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## Mullin Gets Rocky Reception at Confirmation Hearing

Sen. Markwayne Mullin (R-Okla.) isn't afraid of a fight, but on Wednesday, his colleagues tasked with reviewing his nomination to lead the Department of Homeland Security didn't pull any punches either, grilling the senator on everything from past comments about the "smell" of war to his clash with the panel's chair.

Reporting by Rebecca Beitsch / p.4

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### Senate

#### GOP Debate on SAVE America Act Morphs Into 'Circular Firing Squad'

Senate Republicans say the debate within their conference over how hard to push for passage of the Safeguard American Voter Eligibility (SAVE America) Act, a sweeping voting reform bill, is becoming a "circular firing squad" as the president's allies ramp up pressure to pass the bill or face the wrath of MAGA voters. That threat is angering critics of the bill, who think it's poorly drafted and has no chance of passing.

Reporting by Alexander Bolton / p.6

### Business

#### Federal Reserve Keeps Rates Steady as Iran Conflict Roils Economy

The Federal Reserve held interest rates steady Wednesday as bankers stared down the evolving economic blowback from the war in Iran. The Federal Open Market Committee, the panel of bank officials responsible for setting borrowing costs, maintained its baseline interest rate at a range of 3.5 to 3.75 percent. The panel voted 11-1 to keep rates unchanged, with only Stephen Miran calling for a cut.

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