



## Walz blasts lack of state role in probe



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Protesters clash with law enforcement Thursday outside a Minneapolis Immigration and Customs Enforcement facility.

Minn. governor urges calm while slamming federal response to ICE killing

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MINNEAPOLIS — Minnesota must play a role in investigating the fatal shooting of a Minneapolis woman by an Immigration and Customs Enforcement officer, Gov. Tim Walz insisted Thursday, pushing back against the Trump administration's decision to keep the investigation solely in federal hands.

A day after the ICE officer shot Renee Good in the head as she tried to drive away on a snowy Minneapolis street, tensions remained high, with dozens of protesters venting their outrage outside of a federal facility that's serving as a hub for the administration's latest immigration crackdown on a major city.

"We should be horrified," protester Shanta Hejmandi said as demonstrators shouted "No More ICE," "Go Home Nazis" and other slogans at a line of Border Patrol officers, who responded with tear gas and pepper spray. "We should be saddened that our government is waging war on our cit-



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Pastor Carlos Rincon, from right, and his wife Ampara join other protesters holding photos of Renee Good on Thursday in Los Angeles after her shooting death by an Immigration and Customs Enforcement agent Wednesday in Minneapolis.

izens. We should get out and say no. What else can we do?"

Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem, President Donald Trump and others in his administration characterized the shooting as an act of self-defense and cast Good as a villain, suggesting she used her vehicle as a weapon to attack the officer who shot her.

Vice President JD Vance

weighed in Thursday, saying the shooting was justified and that Good, a 37-year-old mother of three, was a "victim of left-wing ideology."

"I can believe that her death is a tragedy while also recognizing that it is a tragedy of her own making," Vance said, noting that the officer who killed her was injured while making an arrest last June.

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But state and local officials and protesters rejected that characterization, with Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey saying video of the shooting shows the self-defense argument was "garbage."

The shooting happened on the second day of the Trump administration's immigration crackdown on the Twin Cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul, which Homeland Security said is the biggest immigration enforcement operation ever. More than 2,000 officers are taking part, and Noem said they have already made more than 1,500 arrests.

It provoked an immediate response in the city where police killed George Floyd in 2020, with hundreds of people turning up to the scene to vent their outrage at the ICE officers and the school district canceling classes for the rest of the week as a precaution.

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## Houston oil CEOs targeted in probe

Senate Dems eye talks about Maduro's ouster

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Houston's largest oil companies face a congressional investigation launched this week into what they knew before the Trump administration removed Venezuela's president and seized control of that country's oil industry.

Five Senate Democrats sent letters to chief executives asking them to disclose all meetings with administration officials in which the Venezuelan operation was discussed. They also requested information about the nature of these discussions and to what extent they discussed Venezuelan oil assets and potential U.S. investment.

The senators said they sent letters to executives at Houston-based Exxon Mobil, Chevron Corp., ConocoPhillips, Citgo Petroleum, Halliburton, SLB, Weatherford International and Baker Hughes.

The American heads of Shell, Continental Resources and BP — companies that are not headquartered in Houston — also received letters.

"We would like to know the extent to which U.S. oil and gas companies such as yours had either advance knowledge of or the ability to shape American foreign policy decisions," the **Executives continues on A7**

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CEOs reportedly to discuss returning to Venezuela. **B7**

## Ex-Uvalde staffer tells of shooting

By Peggy O'Hare  
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A former Robb Elementary School staffer tearfully described for a jury Thursday the terror she experienced while hiding for at least 40 minutes as a gunman fired round after round inside the Uvalde school building, killing 19 children and two teachers.

"The shots wouldn't stop," said Emilia "Amy" Marin, a one-time after-school coordinator at the campus. "A round would go off, then there was total silence. Then another round, total silence. And one of those times that it was silent, the A/C kicked on, and I said, 'Don't turn on — I'm not going to hear it when he comes this way.'

"You hear more shots. They were nonstop. I thought, 'He's going to kill me, I'm going to die, I'm going to die.'"

Marin recalled the massacre during the third day of a jury trial for former Uvalde school district police officer Adrian Gonzales, 52, who is charged with 29 counts of abandoning or endangering a child for how he responded to the massacre on May 24, 2022.

Jurors also viewed a chilling video that another witness re-

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## House passes extension of health care tax credit; nearly all Texas Republican lawmakers opposed

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The U.S. House on Thursday passed legislation extending a tax credit for working-class Americans under the Affordable Care Act for three years, overcoming nearly unanimous opposition from Texas Republicans.

U.S. Rep. Monica De La Cruz, a South Texas Republican, was the lone Texas Republican to get behind the measure, which now moves to the Senate, where Republicans and Democrats are in negotiations on a two-year extension. The credits expired at the end of last month.

The legislation was forced to a vote when a small coalition of Republicans joined with Democrats to go around House Speaker Mike Johnson last month. It passed the House 230-196, with 17 Republicans voting yes.

Last month, De La Cruz signed onto a bipartisan proposal to extend the expiring benefit for one year. At a news conference with Democrats in December, she said Congress "must address the rising cost of health care" but then declined to join with breakaway Republicans to force a vote on the bill. Her office did not immediately respond to a request.

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The expiration of a tax credit tied to the Affordable Care Act is set to raise health care costs for low-income Texas families.

