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HURRY UP AND WAIT: House lawmakers will vote today on short-term FAA extension that would last through March. Six months was the minimum length that the Transportation Committee's top Democrat, [Peter DeFazio](#) (D-Ore.), [said](#) he would back. And Senate Commerce Chairman [John Thune](#) (R-S.D.) also favored a stopgap lasting this long. The House [bill](#) includes language related to [private flood insurance](#), expiring health programs and [tax breaks](#) for those affected by hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria.

Losing steam? At least two House Republicans have [said](#) they would vote "no" on an extension because, in their view, it would merely hand Rep. [Bill Shuster](#) (R-Pa.) a few more months to keep selling his air traffic control proposal. But on Friday, one of those lawmakers, Rep. [Ralph Abraham](#) (R-La.), changed his tone a bit - "I will read the bill that's been proposed and determine whether it is the best path forward at this time," he said in a statement. "However, I still maintain that we ultimately need a long-term FAA authorization that does not place control of our nation's skies in the hands of a corporate board."

The question now: Will the attachment of the flood insurance, public health and tax provisions affect the overall bill in any way? (Smart money says no, at least not in the House, considering the bill will be considered under a procedure typically reserved for non-controversial bills.)

READY FOR A BUSY WEEK? Thanks for tuning in to POLITICO's Morning Transportation, your daily tipsheet on all things trains, planes, automobiles and ports. A lot is going on this week, so be sure to keep up with your favorite transportation-policy-reporting quintet: [@brigurciullo](#), [@Gardner_LM](#), [@TSnyderDC](#), [@Steph_Beasley](#) and [@kathrynwolfe](#). Send tips, feedback and lyrics for MT to me at bgurciullo@politico.com.

"And I promise I'll see you on the other side / We'll get high and go out for another ride."

GET LISTENING: Follow MT's [playlist](#) on Spotify. What better way to start your day than with songs (picked by us and readers) that are all about flying, driving, commuting and sailing?

BREAKING LAST NIGHT: A series of travel limitations for individuals from eight nations will take the place of President Donald Trump's travel ban, POLITICO's Josh Gerstein and Ted Hesson report. Those countries are Chad, Iran, Libya, North Korea, Somalia, Syria, Venezuela and Yemen. (The administration took Sudan off its list of countries, while adding Chad, North Korea and Venezuela.) "Existing visa-holders are exempt, and waivers will remain available for travelers with U.S. ties, although those exemptions appear to be narrowed in the new directive," Josh and Ted write. More [here](#).

IT'S OFFICIAL: DOT has given Norwegian U.K. final permission to fly to the United States, according to an order served Friday. The Air Line Pilots Association, Allied Pilots Association and Southwest Airlines Pilots' Association, concerned about Norwegian U.K.'s labor practices, were fighting against the airline's application for a foreign air carrier permit. The groups mounted a similar case against fellow Norwegian Air Shuttle subsidiary Norwegian Air International, which secured a permit in late 2016. "The Labor Parties have offered no arguments not already considered, and rejected, by the Department," DOT said in the final order for Norwegian U.K.

DENIED: After London's transit authority shot down Uber's bid for a new operating license, the company hinted it would be willing to change how it runs its business, POLITICO Europe's Joshua Posaner reports. Transport for London found that Uber wasn't "fit and proper to hold a private hire operator license" and lacked "corporate responsibility." London's mayor, Sadiq Khan, is standing behind TfL's decision to let the company's current license expire. Uber can keep operating while it appeals the decision. It also started a petition over the issue that so far has over 700,000 signatures.

The big picture: "European countries and cities have one-by-one outlawed one form or another of Uber's ride-booking services," Nicholas Hirst and Joshua report. "This latest blow for the California giant in Europe raises more doubts about the viability of its business model on this side of the Atlantic. ... To boot, Friday's decision by London is the latest indication that the company's bullish and brash corporate culture - which recently led to the ouster of Travis Kalanick, the company's founder - is hurting the company's global expansion plans."

NO PRESSURE, BUT ... As a Jan. 1 deadline looms, rail companies are hurrying to phase out their non-jacketed DOT-111 tanker cars. As Tanya reports for Pros, companies more often use DOT-111s to carry flammable liquids than any other railcar, by far. But PHMSA has ordered "non-jacketed" DOT-111s out of service by the start of the new year. Rail companies can retrofit DOT-111s to the specifications of DOT-117s, which "have an insulated layer, a fully protected head shield and protected top fittings and bottom valves that can't break off," Tanya writes. Only DOT-117s and retrofitted tankers will legally be able to carry flammable liquids by 2029.

SO CLOSE: TSA's intelligence office still isn't running as smoothly as it could be despite the agency making several improvements in the past year, according to a new report from the DHS inspector general. Among other grievances, intelligence agents said they weren't receiving training before starting their jobs and that there was no clear process for sharing information among divisions. Steph's got all the details for Pros here.

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THIS WEEK:

Tuesday - The House Homeland Security Transportation and Protective Security Subcommittee holds a hearing on aviation security. FTA's Vincent Valdes and HNTB Corporation's Diana Mendes talk about "what the future may hold for our nation's cities." The House Transportation Water Resources and Environment Subcommittee holds a hearing on water infrastructure. DOT and the American Association of Port Authorities hold a webinar on the TIGER and INFRA grant programs.

Wednesday - D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser, Sen. Ben Cardin (D-Md.) and Virginia Gov. Terry McAuliffe speak at the annual Capital Region Business Forum. The Owner-Operator Independent Drivers Association and other groups hold a news conference to push for a delay to the ELD mandate. Sens. John Thune (R-S.D.) and Amy Klobuchar (D-Minn.) speak at a 3M event about connected and self-driving cars. The Transportation Research Board holds a webinar on "integrating goods and services movement in smart growth environments." The Senate Commerce Committee holds a hearing on Howard "Skip" Elliott's nomination to be PHMSA administrator.

Thursday - The Institute for Defense and Government Advancement begins a conference called Patrol Boats and Cutters 2017. The Senate Commerce Aviation Subcommittee holds a hearing on TSA.

GOING BACK TO COMMERCIAL: Tom Price said over the weekend that he would no longer take official business trips on charter planes while the Department of Health and Human Services' inspector general investigates the situation. "POLITICO has now identified more than \$400,000 in charter jet spending for Price's travels since May," Dan Diamond reports. HHS says Price started flying aboard charter planes after he couldn't make an event because his commercial flight was delayed. But the delay was caused by weather, which grounded charter planes as well, Dan reports.

HOW'S THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN COMING? Trump administration officials are making progress behind closed doors, but it's "been a little more, shall we say, hectic than even some of the most recent administrations, and a little less predictable," said Marcia Hale, the president of Building America's Future. "You always know with this administration that things could change quickly, or policies could change quickly, or allegiances could change quickly," she said. "So you just go with the flow." Our colleagues have the story on how businesses are grappling with Trump's shifting positions, or lack of a position, in a bunch of different policy areas.

FOR YOUR RADAR: Trump is expected to deliver an address on overhauling the U.S. tax code in Indiana on Wednesday. Also on Wednesday, Trump administration officials and GOP leaders in Congress will roll out their general proposal for a tax overhaul, POLITICO's Nancy Cook reports.

FOR THOSE ABOUT TO ROCK... The National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association is on the Hill this week with over 250 folks sitting down with lawmakers to advocate for "a permanent solution to the Highway Trust Fund shortfall," among other asks. Reps. DeFazio, Sam Graves (R-

Mo.), [Jeff Denham](#) (R-Calif.), [Rodney Davis](#) (R-Ill.), [Bob Gibbs](#) (R-Ohio) and others will speak to the group.

MT MAILBAG: Washington Gov. Jay Inslee wants the Senate to keep any plan to split air traffic control operations from the federal government out of its FAA bill. In a [letter](#) sent late last week, the Democratic governor wrote that he is worried about how such a change would affect safety as well as general aviation and rural areas. "With the support of the U.S. Congress, the FAA has made billions of dollars in investments to modernize the air traffic control system," Inslee wrote to Sens. Thune, [Bill Nelson](#) (D-Fla.), [Patty Murray](#) (D-Wash.) and [Maria Cantwell](#) (D-Wash.). "We should continue on that path, while maintaining the strong Congressional oversight that now exists."

Throwback: Oregon Gov. Kate Brown sent a [letter](#) in the summer to Shuster, DeFazio, Aviation Subcommittee Chairman Rep. [Frank LoBiondo](#) (R-N.J.) and ranking member Rep. [Rick Larsen](#) (D-Wash.) making similar points. The Democrat wrote that she is "especially concerned about the cost and impact on the 97 public use airports, eight Contract Air Traffic Control Towers and thousands of commercial and recreational users of the airspace here in Oregon."

THE AUTOBAHN:

- "Budget bus lines flout the rules with little consequence." [The New York Times](#).
- "Berliners back call for city's Tegel Airport to stay open." [The Associated Press](#).
- "China's travel growth to outpace U.S. over next decade." [Bloomberg Businessweek](#).
- "1st cruise ship since Irma docks in Key West." [The Associated Press](#).
- "Michelin wants to reinvent the wheel for the driverless age." [The Verge](#).
- "Lufthansa seen offering to pay 200 million euros for Air Berlin assets: source." [Reuters](#).
- "Energy entrepreneur hopes to bring commuter rail to Vermont." [The Associated Press](#).
- "We tried all four of D.C.'s dockless bike-share systems. Here's our review." [The Washington Post](#).
- "'We have them on their knees': 350 pilots at Ryanair urged to join union." [The Irish Independent](#).
- "Turnpike, Parkway rest stop makeovers evoking mixed feelings." [The Associated Press](#).

THE COUNTDOWN: DOT appropriations run out in 75 days. The FAA reauthorization expires in 6 days. Highway and transit policy is up for renewal in 1,102 days.

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