

Sen. Johnson: Discusses North Korea and trade on Bloomberg TV

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WASHINGTON – U.S. Sen. Ron Johnson (R-Wis.), chairman of the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee and a member of the Foreign Relations Committee, appeared on Bloomberg TV's "Bloomberg Markets: Balance of Power" Wednesday and spoke about the upcoming talks the Trump administration intends to hold with North Korea and the possibility of the U.S. rejoining the Trans-Pacific Partnership.

Excerpts from Senator Johnson's appearance are below and video can be found [here](#).

On Mike Pompeo & North Korea Summit

"I hope there is no problem confirming Mr. Pompeo. He is an extraordinary individual, he's well suited to the task. His experience now at the CIA I think really serves him well as we are seeing now with his diplomacy with North Korea."

On Trade

"What is the best way of making sure that China adheres to the rules of the governing bodies, from my standpoint, is with a unified front of the other trading countries in the world. TPP for example, without the U.S. is

about 13.5 percent of the world economy, and with the U.S., it is about 40 percent. That is a very powerful block demanding that China actually adheres to the rules of the WTO and other world trading rules. We have to identify the main cause of the problem, we have to have an effective way of doing it. Engaging in trade wars with the trading partners that we need to rely on to make sure that China adheres to rules, I just don't think is an effective negotiating strategy."