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President visits Hawkeye State



President Donald Trump reacts Jan. 27 as he walks among diners, accompanied by Republican U.S. Rep. Zach Nunn and Nunn's daughter, Olympia, in Machine Shed restaurant in Urbandale. KEVIN LAMARQUE/REUTERS

Trump visits Iowa restaurant before giving speech

Stephen Gruber-Miller, Nick El Hajj
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President Donald Trump touched down in Iowa Tuesday, Jan. 27, for a speech about the economy but immediately faced questions about his administration's immigration enforcement in Minneapolis.

Air Force One landed at the Des Moines International Airport just before 2 p.m., taking Trump to the Machine Shed restaurant in Urbandale, where he spoke with reporters.

Trump called the shooting of 37-year-old Alex Pretti in Minneapolis by Border Patrol agents "very unfortunate," but he added, "I don't like that he had a gun."

"Everybody in this room, we view that as a very unfortunate incident, OK?" Trump said when asked if the thought the shooting was justified. "... I

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Protesters chant and wave signs outside the Horizon Event Center in Clive before Trump arrives for his Jan. 27 speech. ZACH BOYDEN-HOLMES/THE REGISTER

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