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Trump Signs \$8.3 Billion Emergency Bill To Combat Coronavirus

President Trump signed an \$8.3 billion emergency spending package to combat the coronavirus that has been spreading throughout the U.S.

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SEC Says Companies Impacted by Coronavirus Can Delay Earnings Filings

The Securities and Exchange Commission will give coronavirus-impacted companies more time to file key financial documents.

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Biden, Sanders Brace for One-On-One Battle in New Phase of Democratic Race

Joe Biden and Bernie Sanders are sharpening their attacks and working to build their support after their Democratic rivals withdrew from the Presidential race.

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Virus Spread Prompts Fed to Slash Rates in Surprise Move

The Fed's announcement of a steep cut signaled its growing concern that the coronavirus poses an escalating threat and could trigger a recession.

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Fast-Moving Senate Energy Bill Draws Dozens of Amendments

A sprawling energy bill from Republican Lisa Murkowski and Democrat Joe Manchin III has been dragged in myriad directions after dozens of amendments were added.

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Senate Passes Bill Requiring 5G Security Review

The Senate unanimously passed a bill requiring a review of the 5G network's security amid concerns with foreign network equipment makers.

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Coronavirus Impacting Parts of U.S. Economy, Fed Report Says

The Federal Reserve's latest nationwide survey of business conditions reports that tourism from China is being affected and American manufacturers are beginning to report supply chain delays.

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U.S. Orders Cap on Chinese State Media Personnel

The State Department informed five Chinese state media authorities they will be required to reduce the number of their nationals working in the U.S.

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OPEC Calls for Big Production Cut

OPEC is calling for a deep production cut of 1.5 million barrels per day to support sagging prices due to the spread of the coronavirus.

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February Data on U.S. Economy Showed Solid Results

U.S. services sector activity jumped to a one-year high in February, suggesting strength in the economy before a recent escalation of recession fears ignited by the coronavirus epidemic.

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U.S., China Clash Over Head of U.N. Intellectual Property Agency

Top U.S. officials have spoken out against proposed U.N. Intellectual Property Agency candidate Weng Binyang of China.

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Businesses at Risk for Cyberattack When Precautions Sacrificed

Forty-three percent of the companies surveyed said mobile security was sacrificed to meet deadlines or productivity targets.

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All Eyes on Permian Basin

Regarding Environmental Matters

The world is monitoring closely the progress Permian Basin producers make on environmental issues such as carbon dioxide and methane emissions.

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EIA Says 2019 A Record Year for U.S. Oil Production

The Energy Information Administration said annual crude oil production in the U.S. surpassed the 12-million-barrel-per-day mark for the first time.

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