

QUOTES *In the News*

“We urge you to ignore the pressure and bullying of [China] and allow Taiwan’s participation in this fight.”

U.S. letter to WHO, about including Taiwan in meetings held by the WHO Emergency Committee on the coronavirus outbreak

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“What we need to do is help anyone who’s adversely impacted navigate and get to the other side of this.”

Neil Bradley, chief policy officer, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, referring to income support for workers and aid for the travel, tourism, and other industries affected by the new coronavirus

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“I am committed to ensuring that the department’s resources are available to combat any wrongdoing and protect the public.”

Attorney General William Barr, warning businesses that the Justice Department plans to hold accountable anyone who attempts to take advantage of the fear triggered by the coronavirus outbreak

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“This can’t be a political decision. This is a public health decision.”

New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo, announcing that the state is creating a “containment area” in the city of New Rochelle, in an attempt to limit the spread of coronavirus in an area that quickly has the state’s largest cluster of infections

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“Don’t tell me that, pal, or I’m going to go outside with you.”

Democratic presidential candidate Joe Biden, appearing to threaten a Detroit autoworker as the men argued about whether Biden had said he would try to take away Americans’ guns

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President Donald Trump arrives at the U.S. Capitol to attend the Republicans’ weekly policy luncheon in Washington on March 10, 2020. He is flanked by (L-R) Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.), Treasury Secretary Steve Mnuchin, Vice President Mike Pence, and Republican Policy Committee Chairman Sen. Roy Blunt (R-Mo.).

CORONAVIRUS

Trump Pitches Economic Response to Coronavirus on Capitol Hill

Stimulus package would provide tax cuts, other assistance to help businesses and workers deal with economic fallout

EMEL AKAN

WASHINGTON—President Donald Trump visited Capitol Hill on March 10 to meet Republican lawmakers and seek support for his stimulus plan to tackle the economic disruptions caused by the coronavirus outbreak.

“We just had a meeting on stimulus, and you’ll be hearing about it soon. But it was a great meeting,” Trump told reporters on the Hill after meeting with Republican senators.

Trump promised on March 9 that he would announce “substantial” assistance for workers and businesses to deal with the significant economic fallout of the virus. Possible measures include a payroll tax cut and assistance for hourly wage earners.

Trump called payroll tax cut “a very

substantial relief” for workers.

“We’re also going to be talking about hourly wage earners getting help so that they can be in a position where they’re not going to ever miss a paycheck,” he said during a press briefing on March 9.

The proposed economic assistance would also provide liquidity to large and small companies that are hit by the coronavirus outbreak.

“It’s not their fault. It’s not our country’s fault,” Trump said. “Also, we’re going to be seeing the Small Business Administration and creating loans for small businesses.”

Trump is also proposing economic relief for the airline industry, cruise

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Passengers from the Princess Cruises Grand Princess cruise ship are escorted to a charter plane at California’s Oakland International Airport on March 10, 2020.

CORONAVIRUS

Chinese Regime Puts on Political Show With Xi’s Trip to Wuhan

NICOLE HAO

Chinese leader Xi Jinping visited Wuhan, the epicenter of the novel coronavirus outbreak, on March 10, in an apparent attempt to convince citizens that the spread of the disease is under control.

This is Xi’s first trip to Wuhan since the outbreak began in December 2019. During the visit, Xi made sure to avoid physical contact by wearing a protective mask, keeping a distance from other officials, and talking to locals via video conference calls.

He then visited a residential compound, heavily guarded by snipers

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2020 ELECTION

Biden Curses at Detroit Autoworker During Gun Rights Argument

IVAN PENTCHOUKOV

Democratic presidential candidate Joe Biden cursed and appeared to threaten a Detroit autoworker on March 10 during an argument over gun rights.

The former vice president told the unidentified worker that he is “full of [expletive]” and called him a “horse’s [expletive].”

The confrontation occurred amid a crowd of hardhat-clad workers at the Fiat Chrysler plant in Detroit, Michigan. Several videos of the argument were posted online.

“You are actively trying to end our Second Amendment rights and take away our guns,” the worker said to Biden.

“You’re full of [expletive],” Biden said before turning to “shush” a campaign official who tried to cut the conversation short.

“I support the Second Amendment ... from the very beginning. I have a shotgun. I have a 20-gauge,”

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DRUG PRICES

Grassley Optimistic on Prospects for His and Wyden’s Prescription Drug Pricing Bill

MARK TAPSCOTT

WASHINGTON—Senate Finance Committee Chairman Charles Grassley (R-Iowa) believes the revised proposal he and co-sponsor Sen. Ron Wyden (D-Ore.) hope to reintroduce later this week is the best bet in 2020 for Congress to act against spiraling prescription drug costs.

“The thing to remember about this bill is when you’ve got [Speaker of the House Nancy] Pelosi passing her bill, she has a different body of people she has to deal with,” Grassley told The Epoch Times on March 10.

“They passed a bill that has a lot of good parts in it, but it can’t get 60 votes in the United States Senate, so the Grassley-Wyden bill is what we’re going to have for anybody who wants to do anything about prescription drugs,” he said.

Getting a handle on prescription drug prices is one of the few issues on which Republicans and Democrats in Congress appear able to work together in a bipartisan fashion. Grassley said he expects the tweaked version of the proposal will be available later this week.

The Grassley-Wyden “Prescription Drug Pricing Reduction Act of 2019”

“Republicans ought to be joining on this bill because it’s very conservative to save the taxpayers money.”

Sen. Chuck Grassley

was approved on a bipartisan vote by the finance panel last year, but its progress was slowed by congressional Democrats’ impeachment campaign against President Donald Trump.

Drug price increases didn’t abate during the impeachment drive, however, as Grassley noted during a March 5 Senate floor speech, concerning the period 2007 to 2018.

“List prices on 602 medicines rose by 159 percent, or 9 percent annually. After discounts and rebates, net prices increased by 60 percent, or 4.5 percent annually,” Grassley told the Senate.

“That’s 3.5 times the rate of inflation. These are drugs for multiple sclerosis, cholesterol, rheumatoid arthritis, chemotherapy, diabetes, and many more debilitating and life-threatening conditions,” he said.

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Traders work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange during the opening bell on March 10, 2020.

STOCK MARKET

Stocks Recoup Most Big Losses as Investors Await Coronavirus Aid

TOM OZIMEK

U.S. stocks rose sharply in volatile trading on March 10 after President Donald Trump met with Senate Republicans on Capitol Hill and emerged to deliver a message on a much-anticipated coronavirus relief plan.

All three major Wall Street indexes—the Dow, Nasdaq, and S&P 500—closed nearly 5 percent up. The rebound comes on the heels of a 7-percent slide on March 9 triggered by a crash in oil prices. The decline on March 9 came worryingly close to bear market territory, a condition

where prices fall 20 percent or more from recent highs.

Safe-haven bond yields also lifted off March 9’s crushing lows, with the benchmark 10-year U.S. Treasury note yield soaring by over 40 percent after hitting a record low March 9 amid an alarming stock selloff and investor flight to safety.

‘You’ll Be Hearing About It Soon’

Emerging from the March 10 closed-door meeting with senators, Trump urged calm in the face of the outbreak and said there was “tremen-

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