DiCaprio, Ellen Page, Joseph Gordon-Levitt.		★ ★ ★ The Dark Knight (2008, Action) Heath Ledger, Aaron Eckhart, Christian Bale.								Movie	
33	FOA	(52) (5:30) ★ ★ ★ John Wick ('14) Adrianne Palicki, Keanu Reeves. ★ ★ ★ Captain America: The First Avenger (2011, Action) Hugo Weaving, Hayley Atwell, Chris Evans.								Colony "Tamam Shud" (N)		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Selfish"	
34	USA	(53) Chopped "Cooking With Bass"		Chopped "Kefir And Loathing"	Chopped "Betting on the Farm"	Chopped "Raw Deal"		Chopped "Raw Deal"	Beat Flow (N)	Beat Bobby Flow	Beat Bobby Flow	Beat Bobby Flow	
35	HGTV	(54) Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	
36	FX	(56) (4:30) ★ ★ ★ Captain America: The Winter Soldier		★ ★ ★ Iron Man 2 (2010, Action) Don Cheadle, Gwyneth Paltrow, Robert Downey Jr..					Baskets (N)	Baskets	Baskets	Iron Man 2 ('10)	
37	CNN	(57) Anderson Cooper 360		The History of Comedy (N)		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon		Comedy "Ripped from the Headlines"		CNN Newsroom	
38	CNC	(58) Tucker Carlson Tonight		Hannity		The O'Reilly Factor		Tucker Carlson Tonight		Hannity		The First 100 Days	
39	FNC	(61) Shark Tank		Super Rich (N)	Super Rich (N)	Lives-Super Rich	Lives-Super Rich	Lives-Super Rich	Lives-Super Rich	Lives-Super Rich	Lives-Super Rich	Paid Program	Paid Program
40	BRAV	(63) Atlanta "Thelma and Louise Take Flint"		Housewives Atlanta "Into the Woods"	Atlanta "If These Woods Could Talk"	Housewives Atl. "Loose Lips Sink Ships"		Housewives Atl. "Loose Lips Sink Ships"		Atlanta Social (N)		WatchWhat (N)	Beverly Hills
41	TCM	(64) (5:00) ★ ★ ★ Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?		★ ★ The V.I.P.S. (1963, Drama) Richard Burton, Louis Jourdan, Elizabeth Taylor.		(45) ★ ★ The Sandpiper (1965, Drama) Richard Burton, Charles Bronson, Elizabeth Taylor.							
42	SYFY	(65) ★ ★ Volcano (1997, Action) Anne Heche, Gaby Hoffman, Tommy Lee Jones.		★ ★ Ghost Rider (2007, Action) Eva Mendes, Wes Bentley, Nicolas Cage.									The Faculty ('98) Jordana Brewster.
43	RFD	(62) SF Machinery	Small Town	Rural America "Live" "Farmers Edge"	Steve Lantvit 2/2	Rural Eve. News	Market Journal	GA Farm Monitor	SF Machinery	Small Town		Time Life Library	