

familiar with the situation. ... Thursday is the National Day of Prayer, and the White House was already planning to celebrate the occasion with faith leaders. The signing would represent a major triumph for Vice President Mike Pence-whose push for religious-freedom legislation backfired mightily when he served as governor of Indiana and his allies in the conservative movement. The original draft order, which would have established broad exemptions for people and groups to claim religious objections under virtually any circumstance, was leaked to The Nation on Feb. 1."

<http://politi.co/2qxkYJ8>

TRUMP INC. -- "While in White House, Trumps remained selling points for 'very special' Philippines project," by WaPo's Drew Harwell and Matea Gold: "Investors looking to buy a condo at Trump Tower in the Philippines would have found, until this week, some high-powered video testimonials on the project's official website. There was Donald Trump, in a message filmed several years before he was elected president of the United States, declaring that the skyscraper bearing his name near the Philippine capital would be 'something very, very special, like nobody's seen before.' ... Four months into President Trump's tenure, his business relationship with a developer who is one of the Philippines' richest and most powerful men has emerged as a prime example of the collision between the private interests of a businessman in the White House and his public responsibility to shape U.S. foreign policy."

<http://wapo.st/2pvLl3P>

BUSINESS BURST -- "Fed Rate Rise Unlikely Wednesday, but Possible June Move in Focus," by WSJ's Harriet Torrey: <http://on.wsj.com/2p4u5PG>

HMM -- "NSA collected Americans' phone records despite law change: report," by Reuters' Mark Hosenball: "The U.S. National Security Agency collected more than 151 million records of Americans' phone calls last year, even after Congress limited its ability to collect bulk phone records, according to an annual report issued on Tuesday by the top U.S. intelligence officer. The report from the office of Director of National Intelligence Dan Coats was the first measure of the effects of the 2015 USA Freedom Act, which limited the NSA to collecting phone records and contacts of people U.S. and allied intelligence agencies suspect may have ties to terrorism. It found that the NSA collected the 151 million records even though it had warrants from the secret Foreign Intelligence Surveillance court to spy on only 42 terrorism suspects in 2016, in addition to a handful identified the previous year." <http://reut.rs/2pXdthC> ... **The**

report <http://bit.ly/2pXmfMA>

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CLIMATE WATCH -- "Push to remain in Paris climate deal hits legal snags," by Andrew Restuccia and Eric Wolff: "President Donald Trump's top White House lawyer is raising concerns about the legal ramifications of the U.S. remaining in the Paris climate change agreement, sources familiar with the discussions told POLITICO, a development that could bode ill for the campaign by several top administration advisers to remain in the landmark accord. White House counsel Don McGahn raised the concerns during a pair of closed-door meetings over the last week, the sources said, although they added that he has not yet made a formal recommendation to the president and his stance isn't set in stone. Trump has said he plans to make a decision in the coming weeks, in what has become a symbolic debate about how far he will push his 'America First' agenda despite potential blowback from U.S. allies."

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ANOTHER SPECIAL ELECTION COMPLICATION -- "Democrat gets head start in deep-red special election to replace Mulvaney," by Kevin Robillard: "The Republican primary for Mick Mulvaney's old House seat will go another two weeks after the candidates forced a special-election runoff Tuesday night, giving Democrat Archie Parnell a head start in his long-shot bid to make a conservative stretch of South Carolina competitive." <http://politi.co/2pX3AAr>

ACELA CORRIDOR NEWS -- BOOK YOUR SHUTTLES! -- "Amtrak's Plan for Penn Station Repairs Calls for 44 Days of Closed Tracks," by NYT's Patrick McGeehan: "A summer of misery could follow this springtime of discontent for commuters who pass through Pennsylvania Station in Manhattan, judging by Amtrak's preliminary plan for extensive track repairs at the station. The plan, a copy of which was obtained by The New York Times, calls for the closing of tracks for two long stretches that would last for nearly three weeks in July and almost the entire month of August. Amtrak has shared the plan with the two commuter railroads with which it shares Penn Station: New Jersey Transit and the Long Island Rail Road.

"Officials of the three railroads are meeting this week to devise a final schedule for the work, but there is no doubt that travel will be disrupted. Penn Station is the