

WORLD IN BRIEF

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Congress moves to dismantle key post-crisis bank rules

WASHINGTON — Congress moved Tuesday to dismantle a chunk of the rules framework for banks, installed to prevent a recurrence of the 2008 financial crisis that brought millions of lost jobs and foreclosed homes.

The House voted 258-159 to approve legislation rolling back the Dodd-Frank law, notching a legislative win for President Donald Trump, who made gutting the landmark law a campaign promise.

The Republican-led legislation, pushed by Wall Street banks as well as regional banks and smaller institutions, garnered 33 votes from House Democrats. Similarly, the bill splintered Democrats into two camps when the Senate voted 67-31 to approve it in March.

The bill raises the threshold at which banks are deemed so big and plugged into the financial grid that if one were to fail it would cause major havoc. Those banks are subject to stricter capital and planning requirements. Backers of the legislation are intent on loosening the restraints on them, asserting that would boost lending and the economy.

The legislation is aimed at especially helping small and medium-sized banks, including community banks and credit unions. But critics argue that the likelihood of future taxpayer bailouts will be greater once it becomes law. They point to increases in banks' lending and profits since Dodd-Frank's enactment in 2010 as debunking the assertion that excessive regulation of the banking industry is stifling growth.

U.S. banks' net income climbed to \$56 billion in the January-March quarter, a 27.5 percent increase from a year earlier, as profits were revved up by the corporate tax cuts enacted late last year, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. reported Tuesday.

"This is not a bill that benefits consumers. It is a big-bank bonanza," Rep. Al Green, D-Texas, said in debate on the House floor before the vote.

Rep. Jeb Hensarling, the Texas Republican who heads the House Financial Services Committee, said Main Street banks "have been suffering for years under the weight" of the Dodd-Frank regulations. "Help is on the way," Hensarling declared. "Today is an important day in the history of economic opportunity in America."

Trump is probably eager to sign the bill. "We're going to be doing a big number on Dodd-Frank," he promised just weeks after taking office last year.

Texas school shooting suspect's father thinks he was bullied

SANTA FE, Texas — A 17-year-old student accused of fatally shooting 10 people at a Texas high school should be seen as a "victim" because he may have recently been bullied, causing him to lash out, his father said.

Antonios Pagourtzis said he wished he could have stopped the killing Friday at Santa Fe High School. His voice cracked as he described how he told police to let him inside the school so his son, Dimitrios Pagourtzis, could kill him instead. He said he suspects his son was under pressure, perhaps due to bullying.

The suspect's attorney, Nicholas Poehl, has said he is investigating whether his client endured any "teacher-on-student" bullying after reading reports of the teen being mistreated by football coaches. The school district issued a statement saying it investigated the accusations and "confirmed that these reports were untrue."

The elder Pagourtzis said his son took a legally owned shotgun and handgun from his closet before leaving for school that day. The teen didn't own firearms of his own, he said.

Dimitrios Pagourtzis is being held in the Galveston County jail on capital murder charges. Authorities say eight students and two teachers were killed in the attack, and 13 others wounded.

Antonios Pagourtzis said his son never displayed any signs that he would be capable of such violence, explaining that he didn't fight with others, didn't drink alcohol and seemed to



AP Photo/Marcio Jose Sanchez
San Francisco 49ers Eric Reid, left, and Colin Kaepernick kneel during the national anthem in 2016.

NFL owners adopt new policy to address anthem protests

ATLANTA — NFL owners approved a new policy today aimed at addressing the firestorm over national anthem protests, permitting players to stay in the locker room during the "The Star-Spangled Banner" but requiring them to stand if they come to the field.

Commissioner Roger Goodell said the change was approved unanimously by the owners at their spring meeting in Atlanta, but it was met with immediate skepticism by the players' union. "We want people to be respectful of the national anthem. We want people to stand," Goodell said.

In a sign that players were not part of the discussions, any violations of the policy would result in fines against the team — not the players.

The NFL Players Association said it will challenge any part of the new policy that violates the collective bargaining agreement.

Former San Francisco 49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick began kneeling during the national anthem in 2016, a quiet but powerful protest against police brutality and racial inequities in the justice system.

Other players took up the cause, and the gesture carried on during the 2017 season even after Kaepernick left the 49ers and failed to land a job with another team.

enjoy healthy pursuits such as working out.

"He pulled the trigger but he is not this person," he said. "It is like we see in the movies when someone gets into his body and does things that are not done. It's not possible in one day for the child to have changed so much."

He said his son told him he had acted on his own and had spared "the kids who were the good kids so they can tell his story."

Trump seethes over Russia probe, calls for end to 'spygate'

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump escalated his efforts to discredit the Russia investigation today, saying the FBI has been caught in a "MAJOR spy scandal" over its use of a secret informant to determine whether some of Trump's campaign aides were working with Russia ahead of the 2016 election.

"SPYGATE could be one of the biggest political scandals in

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history!" Trump tweeted.

Former FBI Director James Comey, who was fired by Trump last year, said the agency's use of secret informants was "tightly regulated and essential to protecting the country."

"Attacks on the FBI and lying about its work will do lasting damage to our country. How will Republicans explain this to their grandchildren?" tweeted Comey, a former Republican who now identifies as an independent.

At issue are reports that a longtime U.S. government informant approached members of Trump's campaign in a possible bid to glean intelligence on Russian efforts to sway the election.

Trump and his GOP supporters in Congress are now demanding information on the outside informant, claiming it as proof that the Obama administration was trying to spy on his Republican campaign for political reasons. The White House has negotiated rare access to classified documents for Trump's congressional allies in a briefing expected Thursday.

The president's comments came a day after he increased pressure on the Justice Department, declining to say whether he has confidence in Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein. Over the weekend, Trump demanded that the Justice Department investigate the FBI and Justice Department's handling of the Russia probe.

Pompeo: US will fight Russian interference in 2018 elections

WASHINGTON — Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said today the Trump administration will not tolerate Russian interference in the 2018 congressional midterm elections.

Pompeo told the House Foreign Affairs Committee that the administration will take "appropriate countermeasures" to fight what he called "continued efforts" by Russia to meddle in November's vote. He did not elaborate on the Russian interference or say what the countermeasures would be, but said there was much more work to be done to stop Russia's efforts.

He said the U.S. had not yet been able to establish "effective deterrence" to halt them.

The top-ranking Democrat on the committee, Eliot Engel, however, contended that the Trump administration "is giving Russia a pass" because Russian President Vladimir Putin "supported President Trump over Hillary Clinton" in the 2016 presidential election.

Russian meddling in the presidential election remains a touchy topic for President Donald Trump, as the White House tries to combat the threat posed by special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation into potential ties between Russia and the Trump campaign. Trump denies there was any collusion.

Pompeo was making his first congressional appearance since becoming top diplomat nearly a month ago, after Trump fired his predecessor, Rex Tillerson.

Pompeo was testifying on the State Department's budget, operations and policy priorities, but was asked about a wide range of issues, ranging from diplomacy with North Korea, the pullout from the Iran nuclear deal, and Russia.

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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 (N)		Jeopardy! (N)	Wheel Fortune (N)	*** Toy Story 3 (2010, Animated) Tim Allen, Tom Hanks.				Lights, Camera, Summer! (N)		KATU News (N)	(3:35) Jimmy Kimmel	
3	KOMO	(4) KOMO 4 News (N)		Wheel Fortune (N)	Jeopardy! (N)	*** Toy Story 3 (2010, Animated) Tim Allen, Tom Hanks.				Lights, Camera, Summer! (N)		KOMO 4 News (N)	(3:35) Jimmy Kimmel	
5	KING	(5) NBC News (N)	KING 5 News	KING 5 News	Evening	Law&Order: SVU "Sunk Cost Fallacy"	Law&Order: SVU "Remember Me" (N)			SVU "Remember Me Too" (SF) (N)		KING 5 News (N)	(3:35) Tonight Show	
6	KOIN	(6) KOIN Local 6 (N)	Evening News (N)	Extra	Ent. Tonight	Survivor: Ghost Island "It Is Game Time Kids" (SF) (N)				Survivor "Reunion Show" (N)		KOIN 6 News (N)	(3:35) Colbert	
7	KIRO	(7) KIRO 7 News (N)	Evening News (N)	KIRO 7 News (N)	Ent. Tonight	Survivor: Ghost Island "It Is Game Time Kids" (SF) (N)				Survivor "Reunion Show" (N)		KIRO News (N)	(3:35) Colbert	
8	KGW	(8) KGW News at 6:00 p.m. (N)		Tonight Cassidy	Inside Edition	Law&Order: SVU "Sunk Cost Fallacy"	Law&Order: SVU "Remember Me" (N)			SVU "Remember Me Too" (SF) (N)		KGW News (N)	(3:35) Tonight Show	
9	KRCW	(9) Modern Family	Modern Family	The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	Supergirl "The Fanatical"	Originals "Where You Left Your Heart"			News at 10 (N)	Friends	Two and a Half	Two and a Half	
10	KOPB	(10) Journeys in Japan	Business (N)	PBS NewsHour (N)		Nature (N)	Wonders "Can We Make Life?" (N)			Nova "Extreme Animal Weapons"		How We Got to Now "Glass"		
12	KPTV	(12) 6 O'Clock News (N)		Family Feud	Family Feud	Empire "The Empire Unpossess'd" (N)	Star "Thirty Days to Famous" (SF) (N)			10 O'Clock News (N)		News (N)	Page Six TV	
13	KPDx	(13) Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	FOX 12's News (N)	9 O'Clock News (N)			Family Guy	American Dad!	The Game	The Game 2/2	
13	KCPQ	(13) Modern Family	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Empire "The Empire Unpossess'd" (N)	Star "Thirty Days to Famous" (SF) (N)			Q13 NEWS AT 10 (N)		News (N)	The Simpsons	
20	TBS	(20) Family Guy	Family Guy	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory		Big Bang Theory	Full Frontal (N)	Conan (N)		
22	KZJL	(22) Friends	Friends	Mom	Modern Family	Mom	Modern Family	Q13 News at 9 (N)		Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Two and a Half	Two and a Half	
29	ESPN	(29) NBA Basketball Playoffs Cleveland		Cavaliers at Boston Celtics (L)		SportsCenter With Scott Van Pelt (N)		SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)		
30	ESPN2	(30) Poker 2017 World Series		Poker 2017 World Series		NBA at the Mic (L)		Around the Horn	Interruption	First Take	The hottest topics in sports are debated.			
31	NICK	(31) The Loud House	The Loud House	Thunder "Thundermans: Banished!"		** Alvin and the Chipmunks '07 David Cross, Cameron Richardson, Jason Lee.		Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	
32	DISN	(32) To Be Announced	To Be Announced	Gravity Falls	Gravity Falls	DuckTales	Gravity Falls	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	
34	FAM	(34) *** Lilo & Stitch '02	Voices of Tia Carrere, Daveigh Chase.			Famous in Love "Full Mental Jacket" (N)	*** Mulan (1998, Animated) Eddie Murphy, BD Wong, Ming-Na Wen.			The 700 Club				
35	FMC	(35) (5:00) The Other Woman	Cameron Diaz.	(1:15) ** The Other Woman (2014, Comedy)	Nikolaj Coster-Waldau, Leslie Mann, Cameron Diaz.			** The Internship (2013, Comedy) Owen Wilson, Rose Byrne, Vince Vaughn.		(5:0) FXM Presents				
36	LIFE	(36) Grey's Anatomy "Forever Young"		Little Women: LA "Sundae Funday"		Little Women: LA "Lil Panty Droppers"	Little Women: LA "Get Happy" (N)			(5:0) Little Women: LA		(5:0) Little Women: LA	"Get Happy"	
39	ROOT	(39) Mariners Access	MarinersPre-game	MLB Baseball Seattle Mariners at Oakland Athletics Site: Oakland Alameda Coliseum -- Oakland, Calif. (L)				Post-game	MLB Baseball Seattle Mariners at Oakland Athletics					
39	FS1	(39) Ultimate Fighter 27 "Break His Will"		TUF: 27 "Dig Down Deep" (N)		TUF Talk (N)	MLB Whiparound (L)			TMZ Sports (N)		Ultimate Fighter 27 "Dig Down Deep"	TUF Talk	UFC Tonight
43	SPIKE	(43) Mom	Mom	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	*** John Wick (2014, Action) Keanu Reeves.		Adrienne Palicki, Bridget Moynahan, Keanu Reeves.		The Daily Show (N)	The Opposition	
44	COM	(44) (1:15) South Park	(5:0) South Park	"Cartman Finds Love" (2:5) South Park		South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	The Daily Show (N)	The Opposition	
45	HIST	(45) American Pickers		Amer. Pickers "Tunnels and Treasures"		American Pickers	"American Dream" (N)	Amer. Pickers	"Father Picks Best" (N)	(5:0) Six "Mission Debrief" (N)		(5:0) A. Pickers "The Pickin' or the Egg"		
46	A&E	(46) Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	(5:0) Storage Wars	(3:35) Storage Wars	
47	TLC	(47) 600-lb "One Ton Family: Part Two" (N)		600-lb "One Ton Family: Part Two" (N)		My 600-lb Life "Kandi and Brandi" (SP) (N)				(5:0) Skin "Marranda and Jannet" (N)		(5:0) My 600-lb Life "Kandi and Brandi"		
48	DISC	(48) Misfit "Fired Up and Throwing Down"		Misfit Garage: Fired Up "Blaze It Up"		Misfit Garage: Fired Up		Misfit Garage	"Wires and Misfires" (N)	Sticker "Town Car, Race Car, Boat Car"		Misfit Garage	"Wires and Misfires"	
49	NGEO	(49) JFK: The Lost Bullet		Diana: In Her Own Words Princess Diana recorded interviews about her life.		Operation Royal Wedding (N)		Harry's Story		America "The Age of Outrage"				
50	TNT	(50) NCIS: New Orleans "More Now"		NCIS: New Orleans "The List"		*** Killers (2010, Action) Katherine Heigl, Tom Selleck, Ashton Kutcher.		*** Flightplan (2005, Thriller) Peter Sarsgaard, Sean Bean, Jodie Foster.		(3:35) *** The Bourne Ultimatum '07, Action) Matt Damon.				
51	AMC	(51) (5:30) *** Predators '10, Sci-Fi) Topher Grace, Laurence Fishburne, Adrien Brody.		NCIS "The Wall"		NCIS "A Bowl of Cherries"		NCIS "One Book, Two Covers"		Colony "Hospital" (N)		Modern Family	Modern Family	
52	USA	(52) NCIS "What Lies Above"		Guy's Grocery Games		Guy's Grocery Games		Guy's Game "Bigger Better Burgers" (N)		House Hunters (N)	House Hunters (N)	Boise Boys (N)		
53	FOOD	(53) Property Brothers "A Different Dream"		Property "Mistress of Her Domain"		Property Brothers		Brother vs. Brother (N)		The Americans "Jennings, Elizabeth" (N)		The Americans	The Americans	
54	HGTV	(54) (4:00) The Avengers Robert Downey Jr.,		** Furious 7 (2015, Action) Paul Walker, Jason Statham, Vin Diesel.		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon		Anderson Cooper 360		Anderson Cooper 360		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon		
57	CNN	(57) Anderson Cooper 360		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon		Anderson Cooper 360		Hannity		The Ingraham Angle		
58	FNC	(58) Hannity		The Ingraham Angle		Fox News @ Night		Tucker Carlson Tonight		Hannity		The Ingraham Angle		
61	CNBC	(61) Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank	"Top 10 Rules for Success"	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Paid Program		
63	BRV	(63) Real Housewives "Reunion Part 3" 3/3		The Real Housewives "Grief and Relief"		Real Housewives (N)		Housewives "A Frittered Friendship" (N)		Housewives "A Frittered Friendship" (N)		Watch What	Real Housewives	
64	TCM	(64) Movie	(4:45) *** After the Thin Man ('36) Myrna Loy, James Stewart, William Powell.	(4:45) *** Another Thin Man ('39, Myst) Myrna Loy, Virginia Grey, William Powell.	(4:45) *** Shadow of the Thin Man ('41) William Powell.					Krypton "The Phantom Zone" (SF) (N)		Gods of Egypt ('16, Adv) Gerard Butler.		
65	SYFY	(65) (1:15) ** Gods of Egypt (2016, Adventure)		Nikolaj Coster-Waldau, Brenton Thwaites, Gerard Butler.		The Expanse "Delta-V" (N)				Dude Ranch	Cowboy Moments	Product Showcase		
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