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## World Briefs

### Senate Moves Tax Cut Legislation to Brink of Final Passage

WASHINGTON (AP) — Jubilant Republicans pushed on early Wednesday to the verge of the most sweeping rewrite of the nation's tax laws in more than three decades, a deeply unpopular bill they insist Americans will learn to love when they see their paychecks in the new year. President Donald Trump cheered the lawmakers on, eager to claim his first major legislative victory.

After midnight, the Senate narrowly passed the legislation on a party-line 51-48 vote. Protesters interrupted with chants of "kill the bill, don't kill us" and Vice President Mike Pence repeatedly called for order. Upon passage, Republicans cheered, with Treasury Secretary Steve Mnuchin among them.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., insisted Americans would respond positively to the tax bill.

"If we can't sell this to the American people, we ought to go into another line of work," he said. Trump hailed the vote in an early morning tweet and promised a White House news conference, likely Wednesday, when the House completes legislative action on the measure.

The early morning vote came hours after the GOP rammed the bill through the House, 227-203. But it wasn't the final word in Congress because of one last hiccup.

### Cardinal Law, Central Figure in Church Abuse Scandal, Dies

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Cardinal Bernard Law, the disgraced former archbishop of Boston whose failures to stop child molesters in the priesthood sparked what would become the worst crisis in American Catholicism, died early Wednesday, the Vatican said. He was 86.

Law had been sick and was recently hospitalized in Rome.

Law was once one of the most important leaders in the U.S. church. He broadly influenced Vatican appointments to American dioceses, helped set priorities for the nation's bishops and was favored by Pope John Paul II.

But in January 2002, The Boston Globe began a series of reports that used church records to reveal that Law had transferred abusive clergy among parish assignments for years without alerting parents or police. Within months, Catholics around the country demanded to know whether their bishops had done the same.

Law tried to manage the mushrooming scandal in his own archdiocese by first refusing to comment, then apologizing and promising reform. But thousands more church records were released describing new cases of how Law and others expressed more care for accused priests than for victims. Amid a groundswell against the cardinal, including rare public rebukes from some of his own priests, Law asked to resign and the pope said yes.

### 9,000-Plus Died in Battle with Islamic State Group for Mosul

MOSUL, Iraq (AP) —



AP PHOTO/ANDREW HARNIK

From left, Senate Majority Whip Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell of Ky., Sen. John Thune, R-S.D., and Sen. John Barrasso, R-Wyo., arrive to speak to members of the media following a Senate luncheon on Capitol Hill, Dec. 19 in Washington. Republicans muscled the most sweeping rewrite of the nation's tax laws in more than three decades through the House with an expected vote in the Senate to follow.

The price Mosul's residents paid in blood to see their city freed was between 9,000 and 11,000 dead, a civilian casualty rate nearly 10 times higher than what has been previously reported. The number killed in the 9-month battle to liberate the city from the Islamic State marauders has not been acknowledged by the U.S.-led coalition, the Iraqi government or the self-styled caliphate.

But Mosul's gravediggers, its morgue workers and the volunteers who retrieve bodies from the city's rubble are keeping count.

Iraqi or coalition forces are responsible for at least 3,200 civilian deaths from airstrikes, artillery fire or mortar rounds between October 2016 and the fall of the Islamic State group in July 2017, according to an Associated Press investigation that cross-referenced independent databases from non-governmental organizations.

Most of those victims are simply described as "crushed" in health ministry reports.

The coalition, which says it lacks the resources to send investigators into Mosul, acknowledges responsibility for only 326 of the deaths.

### New Blow for Uber as Top EU Court Says It's a Taxi Company

BRUSSELS (AP) — Ride-hailing service Uber suffered a new blow Wednesday as the European Union's top court ruled that it should be regulated like a taxi company and not a technology service, a decision that could change the way it functions across many countries in the continent.

Uber, which is wrapping up a particularly punishing year, sought to play down the ruling Wednesday by the Luxembourg-based European Court of Justice. The company insisted it will try to keep expanding in Europe anyway.

The court decision could also affect other internet-based businesses, and reflects a larger dilemma about how governments should treat companies that operate online and don't fit in with traditional laws.

The decision stems from a complaint by a Barcelona taxi drivers association, which wanted to prevent Uber from setting up in the Spanish city. The taxi drivers said Uber drivers should have authorizations and licenses, and accused the company of engaging in unfair competition.

Arguing its case, San Francisco-based Uber said it should be regulated as an information services provider, because it is based on an app that connects drivers to riders.

### ENROLLMENT PROGRAM ASSISTANT LEAD COOK

Mt Hood Community College's Head Start is seeking a full-time Enrollment Program Assistant (PA) and Lead Cook (LC). PA supports management with a wide variety of administrative support functions, including project management, clerical, and enrollment duties. LC directs the daily work of on-site cook, kitchen aides and food delivery driver. More information and to apply: <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/mhcc>. Contact Anne at [anne.blumenauer@mhcc.edu](mailto:anne.blumenauer@mhcc.edu) or (503) 491-6142 with any questions.

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### SUB-BIDS REQUESTED

Grant High School Modernization  
2245 NE 36th Ave., Portland, OR

Work Pkg: #6 - Remaining Interiors  
100% CD Documents

Proposals Due: 1/5/18 by 2 PM

**Pre-Bid Walkthrough: An optional pre-bid walkthrough will be held at 2:00pm on Monday, December 18th, 2017.** Attendees should meet at the front entry of the school. All trades are welcome and encouraged to attend. Millwork and Casework bidders are highly encouraged to attend to review the refurbishment of existing millwork.

For a list of trades included in this work package, access Andersen-Colas Egnyte link listed below.

**There is an 18% minimum MWESB participation requirement, and an aspirational goal of 40%.**

**Bid Documents are available to review and download on Andersen-Colas Egnyte file:**

GHS Modernization - Work Package 6 - Remaining Interiors & School Equipment

<https://andersencloud.egnyte.com/fl/5QjJ8kKGnq>

All proposals shall be submitted through email or delivered in a sealed envelope with a flash drive containing electronic documents to the attention of Erin Storlie and David Evans at the following address:

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Portland, Oregon 97217

ATTN: Erin Storlie & David Evans

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### REQUEST FOR BIDS

Portland International Airport (PDX)  
Parking Additions and Consolidated  
Rental Car Facility (PACR)

Electrical Trade Partner

**Bids Due: 2:00pm PST, Jan. 12, 2018**

JE Dunn Construction invites written and sealed proposals for qualified Trade Partners to provide preconstruction and design-assist services for Electrical Work on the PACR project. Upon successful preconstruction participation, the intent is to award the Trade Partner a contract to furnish and install the Electrical scope of work.

A pre-proposal meeting will be held at the Port of Portland HQ, Anchor Conference Room, 7200 NE Airport Way, Portland, OR 97218 on December 13, 2017 at 10:30am PST. Any Proposal received after the specified date and time will not be considered.

A complete copy of the RFP can be obtained by emailing Robert Means at [Robert.Means@jedunn.com](mailto:Robert.Means@jedunn.com).

Proposals must be delivered to JE Dunn Construction, Attn: Robert Means, 424 NW 14th Ave, Portland, OR 97209.



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Phone: 503-978-0800

JE Dunn Construction reserves the right to select the best value response, negotiate with multiple proposers, or reject all responses. This is an Equal Opportunity and encourages Minority, Woman, Veteran, and Emerging Small Business participation.

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