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TRUMP WATCH

Senate GOP seeks to change rules

Senate Republicans took the first steps to change the chamber's rules on Thursday, moving to make it easier to confirm groups of President Donald Trump's nominees after last-minute negotiations with Democrats fell apart.

Senate Majority Leader John Thune's move is the latest salvo after a dozen years of gradual changes by both parties to weaken the filibuster and make the nominations process more partisan. He has said the Democrats' obstruction is "unsustainable" as they have drawn out the confirmation process and infuriated Trump, as many positions in his administration have remained unfilled.

"We're going to fix this today, and restore the long-time Senate precedent of expeditious confirmation, and the Senate's role as first and foremost a legislative body," Thune said.

The Senate on Thursday evening moved forward on the proposed rule change with a 45-53 party-line vote. The new rules proposal would allow the Senate to move some of Trump's nominees in groups of 48 at a time. The Republican rules change stops short of speeding up votes on high-level Cabinet officials and lifetime judicial appointments. **See Page 12**

Here are more Trump administration headlines from Thursday:

9/11: President Trump and first lady Melania Trump marked 24 years since the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks at a service at the Pentagon on Thursday. While traditionally observed near the building's memorial outside the Pentagon's walls, it was moved to the internal courtyard following the "heartbreaking political assassination" of activist Charlie Kirk, according to a White House official who was not authorized to comment publicly and spoke on the condition of anonymity. The president was also scheduled to attend a Yankees game Thursday night.

Immigration order: A federal judge in Arizona temporarily blocked the Trump administration from removing dozens of Guatemalan and Honduran children living in shelters or foster care after coming to the U.S. alone, according to a decision Thursday. U.S. District Judge Rosemary Márquez in Tucson extended until at least Sept. 26 a temporary restraining order issued over the Labor Day weekend.

Visa concerns: South Korea's president said Thursday that Korean companies will likely hesitate to make further investments in the United States unless Washington improves its visa system for their employees, as U.S. authorities released hundreds of workers who were detained at a Georgia factory site last week. Lee Jae Myung called for improvements in the U.S. visa system as he spoke about the Sept. 4 immigration raid that resulted in the arrest of more than 300 South Korean workers at a battery factory under construction at Hyundai's sprawling auto plant west of Savannah.

— From wire and Sinclair National Desk reports



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AGING EXPO

Clockwise from top: Lou Benggermino, representing South Carroll Senior Center, gives a pickleball demonstration at the Aging Your Way: Health and Wellness Expo at Shipley Arena on Wednesday; Jaime Limoges, executive director for Humane Society of Carroll County, introduces a kitten named Raymond; Belly dancers perform with silks.



State commission extends hearings on powerline

Piedmont decision pushed to 2027

By Lily Carey

The Maryland Public Service Commission issued a new procedural schedule for the Maryland Piedmont Reliability Project, a controversial 70-mile electric transmission line proposed by utility company PSEG.

While PSEG had pushed

for a decision from the state by March 2026 and an in-service date by June 2027, the state's schedule includes testimonies and hearings about the transmission line that will continue through December 2026, with post-hearing briefs due by February 2027.

PSEG had originally proposed the transmission line project to combat an

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Carroll schools race to install Westminster, Liberty stadium lights

By Gabriella Fine

Permanent lighting for stadiums at Westminster and Liberty high schools will be installed by Sept. 25, Carroll County Public Schools Superintendent Cynthia McCabe announced at Wednesday's school board meeting.

"Hopefully, within weeks, we will be back to normal operations," she said.

The removal of unsafe light poles and the subsequent interruption and reconfiguration of high school sporting events caused dismay

among the school communities. At the meeting, McCabe offered a full report on the sequence of events that led to the stadium closures and explained how her team was addressing the problem.

After a basic, visual inspection of light structures at all seven Carroll County high schools, the staff decided to contract Reese Tower Services for a more intensive structural inspection of the stadiums. According to the meeting's agenda, the inspection and assessment of the sports lighting structures cost \$47,211.

The cost only covered inspection and did not include repairs. An inspector determined that the light supports at Liberty and Westminster high schools needed to be removed immediately.

This came as a surprise to school staff, who did not expect results that would call for immediate removal. Repeating what she wrote in a letter sent to parents Friday, McCabe said she decided to "err on the side of safety" after learning of the urgency of the issue.

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Krebs sworn into office as new Carroll county commissioner

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Susan Wolf Krebs, a Republican, was sworn into office Thursday morning as a Carroll County commissioner, representing District 5.

Krebs was tapped to fill a vacancy on the five-seat county board that opened in July, when Gov. Wes Moore appointed Ed Rothstein as secretary of the Department of Veterans and Military Families. Rothstein had served as

commissioner for District 5 since 2018.

The Carroll County Republican Central Committee chose Krebs from a pool of four candidates to fill Rothstein's spot, and Moore's office officially appointed her on Aug. 28.

Krebs will finish Rothstein's term that ends in December 2026.

Krebs said Tuesday she plans to run for reelection once her partial term ends and continue in the role through 2030.



Heather DeWees, clerk of Circuit Court of Carroll County, left, delivers the oath of office to Susan Wolf Krebs on Thursday. **JEFFREY F. BILL/STAFF**

Congress' vote on defense bill

The House of Representatives passed the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). **Page 3**

Roland Park rehab center sued

The center is being sued for allegedly violating a pregnant employee's right to work. **Page 4**

US marks 24 years since 9/11

Americans marked 24 years since the 9/11 attacks with solemn ceremonies honoring the victims. **Page 5**

READER POLL

Are you worried Charlie Kirk's assassination will lead to more political violence?

Vote at baltimoresun.com/cctpoll or by scanning this QR code with your phone.

The Carroll County Times reader poll is an unscientific survey in which website users volunteer their opinions on the subject of the poll.



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Yes 54.67% 240 votes
No 34.17% 150 votes
Unsure 11.16% 49 votes

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