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## GOP Battles Over 'Last Chance' To Enact Agenda

Sen. Ted Cruz (Texas) urged Senate Republicans during a closed-door lunch meeting this week to use the budget reconciliation process to go big, warning that it could be their last chance to enact President Trump's agenda before Democrats seize control of one or both chambers of Congress in the midterms.

Reporting by Alexander Bolton / p.4

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### House

#### Democrats To Force House GOP Vote on Ending Iran War

House Democrats will force a vote on the floor this week to end the Iran war, though they aren't sure they have the support to win. Rep. Gregory Meeks (D-N.Y.), the lead sponsor of the bill, wants to roll the dice with the vote and get members on the record by bringing the bill to the floor and forcing their hands. A previous measure failed, but the new effort could get more Democratic support.

Reporting by Mike Lillis / p.14

### Media

#### Arrival of TMZ on Capitol Hill Elicits Groans and Curiosity

TMZ's move into the Capitol Hill media scene brings a tabloid-style media organization known for sensational headlines and dirt-digging on celebrities to the halls of Congress. Lawmakers and staffers now wonder how confrontational an approach it will take as it seeks a bigger profile in Washington, D.C. The media outlet is also teasing coverage of D.C.'s social clubs and elite power circles.

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