

# DC Wrap: March 24-30

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## **Quotes of the week**

This is a setback, no two ways about it.

– House Speaker Paul Ryan [after he pulled his House GOP health care plan](#), saying Republicans “just didn’t quite get consensus today,” though they “came very close.”

In what other job would you grant yourself a two-week vacation if you failed to do that fundamental job?

– U.S. Rep. Mike Gallagher, R-Green Bay, [saying](#) Congress should cancel its recess and find a way to avoid shutting down the government

As this investigation continues, we urge you and your administration to follow a simple rule: tell the truth.

– Dem U.S. Reps. Mark Pocan and Gwen Moore in a [letter](#) to President Trump on the FBI investigation into Trump’s ties to Russia. The two also called on Trump to apologize for “false claims you made” about Obama wiretapping Trump Tower.

## **This week’s news**

**— U.S. Rep. Glenn Grothman, R-Glenbeulah, wants to ensure every state’s food stamps program has work requirements for able-bodied adults without kids.**

Wisconsin and several other states added work requirements for that population after the Great Recession — and Gov. Scott Walker is now looking to expand that to adults with children.

But the Obama administration gave waivers to other states, giving them permission to delay on adding work requirements.

Grothman wants to make sure that practice ends, eliminating the authority of the secretary of Agriculture to grant those waivers.

Meanwhile in Wisconsin, Dems have slammed Walker on his version of Wisconsin's work requirements, saying the state's employment training program is ineffective and that people are getting kicked off FoodShare.

The state's DHS said earlier this year that since July 2015, 21,000 people had found a job through the program, though 64,000 people were no longer eligible for food stamps because they didn't meet the program's requirements.

But Grothman said the work requirements "help free capable individuals from government dependence and empower them to achieve the American Dream."

"I believe we should provide assistance to those who have fallen on hard times, but these work requirement waivers are part of an unfortunate trend of government laws and regulations that create disincentives for individuals to work," he said.

See the release:

<https://www.wispolitics.com/2017/u-s-rep-grothman-introduces-bill-to-eliminate-work-requirement-waivers-for-food-stamps/>

**— U.S. Sen. Tammy Baldwin could be seeing a new potential challenger for her seat next year in Nicole Schneider, daughter-in-law of former Schneider Trucking exec Don Schneider.**

Schneider, who works as a research officer with Green Bay Area Catholic Education, did not directly address in an email talk that she is considering a run against Baldwin. But GOP sources have said she has had meetings about a possible bid and there is an expectation she could put personal resources into a campaign.

"Wisconsin needs a strong, conservative voice that truly represents the people living and working here. We need someone who will get things done," Schneider wrote, adding, "My family and I are examining options to become more politically active and to champion the conservative causes we believe in."

Others who have said they're looking at a run against Baldwin, D-Madison, include Senate Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald, Madison businessman Eric Hovde, state Rep. Dale Kooyenga, business consultant Kevin Nicholson and state Sen. Leah Vukmir.

**— U.S. Rep. Jim Sensenbrenner, R-Menomonee Falls, is reintroducing a bill to improve the DOJ's forfeiture practices after an Inspector General report highlighted some areas of concern.**

The report found two-thirds of the cases in which DOJ seized cash from people didn't involve an investigation or any "attempt to confirm that the money was related to criminal activity," Sensenbrenner said in a release.

Sensenbrenner said his DUE PROCESS Act will "strengthen faith in law enforcement, tamper abuse, and protect citizens' Constitutional rights."

See the release:

<http://sensenbrenner.house.gov/news/documentsingle.aspx?DocumentID=398174>

**— U.S. Sen. Ron Johnson says he met with Supreme Court nominee Neil Gorsuch this week and looks forward to supporting him because of his "fidelity to the Constitution."**

"Judge Gorsuch is the kind of mainstream jurist we need on the Supreme Court — someone who will apply, not alter, the work of the people's representatives," the Oshkosh Republican said.

See the release:

<https://www.ronjohnson.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/press-releases?ID=55E41F9C-8760-4D7B-8C9B-D261DBBCB4A4>

**— U.S. Rep. Ron Kind is once again asking Gov. Scott Walker to accept the Medicaid expansion under the Affordable Care Act.**

Walker declined the additional federal dollars for Medicaid, finding a different way that expanded the program for those under the poverty level. His health secretary told state lawmakers this week that decision has cut the state's uninsured rate and there's still "no guarantee" the feds will meet their promise of expanded funds.

But Kind, D-La Crosse, said the state has already missed out on \$690 million in federal funding and noted the GOP-led state of Kansas is now looking at taking the Medicaid expansion.

"It is long past time for the Governor to end his ideological war on the Affordable Care Act and accept federal funding to expand BadgerCare for Wisconsin's disabled,

children, and seniors,” Kind said.

See the letter:

<https://kind.house.gov/media-center/press-releases/rep-kind-calls-governor-walker-p-ut-wisconsinites-first-and-expand>

## ***Posts of the week***

Met with a remarkable group of bright & driven students from [@UWMadison](#) this morning. Work hard & enjoy your semester in DC [#OnWisconsin](#) [pic.twitter.com/fRSsuaRjNj](http://pic.twitter.com/fRSsuaRjNj)

— Rep. Gallagher Press Office (@RepGallagher) [March 29, 2017](#)

Very nice to chat with students from Middleton High School’s Student Voice Union. Thanks for your thoughtful questions! [pic.twitter.com/WEmngObHFX](http://pic.twitter.com/WEmngObHFX)

— Sen. Tammy Baldwin (@SenatorBaldwin) [March 28, 2017](#)

<https://www.instagram.com/p/BSEj8JxhQwc/?taken-by=mikeforwisconsin>

## ***ICYMI***

Ryan calls pulling the GOP health care bill a ‘setback,’ as Dems celebrate the decision

<https://www.wispolitics.com/2017/ryan-calls-pulling-the-gop-health-care-bill-a-setback-as-dems-celebrate-the-decision/>

Tammy Baldwin reintroduces ‘Buy America’ legislation

<http://www.postcrescent.com/story/news/local/neenah-menasha/2017/03/24/tammy-baldwin-reintroduces-buy-america-legislation/99546862/>

Rep. Kind looks to restore funding for COPS program

<http://www.weau.com/content/news/Rep-Kind-looks-to-restore-funding-for-COPS-program-417369823.html>

Congressman Grothman On Failed Obamacare Repeal

<http://www.kfiz.com/local-news/congressman-grothman-on-failed-obamacare-repeal>

GOP lawmaker calls for canceling recess ahead of shutdown deadline

<https://origin-ny1.thehill.com/blogs/floor-action/house/326362-gop-lawmaker-calls-for-canceling-recess-ahead-of-shutdown-deadline>

Tucker Battles Dem Who Claims He's Seen 'Damning' Trump-Russia Evidence

<http://insider.foxnews.com/2017/03/27/democrat-calls-independent-russia-probe-trump-election-jeff-session-lied>