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TOP NEWS

After Miner Benefit Feud, Gov't Funding Passes Congress

A bill extending funding for the federal government passed in Congress shortly before the previous funding bill would have run out at midnight Friday, overcoming Democrats' objections that an extension of miners' benefits was too short.

Water Projects Bill Passes Despite Enviromental Concerns

In the last vote of the 114th Congress, the Senate passed a major water projects bill in the early hours of Saturday morning, despite Democratic objections on provisions they said targeted environmental protections and removed "buy American" requirements.

Sens. To Introduce 'Bridge Act' To Protect DACA Recipients

Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., announced on the Senate floor Friday bipartisan legislation that would provide work authorization and temporary relief from removal to young unauthorized immigrants who were brought to the U.S. as children, saying it would protect them from deportation under the incoming Donald Trump administration.

Portland Tax Based On CEO Pay May Not Trim Wage Inequality

A historic city council decision in Portland, Oregon, that will tax publicly traded companies with CEOs earning significantly more than their average workers could backfire, according to experts, who say the move will be perceived as an anti-business measure while doing little to fight wage inequality.

DOL Pick Draws Conservative Outcry For Immigration Stance

President-elect Donald Trump's decision to nominate fast food CEO Andrew Puzder to head the U.S. Department of Labor has drawn backlash from those with ties to immigration restrictionist groups and the often anti-immigrant website Breitbart, which homed in on his support for foreign workers.

Senate OKs Wider Law Punishing Corrupt Foreign Officials

The U.S. Senate on Thursday approved giving the president power to levy sanctions on foreign individuals tied to corruption or whistleblower retaliation, expanding on a law punishing certain Russian officials believed responsible for the death of dissident Sergei Magnitsky.

Top Tax Policy Developments Of 2016: Year In Review

LAW FIRMS

Akin Gump
Allen & Overy
Alston & Bird
Arnold & Porter
Bancroft PLLC
Berger Singerman
Buchanan Angeli
Caplin & Drysdale
Clifford Chance
Cooper & Kirk
Cravath Swaine
DLA Piper
Davis Graham
Dentons
Desmarais LLP
Dorsey & Whitney
Durie Tangri
Earthjustice
Edelson PC
Finnegan
Freshfields
Frost Brown Todd
Gibson Dunn
Goodwin
Greenberg Gross
Greenberg Traurig
Hickey & Evans
Hogan Lovells
Husch Blackwell
Jackson Lewis
Johnson & Bell
Jones Day
K&L Gates
Kaye Scholer

This year has seen multiple efforts by tax authorities around the world cracking down on corporate tax avoidance measures. Here, Law360 takes a look back at the five biggest policy measures taken to ensure that businesses pay their fair share of taxes.

ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL

Enviros Win Intervention Bid In BLM Flaring Rule Suit

A federal magistrate judge has allowed a slew of environmental groups to join a lawsuit that seeks to block a new Bureau of Land Management rule aimed at limiting the release of methane from drilling operations on federal and Native American lands.

HEALTH & LIFE SCIENCES

2nd Ohio Abortion Ban Bill Heads To Kasich's Desk

Ohio lawmakers on Thursday passed a bill banning abortions after 20 weeks, joining a second bill passed on Tuesday that bans abortions once a heartbeat can be detected, with both awaiting Republican Gov. John Kasich's signature or veto.

IP & TECHNOLOGY

Analysis

Vegas Golden Knights Trademark Refusal May Miss The Mark

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office refused trademark applications for the Las Vegas Golden Knights hockey team over the similarity to a registration for the Golden Knights of The College of Saint Rose, but experts questioned whether there really will be any confusion between the two because professional and college teams often share the same nickname.

REAL ESTATE

SF Mayor Vetoes Tighter Short-Term Home Rental Restrictions

San Francisco Mayor Ed Lee vetoed a bill Thursday that would have reduced the amount of time residents can offer their homes for short-term rental, heading off another legal clash between the city and Airbnb Inc.

EMPLOYMENT

Union Asks 6th Circ. To Rethink Ky. Right-To-Work Ruling

A group of nine Kentucky unions, including chapters of the AFL-CIO, urged the Sixth Circuit Friday to reconsider its ruling upholding Hardin County, Ky.'s right-to-work ordinance, saying that federal labor law invalidates such ordinances if they are enacted by counties or local governments.

PRIVACY & CONSUMER PROTECTION

Feds Call Payday Lenders' 'Choke Point' Claims 'Erroneous'

Federal banking regulators said a bid by payday lenders to get an emergency injunction to stop "Operation Choke Point" was based on "erroneous and unsupported speculation" that supervisors were increasing pressure on banks to cut off their relationships with those companies.

Obama Orders Review On Russian Activity In 2016 Election

King & Wood Mallesons

Kirkland & Ellis

Latham & Watkins

Morgan Lewis

Morrison & Foerster

Nelson Mullins

O'Melveny & Myers

Ogletree Deakins

Orrick Herrington

Paul Hastings

Paul Weiss

Phillips Nizer

Priddy Cutler

Proskauer Rose

Quinn Emanuel

Reed Smith

Ropes & Gray

Shook Hardy

Skadden

Sullivan & Cromwell

Thompson & Knight

Weil Gotshal

White and Williams

Wilkinson Walsh

Williams Montgomery

WilmerHale

Winston & Strawn

COMPANIES

AT&T Inc.

Airbnb Inc.

Amazon.com Inc.

America Fujikura Ltd.

American Academy of Pediatric

American Airlines Group Inc.

American Cable Association

American Civil Liberties Union

American Federation of Labor &

Congress of Industrial

Organizations

American Immigration Lawyers Association

Apple Inc.

Boston Bruins

Carolina Hurricanes

Center for Biological Diversity Inc.

Chevron Corporation

President Barack Obama has directed intelligence officials to conduct a full review into Russian involvement in the November election as top members of Congress intensify calls for the White House to share what has already been gathered about Russian intrusion, according to news reports on Friday.

GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS

Oversight Reps Probe DOD's Withdrawn \$125B Waste Report

House Oversight Committee members demanded answers Thursday from Secretary of Defense Ash Carter on media reports that the Pentagon commissioned a report looking to cut costs but buried the findings over fears the identified \$125 billion in savings would be taken out of future budget requests.

TAX

Food Distributor Challenges Puerto Rico Import Tariff

Puerto Rico Ports Authority and a security company illegally collected import tariffs in the form of fees charged for scanning shipments coming through the San Juan port, according to a food distributor's suit filed Thursday in a Puerto Rico federal court.

NATIVE AMERICAN

BIA Wants Tribal Input On 'Indian Trader' Regulations

The Bureau of Indian Affairs announced its plan Friday to develop a rule that would help update and simplify so-called Indian Trader Regulations for businesses on tribal lands and is seeking tribal leaders' input on what changes to the regulations could help spur tribal economic growth.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

FCC Told To Tread Carefully With New Emergency Alert Rules

The Federal Communications Commission should be careful about any new burdens imposed by changes to the rules for the Emergency Alert System, the American Cable Association has said, asking the FCC to give smaller providers more flexibility in complying so that decisions will make sense for the communities they serve.

Carriers Press FCC To Stick To Post-Auction Timeline

The Competitive Carriers Association said Thursday that the Federal Communications Commission should make sure it completes the transition of broadcasters to new airwaves after the incentive auction within the planned 39 months, saying its members need the spectrum as soon as possible.

EXPERT ANALYSIS

CFPB Sets Demanding Standard For Incentive Programs

New Consumer Financial Protection Bureau guidance outlining expectations with respect to incentive programs — such as those at Wells Fargo — leaves much room for discretionary judgments as to which a regulator and a company may well disagree, say attorneys with Paul Weiss Rifkind Wharton & Garrison LLP.

The Future Of FLSA's Revised White Collar Exemption

Cisco Systems Inc.
Citigroup Inc.
Columbia Sportswear Company
Community Financial Corp.
Competitive Carriers Associatio
Deloitte Touche
Ecopetrol S.A.
Embraer SA
Environmental Defense Fund Ir
Federation Internationale de
Football Association
Fidelity National Financial Inc.
First Focus
Freddie Mac
HMT LLC
InterContinental Hotels Group
PLC
International Brotherhood of
Electrical Workers
International Brotherhood of
Teamsters
International Business Machine
Corporation
Johnson & Johnson
Key Energy Services, Inc.
LVMH Group
LexisNexis Group
Lincoln International LLC
Madison Square Garden, Inc.
MasterCard Incorporated
National Collegiate Athletic
Association
National Hockey League
Natural Resources Defense
Council
New York Knicks
New York Rangers
New York Times Co.
Northrop Grumman Corporatio
PHH Corporation
PepsiCo Inc.
Pittsburgh Penguins
Planned Parenthood Federatio
Raytheon Company
Reed Elsevier
SAP AG
Sierra Club

Last month, a Texas federal district court enjoined the U.S. Department of Labor's 2016 revisions to the Fair Labor Standards Act's white collar exemptions. The issue is unlikely to be resolved before President-elect Donald Trump takes over, so his administration will be the one to deal with this case, says James Cunningham Jr. of Berger Singerman LLP.

FERC Proposal A Lift For New Energy Technologies

Last month, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission proposed to amend its regulations to help bring electric storage resources and distributed energy resource aggregations in the capacity, energy and ancillary services markets operated by regional transmission organizations and independent system operators. This represents a major step forward in efforts to integrate advanced energy technologies into the wholesale electric grid, say attorneys from Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feldman LLP.

TSCA High-Priority Chemicals: What Made The Cut?

Many of the substances listed in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's recent list of high-priority substances under the Toxic Substances Control Act come as no surprise. However, others were less likely choices especially considering the EPA recently proposed regulations that will likely suggest limits on certain uses of those substances, say Lawrence Culleen and Erika Norman of Arnold & Porter LLP.

How Latin America Is Stepping Up Anti-Corruption Efforts

For much of 2015 and 2016, barely a day went by without an anti-corruption-related headline involving Latin America, as companies operating throughout the region have and continue to become well acquainted with a growing appetite to root out corruption, say attorneys with Paul Hastings LLP.

8 Things You Need To Know About EU's Insolvency Proposal

The European Commission is going way beyond its previous Pan-European insolvency project of mutual recognition of insolvency procedures and entering the world of harmonizing laws. The U.K. has to keep pace — and must look west to the U.S., says Howard Morris, senior of counsel in the London office of Morrison & Foerster LLP.

LEGAL INDUSTRY

How Smaller Law Firms Can Tackle Data Security On A Budget

It may be tempting for small and mid-sized firms to hold themselves to laxer data security standards than resource-rich BigLaw, but cyber experts warn that size is no excuse when your client data gets compromised. Here's how smaller firms can do better with their limited resources and how clients can push them along.

KWM Europe Confirms It's Reviewing Purchase Offers

Global law firm King & Wood Mallesons' European branch is reviewing purchase offers and engaging in "detailed discussions with a small number of parties," the firm said in a statement Friday.

Legal Tech Download: BigLaw Analytics And AI Investments

The world of legal technology is quickly evolving as new products aimed at aiding lawyers are created and launched in rapid succession. Here, Law360 takes a look at six of the biggest legal tech-related news developments over the past three weeks.

Sinclair Broadcast Group, Inc.
Sociedad Quimica y Minera
Square Inc.
Turner Broadcasting System Inc.
Twitter Inc.
U.S. Bancorp
United Steelworkers
Wal-Mart Stores Inc.
Washington Post Co.
Wells Fargo & Co.
Yahoo! Inc.
Zillow Inc.
eBay Inc.

GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

Amy Corps of Engineers
Bureau of Citizenship and
Immigration Services
Bureau of Indian Affairs
Bureau of Land Management
Consumer Financial Protection
Bureau
European Commission
Executive Office of the President
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Federal Communications
Commission
Federal Deposit Insurance Corp.
Federal Emergency Management
Agency
Federal Energy Regulatory
Commission
Federal Housing Finance Agency
Federal Reserve System
Federal Trade Commission
Food and Drug Administration
Immigration and Customs
Enforcement
Internal Revenue Service
National Credit Union
Administration
New York Attorney General's
Office
New York State Department of
Financial Services
Office of the Comptroller of the
Currency
Office of the Director of National

GC Cheat Sheet: The Hottest Corporate News Of The Week

One city council votes to levy a surtax on companies that pay their CEOs disproportionately, nearly half of compliance officers say their own programs don't measure up and the Supreme Court takes on design patents for the first time in 120 years. Those stories top the corporate legal news you may have missed last week.

NY Firm Offers Support Staff Additional 'Special Bonus'

As BigLaw firms reward associates for their hard work with bonuses climbing up to and above \$100,000, one law firm has recognized the hard work of its support staff, rewarding them with a "special bonus" on top of their usual year-end one, a memo made public on Thursday shows.

Chicago Firm Didn't Secure Client Data, Suit Says

Former clients of Illinois law firm Johnson & Bell Ltd. are accusing the firm of exposing client information and failing to protect client data, saying the firm has structural holes in its security architecture, in a proposed class action unsealed Friday.

In Case You Missed It: Hottest Firms and Stories On Law360

For those who missed out, here's a look back at the law firms, stories and expert analyses that generated the most buzz on Law360 last week.

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Puerto Rico Ports Authority
Securities and Exchange Commission
U.S. Army
U.S. Attorney's Office
U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission
U.S. Department of Agriculture
U.S. Department of Defense
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
U.S. Department of Justice
U.S. Department of Labor
U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
U.S. Department of the Interior
U.S. Department of the Treasury
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
U.S. General Services Administration
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
U.S. Senate
U.S. Supreme Court
World Bank Group
Wyoming Attorney General's Office

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