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*With help from Tanya Snyder, Stephanie Beasley and Mary Lee*

**EXTENSION TENSION:** A floor vote on the House FAA bill is on the schedule for next Wednesday or Thursday, House Transportation Chairman Bill Shuster (R-Pa.) told reporters. But pass or fail, Congress will need to clear an extension, which Shuster blamed Thursday on the upper chamber. "The Senate hasn't done anything," he said. The Senate's FAA bill (S. 1405 (115)) was approved by committee at the end of June, a couple days after Shuster's committee did the same with his bill (H.R. 2997 (115)). Neither bill has yet to receive floor consideration.

**Details, details:** Senate Commerce Chairman John Thune (R-S.D.) said he'd like to see an extension around three to six months long, but House lawmakers could push for something on the shorter side. Rep. Sam Graves (R-Mo.) said Thursday he is expecting a clean extension with no riders.

**Moving along:** The House Transportation Committee submitted its report to accompany the FAA bill and it was put on the Union Calendar on Wednesday.

**GAUNTLET THROWN:** The American Conservative Union Foundation has called on Shuster to withdraw his FAA bill and "start from scratch" because his air traffic control proposal doesn't align with the group's "Seven Principles of Privatization." (Note: Shuster doesn't actually claim his plan is "privatization.") ACUF's analysis found that DOT would retain too much control under Shuster's proposal and that the new corporate entity in charge of air traffic control operations wouldn't be open to outside ownership or investment. Tanya has more for Pros.

**DEM SIGNS ONTO SHUSTER'S BILL:** This week, the House FAA bill got its third Democratic co-sponsor: Rep. Vicente Gonzalez of Texas. "You're talking about updating our towers," Gonzalez told MT when asked about his co-sponsorship. "I think we need to catch up with the rest of the world. Europe and Canada have already done it, and I think it will make air travel safer." Gonzalez said Shuster didn't reach out to him personally about the bill but that Shuster did make an appearance at a meeting of Blue Dog Democrats, which helped convince him to support the legislation.

**LET'S GET OUT OF HERE:** Thanks for tuning in to POLITICO's Morning Transportation - your daily tipsheet on all things trains, planes, automobiles and ports - where your host doesn't know what she will do Sunday night without a new episode of "Game of Thrones" airing. Be sure to send tips, feedback and lyrics to bgurciullo@politico.com or @brigurciullo.

"There's a dream that strings the road / With broken glass for us to hold / And I cut so far before I had to say / Please, please tell me now / Is there something I should know." (h/t Mike Liptak at

the Travel Technology Association)

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**IT'S ALL ABOUT THE HE SAYS, SHE SAYS:** House Transportation Committee Republicans and Dems are using two newly released reports as cudgels in their battle over air traffic control. As Tanya [wrote](#) for Pros, Republicans are highlighting a new [report](#) from DOT's inspector general, which says the FAA's management of a \$1.8 billion contract for the installation of Automatic Dependent Surveillance Broadcast (ADS-B) - a big component of NextGen - has some gaps when it comes to accountability. Republicans say the report is evidence of the agency's "poor" and "ineffective" management of NextGen.

**And in this corner ...** Dems are showcasing a [GAO report](#), also publicly released Thursday, that indicates the FAA's implementation of NextGen is on track and on budget. The report says the FAA "has taken actions to address challenges to implementation," and that ongoing issues - like funding levels and a possible spinoff - are outside the agency's control. NextGen has already improved surface traffic operations at 39 of the 40 busiest airports in the nation, according to the report, and the FAA has done a better job consulting with key groups and implementing other GAO recommendations.

**LET'S TALK GATEWAY:** President Donald Trump met with New York and New Jersey politicians Thursday to talk Gateway, but it mostly seemed to be a listening session. New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo described the sit-down as "productive" but "inconclusive." "The leaders from New York and New Jersey reiterated that construction of new passenger rail tunnels under the Hudson is not only urgent, but critical for the entire northeast region and long overdue," the Democratic governor said. The Obama administration, Cuomo pointed out in his statement, had agreed to pay for half the project. POLITICO New York's Dana Rubinstein has more [here](#).

**The other attendees:** Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao, White House Chief of Staff John Kelly, OMB Director Mick Mulvaney, National Economic Council Director Gary Cohn, Senate Minority Leader [Chuck Schumer](#) (D-N.Y.), Sen. [Kirsten Gillibrand](#) (D-N.Y.), Sen. [Cory Booker](#) (D-N.J.), Gov. Chris Christie (R-N.J.) and a dozen House members from New York and New Jersey, per the White House.

**What the White House had to say:** "The expense of the program, which approaches \$30 billion, will require a strong partnership to deliver these nine projects in a cost-effective manner by streamlining the permitting process, using innovative procurement techniques, and being creative in the funding and financing of the program."

**IN THE LEAD:** Trump may be [going slow](#) in picking a new DHS chief, but House Homeland

Security Chairman Michael McCaul(R-Texas) appears to be the leading contender for the job right now, POLITICO's Eliana Johnson and Anna Palmer report . Hurricanes Harvey and Irma have brought "increased urgency" to the process of choosing a replacement for John Kelly. And the Texas Republican, "who was considered for the same post during the transition, is eager to serve in the administration, according to people familiar with his thinking," Eliana and Anna write.

**NOT QUITE TURKISH DELIGHT:** DHS is mandating more advanced security measures for cargo flights from Turkey, though the agency said that Turkey had already applied the new procedures voluntarily. A TSA spokesman told Stephanie that the agency's new directive would simply codify the security enhancements already in place for cargo flights originating from Turkey and would not affect other countries. The move comes after ISIS attempted to bomb an Australian passenger plane using parts shipped from Turkey, although TSA would not confirm that the directive was being issued in response to that incident specifically.

**\*\* A message from Citizens for On Time Flights:** America invented aviation, yet our Air Traffic Control System is a World War II relic. This costs you time and money. After decades of falling behind, Congress must lead us forward. Tell your Member of Congress to seize this chance to modernize America's ATC system. Visit OnTimeFlights.org to be heard. \*\*

**SEPARATE, BUT RELATED:** In terms of passenger aviation, airlines seem to be on track to completing all phases of a new security regime by next month, DHS spokesman David Lapan told reporters Thursday. "I checked with TSA this morning and everything is going according to plan," he said. "They haven't identified any problem areas with implementing the security measures. They continue, though, to work with airlines and airports on those, so that could change at any time."

**COLGAN FAMILIES MOBILIZING:** Friends and family of those who died in a 2009 regional jet crash outside Buffalo, N.Y., are gearing up to push against what they say is another attempt by regional airlines to water down pilot training rules enacted as a direct result of the crash. This time, the families are angry about an Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee chartered in April to review and make recommendations for regulations that are "good candidates for repeal, replacement or modification." In a statement, the families said Thursday that they are expecting one of those recommendations could "allow the regional airlines and their lobbyists to bypass the legislative process where they have run into considerable resistance in their attempt to water down strict new qualification requirements for new-hire first officers at the regional airline level that were unanimously enacted by Congress in 2010."

**IF AT FIRST YOU DON'T SUCCEED ...** House lawmakers again rejected a measure from Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard (D-Calif.) that would have redirected some of the boosted border and immigration security funding in a fiscal 2018 spending package toward the Coast Guard. The amendment would have provided the service with more than \$800 million to help with the construction of heavy polar icebreakers. The full House Appropriations Committee also rejected the amendment when it was offered at a markup in July. House members did, however, add a slew of other DHS-related amendments to the package, including one that would allow the department to partner with rental car agencies to conduct background checks. Pros get all of the

details [here](#).

**BUNDLE IT UP:** The Senate approved a package Thursday that includes relief for communities affected by Hurricane Harvey, an increase to the debt limit for three months and a continuing resolution to keep the federal government up and running until December as well. The House is likely to clear the package ([H.R. 601 \(115\)](#)) and send it to Trump's desk before this weekend, Pro Budget & Appropriations Brief's Sarah Ferris [reports](#). Sarah notes that the package is the product of an agreement between Trump and leaders in Congress.

**ICYMI:** During the House's late-night minibus work earlier this week, the chamber adopted by voice vote an amendment that would appropriate \$1 million for FRA to set medical fitness standards for certain interstate railway workers. The move would address concerns regarding sleep apnea as a contributing factor in train derailments, Mary Lee [reports](#). DOT recently decided to withdraw an ANPRM on sleep apnea among truckers and train operators, to the disappointment of some lawmakers. Democratic Rep. [Nita Lowey](#) of New York, a state where high-profile derailments have occurred, offered the amendment to the package ([H.R. 3354 \(115\)](#)) of eight spending bills.

**Plus:** The House turned down an amendment by Rep. [Brian Babin](#) (R-Texas) that would have forbidden DOT from spending money on enforcing its electronic logging device mandate for trucking.

**MT MAILBAG:** Labor groups including AFSCME, Professional Aviation Safety Specialists and SEIU will fire off a letter to lawmakers today asking them to challenge air traffic control "privatization" in the House's FAA reauthorization and the Trump administration's infrastructure plan. "Proposals to privatize our air traffic control system are likely to cause the loss of thousands of American jobs in both the public and private sectors," the [letter](#) reads.

**AWARDS CORNER:** The International Aviation Club of Washington, D.C. gave the L. Welch Pogue Lifetime Achievement Award to Jane Garvey, a former FAA administrator, on Thursday night.

**SHIFTING GEARS:** The Air Travel Fairness Coalition has a new executive director: Kurt Ebenhoch, who formerly led communications at Motorola Solutions and before that held jobs at Northwest, Delta and United. Meanwhile, Mike Reynard, a former House Energy and Commerce Committee staffer for Republicans, is now the communications director of the Travel Technology Association. (h/t [POLITICO Influence](#))

#### **THE AUTOBAHN:**

- "How Honda lost its mojo - and the mission to get it back." [Reuters](#).

- "Court rejects Trump administration attempt to include extended family in travel ban." [POLITICO](#).

- "Airlines cap fares, add seats to scheduled flights as Irma bears down on Florida." [The](#)

Washington Post.

- "Here's how Alphabet's self-driving cars learn to navigate a tricky intersection." Recode.
- "Self-driving Lyft cars are headed to San Francisco." CNET.
- "Terminal: How the airport came to embody our national psychosis." Slate.
- "Federal probe finds 27 engine fires in tiny Smart cars." The Associated Press.
- "Waymo and Uber head for a self-driving car crash in court." Bloomberg Businessweek.
- "Hurricane Irma: Heavy damage to one of the world's most famous airports." USA Today.

**THE COUNTDOWN:** DOT appropriations run out in 23 days. The FAA reauthorization expires in 23 days. Highway and transit policy is up for renewal in 1,119 days.

**\*\* A message from Citizens for On Time Flights:** Flying shouldn't be us vs. them. Yet it's hard to look past the fact that the millions of Americans flying commercial every day are subsidizing the .01 percent flying private jets. Their sweetheart deal is surely why private jet owners oppose Air Traffic Control reform. The status quo has been good to them. But the ATC reform bill before Congress would make air travel better for everyone: shorter flights, lower emissions, and fewer cancellations and delays. That's time, and that's money. A modern system benefits all Americans. Visit OnTimeFlights.org and tell Congress it's time to leave the status quo behind. \*\*

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**BULLETIN** at 12:36 p.m.: "WASHINGTON (AP) - Hurricane-hit Naples area will be location of President Donald Trump's post-Irma visit to Florida on Thursday."

**Good Wednesday afternoon.**

**NEW DYNAMIC ALERT -- TRUMP'S RYAN PRESERVATION ACT. PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP'** s decision to begin talks about Dreamers over dinner tonight with House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) and Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-N.Y.) might be the best news Speaker Paul Ryan has gotten in weeks. If Trump cuts another deal with Schumer and Pelosi, House and Senate Republicans are sure to erupt -- especially if it's an immigration compromise. Republicans have spent millions upon millions of dollars and have waited more than a decade to regain complete control of Washington. And now the Republican president is looking to cut an immigration compromise with Democratic leadership, despite assurances from Ryan that he'll work on the issue.

-- **SCHUMER SPEAKS**, via Kyle Cheney and Burgess Everett: "'It's a continuation of what we should do in December and we're going to work very hard to get him to be for Dreamers and straightening out health care,' Schumer said at the Capitol on Wednesday morning. Asked whether Trump's recent overtures to him angered Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, Schumer said, 'He asked us. We're going. Those are our two issues.'"

-- **WHAT'S AT STAKE FOR RYAN.** The speakership is a tricky institution, because one grumpy lawmaker could force a referendum vote at any time. Sure, conservatives are unhappy with the speaker. What would delight a big chunk of the House GOP more than anything? Standing firm against an immigration deal that most of them don't like and have no ownership of. The closer Trump gets to Democrats, the more it pushes Republicans toward Ryan.

-- **WHITE HOUSE BEWARE: IMMIGRATION IS NOT LIKE A SHORT-TERM DEBT-**

**LIMIT OR GOVERNMENT-FUNDING DEAL.** Republicans were fine to swallow a short-term accord to keep government open and avoid a debt default. But immigration is such a thorny issue for Hill Republicans. Almost every negotiation blows up. Passions run high. Nodding toward a set of principles caused a dumpster fire for John Boehner a few years ago.

-- **HE CAN'T CIRCUMVENT RYAN AND MCCONNELL.** Trump will need the Republican leadership's buy-in to get a bill to the floor. **OH, AND BY THE WAY.** McConnell has said that any immigration deal will need the GOP stamp of approval.

**OBAMA'S FUTURE PLANS -- SCOOP FROM ISAAC DOVERE -- "Obama offers a message for young leaders - 'persevere'"**: "Show up. Dive in. Persevere.' That's Barack Obama's message to supporters as he begins to fill out the shape of the first phase of his post-presidency, announcing on Wednesday a series of programs and a young leaders summit to be held in Chicago on Oct. 31 and Nov. 1. The former president has tried to stay out of the fray since leaving office in January, holding off on pleas from Democrats to more directly take on President Donald Trump, and sticking to just a few statements on key issues -- the travel ban, Obamacare and the decision to end protections for Dreamers, people brought illegally into the country as children."  
<http://politi.co/2f5m51Q>

**ON THE PRESIDENT'S MIND -- @realDonaldTrump** at 7:28 a.m.: "The approval process for the biggest Tax Cut & Tax Reform package in the history of our country will soon begin. Move fast Congress!" ... **at 7:34 a.m.:** "I will be traveling to Florida tomorrow to meet with our great Coast Guard, FEMA and many of the brave first responders & others." ... **at 8:36 a.m.:** "With Irma and Harvey devastation, Tax Cuts and Tax Reform is needed more than ever before. Go Congress, go!"

-- **THE REALITY:** The Big Six -- the tax writing chairmen, top GOP leaders and top White House advisers -- are releasing a framework at the end of the month. The framework might or might not have rate targets, but our sources tell us it will be a meaty document. Then the committees will hold markups. Republicans are aiming to pass the budget in mid-October. If they get that done -- far from a sure thing -- they'll have fewer than 20 legislative days to rally support around and pass tax reform. Oh yeah, they need to keep the government open.

**FIRST IN PLAYBOOK -- TRUMP ADMINISTRATION HOUSE LIAISON JOYCE MEYER and TREASURY'S DREW MALONEY** huddled with Senate and House leadership and outside groups about tax reform. Today's meeting was at American Action Network's offices. **GROUPS INCLUDED:** American Action Network, Middle Class Growth Initiative, 60 Plus Association, American Action Forum, American Commitment, Americans for Limited Government, AR Squared, Business Roundtable, Citizens Against Government Waste, Citizens United, Crossroads GPS, Financial Services Roundtable, Heritage Action for America, Hispanic Leadership Fund, National Taxpayers Union and Taxpayers Protection Alliance.

**QUOTE OF THE DAY -- @MEPFuller:** "Paul Ryan gets a question about Breitbart. He says he has three certainties in his life: 'Death, taxes, and attacks from Breitbart.'"

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**THE LATEST ON RUSSIA -- CNN's "MOSCOW" MANU RAJU: "Justice Department denying Senate request to interview FBI officials over Comey firing":** "The Justice Department is preventing Senate investigators from interviewing two top FBI officials who could provide first-hand testimony over the firing of former FBI Director James Comey, the latest sign that Special Counsel Robert Mueller could be investigating the circumstances around the firing, officials tell CNN. The previously undisclosed turf war comes as the Senate judiciary committee has not yet given assurances to the special counsel's office that it could have unfettered access to the transcript of the interview it conducted last week with the President's eldest son, Donald Trump Jr., saying that the full Senate must first authorize the release of the information to Mueller's team.

**"What appears to have irked the panel** in particular is the refusal of the Justice Department to cooperate with a key part of its investigation. The leaders of the panel, Senate Judiciary Chairman Chuck Grassley and the ranking Democrat Dianne Feinstein, have repeatedly asked two senior FBI officials -- Carl Ghattas and James Rybicki -- to sit down for a transcribed interview to discuss the Comey firing as part of its inquiry into any improper interference with the FBI. But the Justice Department has declined, citing 'the appointment of Robert S. Mueller III to serve' as special counsel about Russian interference in the 2016 elections and 'related matters.'"

<http://cnn.it/2xyBKOU>

**-- NBC'S CAROL LEE, JULIA AINSLEY and KEN DILANIAN:** "Michael G. Flynn, the son of President Donald Trump's former national security adviser, is a subject of the federal investigation into Russian meddling in the presidential election and possible collusion between Moscow and the Trump campaign, according to four current and former government officials. The inquiry into Flynn is focused at least in part on his work with his father's lobbying firm, Flynn Intel Group, three current and former officials said. It's unclear when the focus on Flynn began. Barry Coburn, who said he is serving as the younger Flynn's legal counsel, said he couldn't comment on the matter."

<http://nbcnews.to/2wZG0DP>

**THE CLINTON MEDIA TOUR -- "Clinton calls Trump Jr.'s explanation of Russia meeting 'an absurd lie',"** by Louis Nelson: "The scramble to obfuscate the true nature of Donald Trump Jr.'s meeting last summer with a Russian attorney with ties to the Kremlin is 'ridiculous' and 'an absurd lie,' former Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton said Wednesday morning. ... 'It's ridiculous. It's another absurd lie to cover up what really was going on which I hope we finally uncover and understand,' Clinton told

NBC's 'Today' show in her first live TV interview since last November's election."  
<http://politi.co/2y5lOjW>

**STILL DANGEROUS IN THE WAKE OF IRMA -- "Five dead at Hollywood nursing home where Hurricane Irma knocked out air conditioning,"** by The Orlando Sentinel's Anthony Man: "Five people died in a Hollywood nursing home that had no air conditioning after Hurricane Irma knocked out power. Broward County Mayor Barbara Sharief said in a news conference on Wednesday morning that the five people died as a result of loss of air conditioning due to Hurricane Irma. Hollywood police will only confirm one death at this time.

**"Timothy Keefe, deputy chief of Broward County Fire-Rescue,** said his agency is assisting Hollywood agencies in evacuating the entire facility. He said approximately 100 people were being evacuated. He termed it a 'multi-casualty incident.'"  
<http://bit.ly/2xwQz4g>

**REMEMBERING PETE DOMENICI --** The Albuquerque Journal's Michael Coleman: "Former Sen. Pete Domenici, the son of Italian immigrants who became the longest-serving U.S. senator in New Mexico's history, died this morning at University of New Mexico Hospital in Albuquerque. His passing was confirmed by his wife, Nancy, and his son, Pete Domenici Jr. Domenici, 85, had recently undergone abdominal surgery. He had suffered a setback during his recovery and had been in intensive care. ...

**"Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell praised** his former colleague in remarks on the Senate floor this morning. 'Like others in this chamber, I served with Sen. Domenici for many years,' McConnell said. 'I came to know him as smart, hard-working and dedicated -- and a very strong advocate for his home state of New Mexico. We are all saddened by this news today. The Senate offers its condolences to Senator Domenici's family, especially his wife Nancy.'" <http://bit.ly/2xy2GhM>

**NEW YORK STATE OF MIND -- "Isolated, Trump embraces New York friends -- and instincts,"** by CNN's MJ Lee: "Half a dozen people who have met with the President or speak with him regularly say the former real estate executive is most energized by and at ease in the presence of people who hail from his home state. They cite a range of cultural factors, including the naturally blunt demeanor that New Yorkers are famous for, as well as overlapping sensibilities on political issues like infrastructure and spending. Trump's affinity for other New Yorkers led directly to an unexpected political deal last week with Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer -- a Brooklyn-born Democrat.

**If the abrupt agreement on hurricane funding,** the debt ceiling and government spending shocked Republican leaders and even some of the President's most senior staff, New Yorkers who have spent time with the two men didn't bat an eye. It is no coincidence, they say, that Trump would have landed his first legislative deal with perhaps the one person in Washington who embodies New York as much as Trump does.

**"If you were at a baseball game in Cincinnati,** two New Yorkers in the crowd would easily identify each other. Based on what they're saying, their mannerisms, a little bit of bravado,' said New York City Councilman Joe Borelli, who represents Staten Island and co-chaired Trump's New York campaign. 'Both men are eager to cut through the BS -- that is characteristically New York.'" <http://cnn.it/2vU7fy5>

**VALLEYWATCH -- "Facebook bans monetization of violence, porn, drugs, hate,"** by TechCrunch's Josh Constance: "Facebook wants content creators to earn money, but not at the expense of the family friendly social network it's built, or the integrity of its advertising clients. So today Facebook established formal rules for what kinds of content can't be monetized with Branded Content, Instant Articles, and mid-roll video Ad Breaks. These include depictions of death or incendiary social issues even as part of news or an awareness campaign. This is a big deal because it could shape the styles of content created for Facebook Watch, the new original programming hub it's launched where publishers earn 55% of ad revenue." <http://tcrn.ch/2xxOBR4>

**TIT FOR TAT-- "Russia reduces parking spaces at U.S. consulates,"** from the AP <http://bit.ly/2xxs8nf>

**MEDIAWATCH -- Thomas Gibbons-Neff** is joining The New York Times as a Pentagon correspondent next month. He was previously at The Washington Post and is a Marine veteran who was deployed twice in Afghanistan.

**TRANSITIONS -- NEW GIG FOR JEFF ZIENTS** -- Jeff Zients, NEC director under President Obama, will soon be starting as president of the Cranemere Group, founded in 2014 by former AEA Chairman and CEO Vincent Mai. Cranemere is a Berkshire Hathaway-style holding company focused on the acquisition and long-term ownership of mid-sized companies in the United States and Europe. One big fan of the new company: Blackrock CEO Larry Fink.

**--FROM LORRAINE WOELLERT -- BUSH ALUMNI: DJ NORDQUIST** will be chief of staff for the newly confirmed Kevin Hassett at the Council of Economic Advisers. "Nordquist, a Bush 43 alum, who helped coordinate Gulf Coast rebuilding after Katrina, joins CEA from the Brookings Institution, where she was chief of staff for economic studies and director of communications."

**REMEMBERING JAK TEEHAN -- Jak Teehan,** the son of Sen. Luther Strange's (R-Ala.) communications director Shana Teehan, died last week. The family will be holding a celebration of his life tomorrow at the Urban Evolution parkour gym in Alexandria from 9:30-11:30 a.m. and asks that, in lieu of flowers, people consider adopting a sea turtle hatchling from the Gumbo Limbo Nature Center. *The Nature Center's site* <http://bit.ly/2xx5E69>

**OUT AND ABOUT -- SPOTTED** at a book party last night at the house of Jorge and Paola Guajardo for Richard McGregor's new book "Asia's Reckoning: China, Japan, and

the Fate of U.S. Power in the Pacific Century" -- **\$18.28 on Amazon**

<http://amzn.to/2x17VVr>: Evan Osnos, Bill Bishop, Amb. Stapleton Roy, Mark Landler, José Andres, Marcus Brauchli, Demetri Sevastopulo, former Indian Amb. to the U.S. Nirupama Rao, Peter Schechter, Kaiser Kuo.

**SPOTTED** at the U.S. Capitol Historical Society events in the Capitol last night where Hamilton creator Lin-Manuel Miranda was honored with the USCHS' 2017 Freedom Award: Sens. Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska), Kirsten Gillibrand (D-N.Y.), Patrick Leahy (D-Vt.), Susan Collins (R-Maine) and Dick Durbin (D-Ill.); Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.), Stephen Kidd, Bea Gurwitz, Cokie Roberts, Ron Chernow, Luis Miranda, Jim Papa, Christina Reynolds, Melissa Brown, Elizabeth Dews.

**SPOTTED** at a reception last night at the Hyatt on New Jersey Ave. for the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget, which also did a tribute video to former Rep. Bill Frenzel (R-Minn.), who died in 2014 (<http://bit.ly/2h2KW79>): Leon Panetta, Gov. Mitch Daniels, CMS Administrator Seema Verma, Maya MacGuineas, John Dickerson, Heather Long, Reps. Jimmy Panetta (D-Calif.), John Delaney (D-Md.), and Peter Welch (D-Vt.), former Reps. Tim Penny (D-Minn.), Tom Tauke (R-Iowa), Martin Lancaster (D-N.C.), and Glenn Nye (D-Va.).

**SPOTTED** at the Global War on Terror Memorial Foundation inaugural dinner last night at the American Pharmacists Association: Sen. Joni Ernst (R-Iowa), Jim Nicholson, Reps. Seth Moulton (D-Mass.), Mike Gallagher (R-Wisc.), Scott Taylor (R-Va.), Bill Huizenga (R-Mich.), and Keith Rothfus (R-Pa.), Matt Gannon, Martha Newton, Ret. Gen. George Casey Jr., Ret. Rear Admiral Tom Lynch, Ret. Maj. Gen. James "Spider" Marks.

**OBAMA ALUMNI -- Dan Feehan**, an Obama administration alum (and veteran) who's running for the Democratic nomination in Minnesota's first congressional district, was feted at a fundraiser for his campaign at Ned Price's home in Shaw last night.

**SPOTTED:** Dan's wife Amy, Luke Schleusener, Morgan Plummer, Nate Rawlings, Katie Ra

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