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Solidarity for Charlie Hebdo



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TOP: People gather in solidarity of the victims of a terror attack against a satirical newspaper, in Paris. Masked gunmen stormed the Paris offices of a satirical newspaper Wednesday, killing 12 people, including the paper's editor, before escaping in a getaway car. LEFT: Mourners hold signs depicting victim's eyes during a rally Wednesday in support of Charlie Hebdo at Union Square in New York.

2 sought in French attack were on U.S. no-fly list

PARIS (AP) — The two French brothers wanted in the newspaper office bloodbath in Paris were already known to U.S. authorities and had been put on the American no-fly list, a senior U.S. counterterrorism official said Thursday.

Another U.S. official said the older brother, Said Kouachi, had traveled to Yemen. It was unclear whether he was there to join up with extremist groups such as al-Qaida.

The details emerged as French authorities conducted an all-out manhunt for the Kouachi brothers — Cherif, 32, and Said, 34 — in the terror attack Wednesday that killed 12 people at the offices of Charlie Hebdo, a weekly that lampooned radical Islam and the Prophet Muhammad.

They were identified as suspects after the older

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brother's ID card was found in the getaway car, authorities said.

Witnesses said the gunmen in the attack claimed allegiance to al-Qaida's offshoot in Yemen.

Boston is pick to bid for 2024 Summer Games

DENVER (AP) — U.S. Olympic leaders surprisingly cast their future with Boston, hoping a compact, college-centric bid will overshadow the city's organized protest group and convince international voters to bring the Summer Games to America after a 28-year gap.

During a daylong meeting at the Denver airport Thursday, USOC board members chose Boston, with its promise of frugality and lots of temporary and reusable venues, over Los Angeles, San Francisco and Washington.

"Today's selection by the

USOC is the beginning of an incredible opportunity for Boston," said Boston 2024 Chairman John Fish, who will be part of a celebratory news conference Friday in Boston with the USOC leadership.

Boston joins Rome as the only other city that has officially decided to bid. Germany will submit either Hamburg or Berlin, with France and Hungary among those also considering bids. The International Olympic Committee will award the Games in 2017.

America's last two attempts to land the Games resulted in embarrassments — fourth-place finishes for New York (2012) and Chicago (2016).

GOP Congress moves veto-bait bills on health care, pipeline

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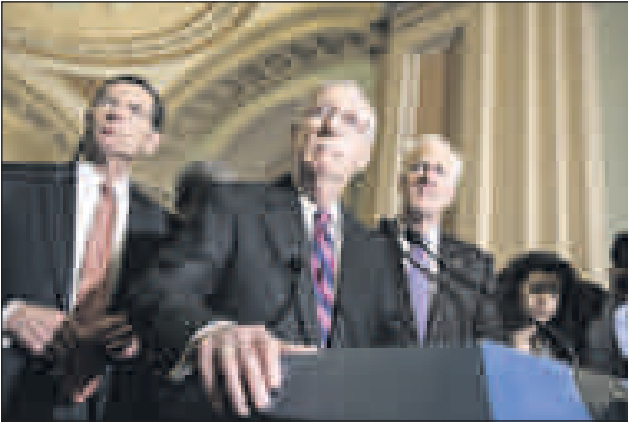
WASHINGTON — In command and ready for a fight, defiant Republicans ignored two White House veto threats and advanced bills in Congress Thursday curbing President Barack Obama's cherished health care overhaul and forcing construction on a proposed oil pipeline. The top House Democrat predicted her party would uphold both vetoes.

On the new Congress' third day of work, a Senate committee approved a measure dismantling Obama's ability to block the Keystone XL oil pipeline, which has become a flashpoint pitting the GOP's jobs agenda against Democrats' environmental concerns. The Senate planned to begin debate next week and passage there seemed likely, while the House was poised to approve its version Friday.

Meanwhile, the House approved legislation narrowing the definition of full-time workers who must be offered employer-provided health care from those working 30 hours weekly to a 40-hour minimum. The vote was a mostly party-line 252-172 — short of the 290 needed, assuming all members voted, for the two-thirds majority required to override a veto.

On both bills, GOP leaders would face uphill fights mustering the two-thirds House and Senate majorities needed to override vetoes. But both measures had some support from Democrats, and Republicans could use them to portray themselves as championing bipartisan legislation, only to be thwarted by Obama and his Democratic allies.

House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., said Democrats would sustain Obama's vetoes on both bills and said it was Repub-



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Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell of Ky., with Senate Minority Whip John Cornyn of Texas, right, and Sen. John Barrasso, R-Wyo., left, talks with reporters on Capitol Hill in Washington, Wednesday following their first GOP policy meeting since Congress reconvened yesterday.

licans who have blocked progress.

She said Democrats would uphold a promised Obama veto on a third measure rolling back some regulations on the financial industry enacted after the 2008 economic crash. That bill fell short in the House this week but is expected to pass on a re-vote next week.

Obama's 2010 health care law, a perennial GOP target, is phasing in a requirement that companies with more than 50 full-time workers offer health care coverage or face penalty payments to the government.

Backed by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and other business groups, Republicans say defining full-time employees as those working at least 30 hours is pressuring firms to save money by cutting workers' hours and diminishing the number of full-time jobs.

House Republicans say boosting the standard to 40 hours would protect those workers and named their bill the "Save American Workers Act." They cite a study by the conservative Hoover Institution saying that 2.6 million workers are at risk of having their hours reduced by the 30-hour minimum, including dis-

proportionately high numbers of female, low-income, younger and less-educated workers.

"You say you care about low-income workers, about working women and small businesses?" House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy, R-Calif., taunted Obama. "Show it and sign this bill."

The White House and Democrats, with support from labor and liberal groups, mock the measure as the latest attempt by Republicans to scuttle Obama's health care law. The House has voted more than 50 times to repeal or roll back parts of that law since Republicans took control of the chamber in 2011.

"I'm still trying to figure out what they're trying to save American workers from. Good health care?" said Rep. Gerald Connolly, D-Va., mocking the GOP's name for the bill.

Twelve Democrats joined all 240 voting Republicans in voting for the bill.

The measure's fate is less clear in the Senate, where majority Republicans will need at least six Democratic votes to get the 60 needed to overcome Democratic delaying tactics. Senate GOP leaders have not said when the bill will be debated.

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