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U.S. Department of Commerce invests \$2 million to support Pine Bluff economic group

Talk Business & Politics (AR)

U.S. Secretary of Commerce Wilbur Ross announced that the Department's Economic Development Administration (EDA) is awarding a \$2 million grant to the Southeast Arkansas Economic Development District, Inc., (SEAEDD) of Pine Bluff to establish a new headquarters facility in Pine Bluff. The EDA grant will be matched with \$399,000 in local investment. "The Trump Administration is committed to strengthening community-led economic development planning and natural disaster recovery efforts," said Secretary of Commerce Wilbur Ross. "SEAEDD's new economic development headquarters will provide the centralized, modern space necessary to advance the community's economic development and disaster resiliency plans."

Floyd Co. to receive \$2.3 million federal grant for local business growth, natural disaster relief

WDBL7 (VA)

Floyd County will be the recipient of a multi-million-dollar federal grant toward the construction of the Floyd Growth Center Building set to provide space and assistance for new businesses to grow and support for others during natural disasters. According to a press release from the U.S. Department of Commerce, the Economic Development Authority of Floyd County will receive a \$2.3 million grant estimated to bring another \$5 million through private investment.

Cybersecurity Lobbying Spending Mounts as Privacy, Security Laws Take Shape

Wall Street Journal

Cybersecurity companies are spending millions of dollars on lobbying efforts in Washington, seeking to influence policy makers as they reshape privacy and security laws. As the cybersecurity industry has grown, these companies have increasingly sought to get time with lawmakers and help shape bills and issues in their early stages, including standards for the security of the Internet of Things, a potential federal privacy law and the rollout of 5G networks. Government initiatives such as defense programs also have grown in prominence for cybersecurity providers, which seek to win lucrative contracts with the Pentagon and other agencies.

COVID-19:

Some census staff to return to the field this week to work on 2020 count

Washington Post

After halting some work because of the coronavirus pandemic, the U.S. Census Bureau will resume operations this week from a handful of its 248 field offices around the country, part of a "phased restart" aimed at getting the 2020 decennial count accomplished. The bureau is recalling several thousand employees at 23 offices in 13 states who are essential to delivering questionnaires or hiring new field staff, said bureau spokesperson Michael Cook. The workers will canvass neighborhoods to identify places where people might live, use a laptop to update the bureau's address list, and leave packets at front doors that contain a census questionnaire and information about how to respond online or by phone, he said.

Stock futures points to a third day of gains

Fox Business

U.S. equity futures are pointing to a higher open when Wall Street begins trading on Wednesday. The major futures indexes are indicating a gain of 0.9 percent as stocks attempt to rise for a third session... Investors are increasingly optimistic as European countries and some U.S. states allow businesses to reopen despite warnings coronavirus infections are still rising and economic recovery could be some way off.

ICE Partners with Amazon, 3M to Identify Counterfeit Coronavirus Gear

Wall Street Journal

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and companies including 3M Co., MMM -0.19% Amazon. AMZN 0.83% com Inc. and Pfizer Inc. PFE 0.96% said they are working together to curtail the flood of counterfeit masks, coronavirus tests and other equipment entering the country. The agency's center for intellectual-property protection said Tuesday that it was working with companies to identify suspicious shipments and take down suspect online listings for masks and other gear. The intellectual-property unit said the companies have agreed to share information and best practices with it to combat such trade.

U.S. Treasury to distribute \$4.8 billion in pandemic funds to tribal governments

Reuters

The U.S. Treasury Department will begin distributing \$4.8 billion in pandemic-relief funds to Native American tribal governments in all U.S. states on Tuesday, the Treasury and Interior Departments said in a joint statement. Payments would begin Tuesday to help the tribes respond to the novel coronavirus outbreak based on population data in U.S. Census figures, the statement said, while payments based on employment and expenditure data would be made at a later date.

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POLITICO PRO'S MORNING TRADE

QUICK FIX

- **A nearly 20 percent drop in U.S. exports to China in March from 2017 levels is not helping the case to preserve President Donald Trump's "phase one" trade deal, which he threatened to cancel if Beijing failed to meet its purchase commitments.**
- **The United States and United Kingdom today kick off Day Two of online trade negotiations.** Both sides say they're working at a "fast pace" to reach a "comprehensive" deal, but they have not offered a target date for completion and still seem far apart on sticking points including U.S. meat exports.
- **Republican Sen. Josh Hawley wants to throw out the World Trade Organization.** He says that's the only way for the U.S. to confront the threat of China and "rebuild" the American economy.

DRIVING THE DAY

PLAYING CATCH UP ON CHINA EXPORTS: Trump's "phase one" deal with China could quickly become a casualty, if Commerce Department numbers showing a big drop in U.S. exports to the country is any indication.

U.S. exports to China in March totaled \$7.9 billion, an 18 percent drop from the same month in 2017, according to a Commerce report. The stat raises questions about whether Beijing can meet the benchmarks set out in the deal to increase purchases of U.S. goods and services by \$200 billion above 2017 levels over two years. That includes \$76.7 billion in increased purchases in year one and \$123.3 billion in year two.

Trump this week threatened to "terminate" the agreement if China fails to meet those purchasing commitments, which could open the door for Trump to impose additional tariffs on Chinese goods.

Holding China accountable: Trump could cancel the deal as a way to take action against China for its handling of the coronavirus at the outset of the outbreak.

He has sent mixed signals about his approach to China. He said his trade deal would be "secondary" to any action he might take toward Beijing over the virus, and senior White House adviser Matthew Pottinger said Monday the U.S. was not planning to impose "punitive measures" on China.

But Trump on Tuesday reiterated that he wants to see China be "transparent" with regard to the pandemic. "We want to find out what happened so it never happens again," he told reporters outside the White House, though he added he has not spoken to Chinese President Xi Jinping about his frustrations with how China handled the virus.

Administration officials have said there is no imminent action to retaliate against China but that imposing more tariffs on Chinese products — on top of the continued tariffs on more than \$360 billion worth of Chinese goods — remains an option, CNN reported Tuesday.

Hearing from the chorus: China hawks are clamoring to hold Beijing accountable for what they view as a cover-up by the Chinese government in the early days of the virus. That call will only grow, depending on the results of an administration investigation into the origins of the virus.

"Abandoning phase 1 is a necessary step but will have little impact, since there probably won't be much to abandon. Congress was not allowed to ratify it and the decision is entirely in President Trump's hands," American Enterprise Institute resident scholar Derek Scissors wrote in a blog.

Cold comfort?: The U.S. trade deficit with China was the lowest in 16 years, as imports from there fell to their lowest level in 11 years. That decrease is likely more a reflection of reduced output and a decrease in demand felt on both sides of the Pacific, but it could give some comfort to Trump, who has been obsessed with lowering the deficit.

U.S., U.K. GET STARTED ON TRADE TALKS: The U.S. and U.K. will continue online trade negotiations today with more than 200 negotiators working in nearly 30 different negotiating groups to cover all aspects of a “comprehensive” trade deal, the two countries said in a joint statement Tuesday announcing the formal launch of talks.

Multiple virtual meetings will take place from today until May 15.

"This will be an historic agreement that is consistent with U.S. priorities and the negotiating objectives established by Congress in U.S. law," U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer said.

What's the timeline? Lighthizer and U.K. Secretary of State for International Trade Elizabeth Truss did not offer a target date for concluding talks. But U.S. trade officials must sign the agreement by April 1, 2021, if they want to submit it to Congress under the expedited approval process of the 2015 trade promotion authority law, which expires three months later.

Prior to the pandemic, U.S. officials had expressed a desire to wrap up negotiations by the end of 2020. But the negotiations were long expected to be challenging in such a tight timeframe as the U.K. government navigates Trump's demands while figuring out a new trading relationship with the stricter European Union.

Plus, talks are taking place during the U.K.'s transition period after Brexit, and any deal wouldn't go into effect until after the transition period ends. (As of now, that date is Dec. 31.)

Gearing up for tough talks: One sticking point could be the U.K.'s resistance to importing U.S. beef produced with artificial growth hormones or U.S. poultry meat cleaned with antimicrobial washes.

"We have made clear that we do not expect to lower our standards in those areas or change them," Her Majesty's Trade Commissioner for North America Antony Phillipson said.

He also ruled out any changes to Britain's National Health Service, including "our approach to drug pricing," despite pressure from U.S. pharmaceutical companies on that point.

One big deal, please: The U.S. Chamber of Commerce and its U.S.-U.K. Business Council on Tuesday urged both sides to reach a single, comprehensive trade deal instead of the phased approach that has been the Trump administration's general strategy in trade talks.

The business groups are positioning a deal as a bright spot of potential economic growth amid the destruction caused by the pandemic. "The COVID-19 pandemic makes this growth more imperative than ever," the groups wrote in a 16-page document of updated priorities.

FEMA'S 'PROJECT AIRBRIDGE': THE LATEST NUMBERS: FEMA's Project Airbridge initiative has brought to the U.S. nearly a billion medical supplies between March 29 and May 4, with about 18 percent originating from China, according to an agency spokesperson.

The initiative, which aims to expedite air shipments of medical supplies to areas of the country that need them most, has brought in more than 172 million medical supplies from China, including N95 respirators, gloves, surgical masks, surgical gowns, thermometers and face shields. Supplies are also being sourced from manufacturers in Thailand, Malaysia, Vietnam, Taiwan, India, Honduras and Mexico.

The breakdown: Between March 29 and May 4, Airbridge imports included: 768,000 N95 respirators, 874 million gloves, 79.1 million surgical masks, 13.3 million surgical gowns, 2.2 million thermometers, 742,000 face shields, 324,000 coveralls, 109,000 stethoscopes, 370,000 oxygen masks, 250,000 swabs and 160,000 cannulas, according to the FEMA spokesperson.

3M's N95 order: U.S. manufacturer 3M is on the hook for 166.5 million N95 respirators after the president invoked the Defense Production Act to compel the company to deliver more of those medical supplies. The respirators are being produced in 3M factories in China, South Korea and Singapore and will be delivered through June.

EX-IM BRINGS IN NEW FACE TO LEAD CHINA PROGRAM: David Trulio, former senior adviser and chief of staff to the Defense undersecretary for policy, has been appointed senior vice president for the U.S. Export-Import Bank's new "Program on China and Transformational Exports," which aims to raise the U.S.'s ability to compete with China. Trulio will also serve as a counselor to Ex-Im Chairman Kimberly Reed.

Trulio will be responsible for establishing that new initiative, which was mandated by Congress in the law it passed late last year to reauthorize Ex-Im for seven years. Congress required that 20 percent of Ex-Im's total financing authority, or \$27 billion, be reserved for exports that

compete directly with China. The goal is to support direct exports to countries in key areas like artificial intelligence, biotechnology, renewable energy and semiconductors.

HAWLEY: ABOLISH THE WTO: Hawley on Tuesday called for abolishing the World Trade Organization and efforts to preserve the current global economic system. In a New York Times op-ed, Hawley argued that abandoning the WTO would be a good start toward combating “the single greatest threat to American security in the 21st century, Chinese imperialism.”

“The quest to turn the world into a liberal order of democracies was always misguided. It always depended on unsustainable American sacrifice and force of arms. And its companion economic order has, in similar vein, succeeded mostly in weakening American workers and industry,” he wrote.

Where Trump stands: Trump has reportedly expressed in private his desire to withdraw the U.S. from the WTO, though he publicly denied it in 2018. His administration has also ramped up the U.S.’s years-long grievances against the WTO’s Appellate Body. Still, pushing for reform is a different animal than trashing the entire global body.

Lots of pushback: Hawley’s op-ed ignited a lot of criticism from trade followers on Twitter, with the National Taxpayers Union doing a fact-check blog post of certain claims by the Missouri Republican.

NTU’s Bryan Riley pushed back on Hawley’s argument that “foreign agriculture won concession after concession, while American farmers struggled to get fair access to markets.” The group pulled USDA data to show that U.S. agricultural exports have more than doubled since the WTO was created, adding that “leaving the WTO would be a devastating blow to farmers and ranchers, who increasingly rely on world trade.”

“Sen. Hawley is entitled to his own opinions, but not his own facts. The facts show that Americans have benefited tremendously from growing trade and investment under the WTO,” Riley wrote.

CATO Institute’s Simon Lester also explained that “pulling out of the WTO would be counterproductive for the goal of opening up the Chinese market. Chinese tariffs were higher before it joined the WTO, and if the U.S. pulls out of the WTO, U.S. producers would face higher tariffs on their exports to China than their competitors do.”

- Immigration and Customs Enforcement is partnering with Amazon and 3M to stop imports of counterfeit masks and protective gear, The Wall Street Journal reports.
- China’s preparation for a major economic crash has been more than a decade in the making, The Washington Post reports.

ON THE CALENDAR

- 9 a.m.** POLITICO hosts a Morning Money virtual briefing with Sen. Ben Cardin of Maryland, the ranking Democrat on the Small Business Committee, on the coronavirus, the latest outlook and how to revive the economy.
- 10 a.m.** The Heritage Foundation holds a webinar on "Trade Freedom Challenges: Digital Trade and the World Trade Organization."
- 12:30 p.m.** POLITICO hosts a Global Translations virtual briefing with Tony Blair, executive chairman of the Institute for Global Change and former U.K. prime minister, on the global response to Covid-19 and how to strengthen the global architecture to better face future pandemics.
- 1:30 p.m.** The Consumer Federation of America holds its 2020 Virtual Consumer Assembly via webcast on "COVID-19 and Consumers," It will include a keynote address from Rep. Rosa DeLauro (D-Conn.) on protecting America’s food safety and security.
- 2:30 p.m.** The Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee holds a hearing on "The State of the Aviation Industry: Examining the Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic." 106 Dirksen Senate Office Building.

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Good morning,

In the last few days, there have been a number of conversations regarding the EO and other activities amongst all of us, and there have been several instances when someone contacted staff directly who have not had the benefit of those conversations. To avoid confusion, I've asked Enrique, Tori and John to be the point for all aspects of work related to EO 13880 and the presidential memo and they will direct the staff to provide information. Please work through Enrique, Tori, and John when you need information or before contacting staff to task them with deliverables. This will avoid confusion, inefficiencies, and frustrations.

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Let me know if you have any questions

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