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Trump, Netanyahu clash over Lebanon, Iran talks



Secretary of State Marco Rubio, testifying before congressional committees June 2 on the State Department's annual budget, said the Strait of Hormuz must reopen for peace talks with Iran to progress to the next phase. EVAN VUCCI/REUTERS

Francesca Chambers
and Christopher Cann

USA TODAY

President Donald Trump lit into Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in an expletive-laden call on June

1, multiple news outlets reported, after Iran threatened to pull out of peace talks with the United States over strikes on Hezbollah in Beirut.

Trump called Netanyahu demanding to know what "the [expletive]" he was doing, sources familiar with the call told

ABC News, and called the prime minister "crazy" after Israel struck the Iranian-backed militia group in Lebanon. The news outlet Axios first reported details of the call.

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A for-sale sign is seen on May 20. Florida lawmakers are considering sweeping changes to property taxes. CLAYTON PARK/USA TODAY NETWORK-FLORIDA

Warnings given on property tax plan

Full Florida House OKs
measure in a 75-26 vote

James Call

USA TODAY NETWORK - FLORIDA

Firefighters, paramedics, local government officials and community activists packed a Florida Capitol hearing room to capacity June 1 to warn lawmakers that the sweeping property tax proposal they were considering could eliminate money to pay for basic services.

Members of the public began filling seats in Room 101 of the Senate Office Building as soon as the doors to the committee room were opened, a half hour before the meeting began.

They occupied all 140 seats set aside for spectators and those wishing to speak by the time state Sen. Ed Hooper, R-Clearwater, gavelled the meeting of the Senate Appropriations Committee to order.

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Trump names trusted ally Pulte to replace Gabbard

Joey Garrison and Josh Meyer

USA TODAY

WASHINGTON - President Donald Trump named Bill Pulte, director of the Federal Housing Finance Agency, as the new acting director of national intelligence, tapping a trusted ally with no previous experience in an intelligence

role to replace Tulsi Gabbard.

Trump announced the unusual pick of Pulte in a June 2 post on Truth Social. Trump said Pulte - as the top federal official overseeing mortgage backers Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac - has "deep experience managing the most sensitive matters in America, the safety and soundness of the Markets."

Trump credited Pulte with expanding the reach of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, the federal government's two mortgage financial firms.

Gabbard, the outgoing director of national intelligence, announced in May that she is resigning her post as the nation's top intelligence official due to her husband's rare bone cancer diagnosis.

Her resignation is effective June 30.

Pulte, 38, the founder of the private equity firm Pulte Capital Partners, is the grandson of the founder of one of the nation's largest homebuilders, Pulte Homes, which was started in Detroit in the 1950s.

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