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With the Senate evenly split between 50 Republicans and 48 Democrats and two Independents aligned with the Democratic party, any party-line votes that end in a tie would be broken by Harris. As this new era dawns, a few updates:

Bentz going to inauguration

New U.S. Rep. Cliff Bentz, R-Ontario, said Monday he will attend Biden's inauguration. The move comes after Bentz was among Republicans who challenged the validity of some Electoral College votes cast for Biden. But Bentz said that while he wished for a different outcome on the election, he accepts the final reality. "Particularly necessary is the need to remind all Americans that our political process — while imperfect — works," Bentz said. "It is the best system we have, and violent actions to undermine it are illegal, ineffective, and unnecessary. We must prove that there are viable political solutions and that by working together we can achieve them."

McConnell blames Trump for violence in Capitol

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Kentucky, said Tuesday that Trump and his allies in Congress invited the violent attack on the Capitol by refusing to turn off the flood of bogus claims that victory could be won by pressuring lawmakers and Vice President Mike Pence. "The mob was fed lies," McConnell said in a Senate floor speech. "They were provoked by the president and other powerful people, and they tried to use fear and violence to stop a specific proceeding of the first branch of the federal government, which they did not like."

Violence no, questions yes

Bentz has sought in the days since the riot at the Capitol to put distance between his actions that day and what was going on outside. "The tragic events that took place at the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021, reflect what happens when individuals and groups decide to resort to violence to achieve power," Bentz said in a statement. "The outcome was disastrous. Violence against our democratic republic should not be tolerated." While criticizing the rioters, Bentz said he stood by his decision to raise questions about the Electoral College vote in Pennsylvania. Where state and federal officials and courts found nothing of substance worth of action, Bentz believed the letter of the voting law was not followed. What's more, some of Bentz's constituents in Oregon had been convinced by Trump that their congressman needed to get involved in the

way Pennsylvania officials ran their election. Bentz has called for a commission to look into the handling of votes as a way to get answers. "This means addressing the widespread perception, right or wrong, that our elections systems aren't working as well as they should," Bentz said. House Democrats say the idea of a commission just prolongs and validates a myth — one that led to violence against institutions of democracy.

Oregon power

Two Oregonians will chair two of the most significant committees in Congress during the new session. U.S. Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., will become chair of the Senate Finance Committee, which is a key stepping stone to getting economic recovery bills through the legislative pipeline. U.S. Rep. Peter DeFazio, D-Ore., will continue as chair of the House Transportation Committee at a time when Biden is expected to call for a major infrastructure building and repair effort.

Wyden says yes to Yellen

Though Trump is president through noon, the Senate is getting a jump on hearings for Biden's key appointments that need Senate approval. The Senate Finance Committee held its first hearing to confirm Janet Yellen as the Secretary of the Treasury for the incoming Biden administration. Yellen had previously chaired the Federal Reserve Board. Her prescription for the economy is aggressive stimulus to keep businesses and workers from sinking.

"It's critically important to act now," Yellen said. Wyden said Yellen was ready to help Americans with up to \$2,000 in direct payments and enhanced unemployment benefits. "Workers of modest incomes are facing Great Depression-level joblessness," Wyden said. "The good news is, Chair Yellen is exactly the right person to lead the Treasury Department through these big economic challenges. Yellen also wants to fix "the tattered patchwork" of state unemployment systems. Wyden reiterated his plan to have government benefits continue until the economy hits recovery markers, instead of having arbitrary deadlines. "Key economic lifelines — expired, extended, expired, extended. Congress cannot go on with this 'snooze button legislating,'" Wyden said. "Our workers and our economy need a government that's reliable and predictable. That means the Congress needs to tether the extension of unemployment benefits to economic conditions on the ground with automatic triggers." ■ gwamer@eomediagroup.com

No Mall crowd, no Pennsylvania Avenue stroll, and other ways Biden inauguration will differ



On Tuesday, the day before the presidential inauguration, troops on guard on the east side of the Capitol move to a different position in Washington, D.C. Carolyn Cole/ Los Angeles Times

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WASHINGTON — President-elect Joe Biden's inauguration will look like no other thanks to a once-in-a-century pandemic, security fears triggered by the worst raid on the U.S. Capitol since 1814 and a boycott by the sitting U.S. president. There won't be the usual 200,000 special guests watching on packed grandstands at the Capitol, with hundreds of thousands more flag-waving Americans filling the National Mall to bear witness. Rather, 12-foot fences topped with razor wire encircle a Capitol grounds being guarded by 25,000 National Guard troops in preparation for a potential second attack. The National Mall is largely off-limits to vehicles and pedestrians, and 200,000 American flags have been planted in memory of the nearly 400,000 Americans who have died from the virus. Huge swaths of downtown Washington have been barricaded and are restricted to residents only. Only about 1,000 members of Congress, governors and their guests — all tested for COVID-19 in the days before being admitted — will be physically present to watch Biden and Vice President-elect Kamala Harris take the oath of office on the West Front of the Capitol. Some elected leaders grappling with the rampaging spread of COVID back home, like California Gov. Gavin Newsom, will not attend. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., stressed that the smaller crowd is result of the pandemic, not the Jan. 6 attack. "This was always going to be small. Now with the insurrection... it is necessitated by security to have more security. But it hasn't changed the nature of the swearing-in. I think it's important for people to know that. This is not a concession to the terrorists. It is a recognition of the danger of COVID," Pelosi told reporters last week. The ceremony will be livestreamed, with pre-recorded video remarks in-

serted at various points. Some of the trappings that Americans are used to seeing at an inauguration will remain. Pop star Lady Gaga will sing the national anthem, and singer Jennifer Lopez will perform. Los Angeles native Amanda Gorman, the country's first National Youth Poet Laureate, will read a poem. Biden will give an inaugural address. But there will be no parade down Pennsylvania Avenue as the new president travels the mile to take residence at the White House, including what has become a traditional short walk for a portion of the trip by the president and first lady. Instead, Biden will receive a military escort for the few blocks to the White House and a virtual parade will be pieced together from events occurring across the country, including live performances in Washington by the University of Delaware Drumline and the Howard University Drumline — alma maters of Biden and Harris, respectively — several military bands. There will be less pomp. No luncheon in the Capitol rotunda with representatives and senators. Most members of the House and Senate and their guests will not even be allowed inside the Capitol while Biden is present. Wednesday evening there will be no inaugural balls. Instead, actor Tom Hanks will hold a 90-minute television special called "Celebrating America" that will feature musical acts and remarks from both Biden and Harris. It cannot be the inauguration Biden dreamed about in his multiple bids for president. Security concerns prevented him from riding the train from Delaware to Washington, as he'd hoped, a nod to his decades commuting from Delaware to the U.S. Senate on Amtrak. The smiling faces of family and supporters that surround him will be masked and socially distanced. There will be far fewer of the congratulatory hand shakes, back slaps and hugs,

something understandably hard for Biden, a notoriously tactile man. Also missing will be the small niceties between the outgoing and incoming presidents that have become tradition. "The traditions are such that presidents take it as part of their solemn responsibility to ensure a smooth transition of power," said Russell Riley, presidential historian at the University of Virginia. "We're in a very different environment now." After months of denying the reality of the 2020 election results and just days after being impeached a second time, President Donald Trump is expected to leave Washington before the inaugural ceremony begins. While Biden was invited to stay in Blair House, the president's guest house in the White House complex, Trump hasn't invited his successor to the White House that morning for coffee and a tour. It's uncertain whether Trump will leave a private note of encouragement for Biden in the Oval Office's resolute desk like the one he himself received from President Barack Obama, and Obama received from George W. Bush, his predecessor. Trump will also break with 150 years of precedent by not joining other past presidents at the Capitol to witness the transfer of power. "President Trump's absence communicates absolutely the wrong message," Riley said, undermining confidence in the way the country elects its leaders. Vice President Mike Pence has said he plans to attend the Capitol festivities, meaning he will be the representative of the former administration. Missing will be usual images of the new first couple bidding goodbye to the outgoing first couple as they board a helicopter back to their lives as private citizens. Biden and former Presidents Obama, Bush and Bill Clinton will take part in laying a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery that afternoon.

Oregon

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Portland police will work with the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office in Portland, while state police are expected to concentrate on the state Capitol in Salem. Federal Protective Services officers and U.S. Homeland Security agents will work to safeguard federal buildings from the Mark O. Hatfield United States Courthouse in downtown Portland to the U.S. Customs and Immigration Enforcement field office in the south waterfront. FBI agents will continue to share intelligence with local and state police agencies and help investigate any crimes. The Oregon National Guard has been activated and will be sent out as necessary in the case of civil unrest, according to the governor's office. Portland police said Tuesday they know of no specific threat of violence, but local, state and federal law enforcement remain on heightened alert in the wake of the siege at the U.S. Capitol two weeks ago. Portland Police Chief Chuck Lovell urged demonstrators to stay peaceful. The Police Bureau, the chief said, will work to deter opposing groups from feuding in the city's streets and try to prevent violence and property damage

in the city, though the bureau hasn't had a lot of success in doing either in the past year. "Criminal activity will be addressed as swiftly as resources allow," Lovell said in a statement. "People who engage in criminal activity are subject to arrest, especially those whose actions degrade the overall tenor of an otherwise peaceful gathering. Arrests may happen at the time crimes occur," he said. "Portland Police will aggressively pursue criminals, investigate crimes and make arrests days or even weeks later if necessary." The Police Bureau's goals for Wednesday and any upcoming protests are, Lovell said, are to protect people's constitutional right to assembly and free speech; maintain peace, protect life and respond to acts that threaten life; prevent or stop violence and prevent or stop property damage; discourage opposing groups from converging to prevent violence; ensure follow-up investigation of criminal behavior. In Salem, city police will assist Oregon State Police outside the Capitol and Capitol Mall, said Salem Police Lt. Treven Upkes. Salem police will activate the department's mobile response team, which handles crowd management. The department brought in extra patrol officers to work and will have Marion

County sheriff's deputies available for any response, Upkes said. The department's SWAT team also will be available if needed, he said. Salem police don't have a lot of information about what to expect, Upkes said, noting that most of the demonstrations publicized are happening Wednesday in Portland. "We're ready though," Upkes said. In Portland, an amorphous group of anti-government demonstrators has advertised an afternoon J20 protest starting at 2 p.m. at Revolution Hall with a poster showing a capitol building in flames and decrying police, "the state," and "Biden." Past calls to gather have ended in extensive property damage — smashed windows and other vandalism — in downtown and along shopping districts elsewhere in the city. A separate group has advertised a Rally to Inaugurate Justice from 4 to 7 p.m. at Irving Park with a to-do list that includes defunding police, coronavirus relief, Medicare for all and immigration protections. The FBI will provide agents, bomb technicians, an evidence response team, tactical units and intelligence units to support investigations and work to counter any threats the Oregon Capitol, federal buildings or individuals, according to Ore-

gon's new FBI agent in charge Kieran Ramsey and now-retired Agent Renn Cannon. Nationwide, 99 federal prosecutions had been filed as of Tuesday against people tied to the Jan. 6 takeover of the U.S. Capitol. No one from Oregon at this point has been charged in the U.S. capitol siege. Every level of law enforcement and the National Guard are "working around the clock here in Washington, D.C., to provide safety and security for

Inauguration Day," Acting U.S. Attorney General Jeffrey A. Rosen said in a statement. In addition, Rosen said, "federal, state, and local law enforcement all around the country are doing the same in our state capitols and government buildings across all fifty states." "As Americans, we all should seek to have a safe and peaceful Inauguration Day, and if we hold fast to our country's Constitution and traditions, we will," he said.

Henry (Hank) Allmand

January 14, 1936 - December 22, 2020

Henry (Hank) Allmand of Redmond Oregon went to Heaven on 12-22-20. He passed away from Leukemia. Hank was a minister well known throughout Oregon, serving as a minister at churches in Roseburg, Springfield and Redmond. Hank was preceded in death by his first wife of 46 years Connie Allmand, daughter Vickie Allmand and grand daughter Tonya Allmand. He is survived by second wife Jacqueline Allmand, 4 children, Henry Allmand III, Kimie McIlwain, Tammy Burkley, Cathy Loeks. 20 Grand children and a fleet of great grand children. Hank was an avid hunter and fisherman and well known in the Redmond community for his joyous attitude and love

DEATH NOTICES

Stella Mae Cook of Bend, OR
May 03, 1928 - Jan 12, 2021
Arrangements: Niswonger-Reynolds Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. 541-382-2471 Please visit the online registry for the family at www.niswonger-reynolds.com
Services: Graveside Services will be held at 1:00pm on Wednesday January 20, 2021 at Deschutes Memorial Gardens 63875 N. Hwy 97 Bend Or. 97701. *Contributions may be made to:* A charity of your choice

Betty L. Ivancovich of Bend, OR
November 28, 1934 - January 13, 2021
Arrangements: Autumn Funerals, Bend 541-318-0842 www.autumnfunerals.net
Services: At her request, there will be no services

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