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Trump sets China tariff plan, edges away from global trade war

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - U.S. President Donald Trump signed a presidential memorandum on Thursday that could impose tariffs on up to \$60 billion of imports from China, although his action was far removed from threats that could have ignited a global trade war. U.S. President Donald Trump holds his signed memorandum on intellectual property tariffs on high-tech goods from China, at the White House in Washington, U.S. March 22, 2018. REUTERS/

Jonathan Ernst Under the terms of the memorandum, Trump will target the Chinese imports only after a consultation period, a measure that will give industry lobbyists and legislators a chance to water down a proposed target list which runs to 1,300 products.

China will also have space to respond to Trump's actions, reducing the risk of immediate dramatic retaliation from Beijing, and Trump struck an emollient tone as he started speaking, saying "I view them as a friend."

"We have spoken to China and we are in the middle of negotiations," Trump said, adding that loss of American jobs from unfair trade was one of the main reasons he had been elected in 2016. The United States runs a \$375 billion goods trade deficit with China.

Washington will also pursue alleged

breaches of intellectual property law by

China through the World Trade Organization, a body that has repeatedly drawn the ire of the administration but which could provide a resolution that avoids a trade war. Global stocks had sold off on Thursday on the expectation of tough action from Trump, with U.S. markets down as much as 2 percent, but recovered somewhat after the

announcement. U.S. President Donald Trump, surrounded by business leaders and administration officials, prepares to sign a memorandum on intellectual property tariffs on high-tech goods from China, at the White House in Washington, U.S. March 22, 2018. REUTERS/Jonathan

Following Trump's announcement on Thursday, the U.S. Trade Representative's office will present a list of products that could be targeted, primarily from the high-tech sector. There will then be a 60-day consultation period before definitive action will be put into force.

White House officials told a briefing ahead of the trade announcement that the administration was eyeing tariffs on \$50 billion in Chinese goods. They said the figure was based on a calculation of the impact on the profits of U.S. companies that had been forced to hand over their intellectual property as the price of doing business in China.

There was no explanation of the difference between the numbers provided by White House officials in the briefing and Trump's \$60 billion.



Trump announces intellectual property tariffs on goods from China, at the White House in WashingtonW. Hawking discusses theories on the origin of the universe in a talk in Berkeley

"Many of these areas are those where China has sought to acquire advantage through the unfair acquisition and forced technology transfer from U.S. companies ... establishing its own competitive advantage in an unfair manner," Everett Eissenstat, deputy director of the National Economic Council, told reporters.

In addition, Trump will also direct the U.S. Treasury to propose measures that could restrict Chinese investments in the United States, Eissenstat said.

The tariffs and investment restrictions will be imposed under the U.S. Trade Representechnologies to Chinese firms.

tative's "Section 301" investigation into alleged misappropriation of U.S. intellectual property by China.

Eissenstat said the investigation clearly demonstrates unfair practices by China, which forces U.S. investors to turn over key

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LOCAL NEWS

Congressman Al Green's Statement on Funding

for Fair Housing Programs

By Keri Blakinger

Washington, D.C. (March 20, 2018) - Today, Representatives Al Green (D-TX) and Barbara Lee (D-CA) led a letter to the Appropriations Committee with 84 members of Congress to support \$45 million in funding for the Fair Housing Initiatives Program (FHIP) and \$24.3 million for the Fair Housing Assistance Program (FHAP) for Fiscal Year 2019. President Trump's current budget request of \$36.2 million for FHIP would leave the program significantly underfunded.

Following the tragic assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Congress passed the Fair Housing Act in April 1968. Unfortunately, countless Americans continue to face housing discrimination to this day. Programs like FHIP and FHAP play a critical role in educating the public and housing providers about housing discrimination and work to ensure all Americans have fair access to housing.

"I look forward to working with the Housing and Development Agency (HUD) and housing providers in my district to ensure that everyone has access to housing," said Congressman Al Green. "As we mark the 50th MD), Mark Takano (D-CA), Eleanor Holmes Norton

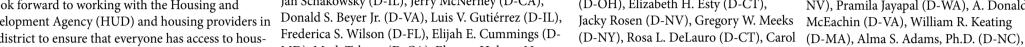
Anniversary of the passage of the Fair Housing Act, I reaffirm my commitment to making Dr. King's dream of fair housing for all a reality."

Congresswoman Barbara Lee said, "Housing discrimination is an urgent civil rights issue. During this 50th anniversary of the Fair Housing Act, I am proud to continue the work of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. to ensure that every American can live in the community of their choice. I also want to thank my colleague, Congressman Al Green, for working with me to eliminate racial bias in housing."

The letter was signed by 84 members: Reps. Ro Khanna (D-CA), Danny K. Davis (D-IL), Yvette D. Clarke (D-NY), Robin L. Kelly (D-IL), John Lewis (D-GA), Maxine Waters (D-CA), Filemon Vela (D-TX), Juan Vargas (D-CA), Debbie Wasserman Schultz (D-FL), Peter Welch (D-VT), Chellie Pingree (D-ME), Keith Ellison (D-MN), Alcee L. Hastings (D-FL), Lois Frankel (D-FL), Bonnie Watson Coleman (D-NJ), Jan Schakowsky (D-IL), Jerry McNerney (D-CA),

(D-DC), Charlie Crist (D-FL), Vicente Gonzalez (D-TX), Marcia L. Fudge (D-OH), Nydia M. Velazquez (D-NY), Daniel T. Kildee (D-MI), Bill Pascrell, Jr. (D-NJ), John K. Delaney (D-MD), John Garamendi (D-CA), Jamie Raskin (D-MD), Gerald E. Connolly (D-VA), Terri A. Sewell (D-AL), Brian Higgins (D-NY), Albio Sires (D-NJ), Judy Chu (D-CA), Thomas R. Suozzi (D-NY), Darren Soto (D-FL), Michael E. Capuano sa (D-HI), Jared Polis (D-CO), Nanette (D-MA), Diana DeGette (D-CO), André Diaz Barragán (D-CA), Earl Blumenauer Carson (D-IN), Ted Deutch (D-FL), Mike (D-OR), Robert C. "Bobby" Scott (D-Thompson (D-CA), Peter A. DeFazio (D-OR), Sheila Jackson Lee (D-TX), Adam Smith (D-WA), Joyce Beatty (D-OH), Elizabeth H. Esty (D-CT),

(D-MA), John B. Larson (D-CT), Jared Huffman (D-CA), Gwen Moore (D-WI), Adriano Espaillat (D-NY), Bill Foster (D-IL), Sander M. Levin (D-MI), Cedric L. Richmond (D-LA), Zoe Lofgren (D-CA). Tulsi Gabbard (D-HI), Al Lawson (D-FL), Stacey E. Plaskett (D-VI), Sanford D Bishop (D-GA), Ed Perlmutter (D-CO), Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan (D-MP), Marc Veasey (D-TX), Colleen Hanabu-VA), Dwight Evans (D-PA), Denny Heck (D-WA), Brenda L. Lawrence (D-MI), Joe Courtney (D-CT), Ruben Kihuen (D-NV), Pramila Javapal (D-WA), A. Donald McEachin (D-VA), William R. Keating Shea-Porter (D-NH), James P. McGovern and David Scott (D-GA).



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(Austin, TX) - The Austin Police Department (APD), the Federal the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) are confirming that two packages located at two separate FedEx facilities in the Austin/San Antonio area on Tuesday, March 20, 2018 package explosions that occurred between March 2 and March 18, 2018 in Austin, Texas. In Tuesday's incidents, one package exploded and the second one was disrupted by law enforcement. Schertz Police Department responded to a package explosion

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at approximately 12:25 a.m. at the FedEx facility located at 9935 Doerr Bureau of Investigation (FBI), and Lane in Schertz, TX. One person, an employee, was treated at the scene and released. FBI and ATF also responded and continue to process the scene for evidence.

Later that morning, at approximately 6:19 a.m., APD received a call reare connected to the four previous garding a suspicious package at 4117 McKinney Falls Parkway in Austin. APD, along with the FBI and the ATF, responded. It was determined the package contained an explosive device and was disrupted by law enforcement. No injuries were reported. There is a reward of up to \$100,000 We continue to ask the public to be vigilant. Do not approach or interact arrest and conviction of person(s)

with a suspicious person or object. We ask that you contact law enforcement and not attempt to intervene on your own. Until the individual(s) behind these package explosions is apprehended, there remains an ongoing threat to the public.

Anyone with information is urged to contact the TIPS Hotline at 512-472-TIPS(8477) or 1-800-893-8477. Tips can also be submitted online via APD's free mobile app, available on iPhone and Android. Individuals who provide information may remain anonymous.

for information that leads to the

responsible for these incidents. An additional \$15,000 reward has been offered separately through Texas Crime Stop-

Law enforcement personnel investigate the surroundings of the home where Austin serial bomber Mark Anthony Conditt lived in Pflugerville

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A Snapshot Of The World



White House senior advisor Ivanka Trump takes part in a forum called Generation Next at the Eisenhower Executive Office Building in Washington



Trump announces intellectual property tariffs on goods from China, at the White House in Washington



Ukrainian member of parliament Nadiya Savchenko embraces her supporter after being detained on charges of planning a military-style coup, in Kiev



Trump announces intellectual property tariffs on goods from China, at the White House in Washington



South Korea's President Moon and Vietnam's Vice President Thinh attend the breaking ceremony of the Vietnam Korea Institute of Science and Technology at Hoa Lac Hi-Tech Park in Hanoi



Pedestrians walk past a snow covered bull sculpture during a late season nor'easter in New York



The Soyuz MS-08 spacecraft carring the next International Space Station (ISS) crew blasts off from the launchpad at the Baikonur Cosmodrome



Riot police officers stand guard as leftovers of broken eggs thrown by demonstrators are seen on their shields in Athens



Britain's Prime Minister Theresa May arrives at a European Union leaders summit in Brussels, Belgium, March 22, 2018. REUTERS/Francois Lenoir TPX IMAGES OF THE DAY



COMMUNITY





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The Astrodome will be designated a Recorded Texas Historic Landmark. The iconic Astrodome is now in line for a dramatic \$105 million transformation.

The Astrodome will be designated as a Recorded Texas Historic Landmark — the highest honor the state can bestow on a historic structure.

The marker will finally and officially tell the story of the "Eighth Wonder of the World" and, officials hope, create a snapshot destination.

"The Dome has never had an actual historical marker," said Mike Vance, a member of the Harris County Historical Commission, which is the local arm of the Texas Historical Commission.

The state agency approved the stadium's designation in January among 172 new historical markers across Texas for 2018.

The Astrodome's Colorful Past





1)October 1963: Harris County commissioners check out stadium seats for the to-be-completed domed stadium (Astrodome). commissioner Philip Sayers, County Judge Bill Elliott, commissioners W. Kyle Chapman, E.A. (Squatty) Lyons and V.V. (Red) Ramsey. 2) Start of construction on Astrodome, March 27, 1963. Concrete was poured for a foundation footing Wednesday morning at a ceremony formally starting construction of the domed stadium. About 20 members of the Houston consular corps were guests at the ceremony. They put mementos from their countries into a capsule embedded in the concrete. Officials from the city of Houston, Harris County, Chamber of Commerce, and Houston Sports Association (HSA) were also at the cornerstone ceremony





1)Excavation work for the Harris County

Domed Stadium, May 30, 1963. 2) Astrodome construction, circa late 1964.



A crowd of spellbound onlookers peers 212 feet upward to the top of the steel framework of Harris County's domed stadium (Astrodome). The steel work was "topped out" Friday, Nov 1, 1963, by contractors, H.A. Lott, Inc., and Johnson, Drake & Piper, Inc. The next step, say the contractors, is putting the plastic covering on the dome. The aluminum skin will be added to the sides in a later stage of construction.



March 1964: Former County Judge Roy Hofheinz, National League President Warren Giles, and astronaut Alan Shepard join news media to view the now open interior of the Harris County Domed Stadium (Astrodome) free of the support towers which held the dome up until the structural steel framing was in place. Removal of the 37 four-ton steel towers started Feb. 4 at the rate of two a day when weather permitted.



The Dome in 1964: Downtown Houston in the distance.

At its opening, the Astrodome embodied the height of innovation. The building was the world's largest domed structure and the biggest air-conditioned stadium as well as the first ballpark with artificial turf, luxury suites and an animated scoreboard

"The Astrodome is the most important building we've ever had in our city's history," said Vance, a professional historian and program director for The Heritage Society at Sam Houston Park. "It's the most recognized and the most influential building that we've ever had. ... It absolutely changed architecture and engineering around the world."

The stadium opened on April 9, 1965, to a sold-out crowd of more than 47.000 for an exhibition baseball game between the Astros and the New York Yankees. The historical marker dedication, which will be scheduled soon, comes near the Dome's 53rd birthday. The Astrodome received its strongest

protection with a 2017 state antiquities landmark designation, giving the stadium special safeguards against demolition and requiring clearance from the Texas Historical Commission for any alterations. Becoming a Recorded Texas Historic

Landmark adds another measure of pro-

This week 55 years ago construction started on the Astrodome



The new Astrodome hosted all levels of sports and entertainment events.

"It's a higher standard you have to reach to qualify for that kind of marker," Vance said. "That means that it's a building and it has to be intact in the judgment of the Texas Historical Commission — and the Dome, thankfully, is."

In addition, the sign's unveiling will be "something tangible and visible," unlike the antiquities designation, Vance said.

Preservation and renovation of the Astrodome has been a long-held priority for Harris County Judge Ed Emmett. The county is spending \$105 million to renovate the stadium. Construction is expected to begin in October.

"Judge Emmett has been supportive of the Astros and the county historical society's efforts in putting a marker at the Astrodome from the very beginning," said Joe Stinebaker, a spokesman for the county executive. "He has said repeatedly that The Alamo and the Astrodome are probably the two most recognizably historic buildings in the state of Texas — and if the Astrodome doesn't deserve a historical marker, what

The Astros organization, whose history is intertwined with the Astrodome, is paying the state about \$2,000 for the marker.



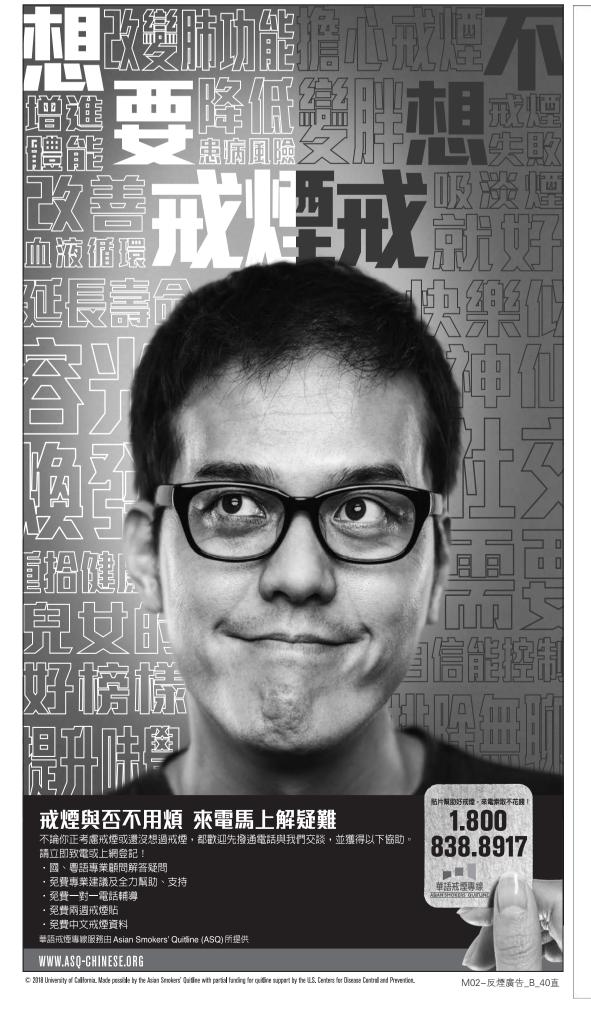
The Astrodome Conservancy also is planning a public event at the stadium. Previously, the organization announced a bash for April 9, but details are expected to be released next week.

"We are hoping to create a real party atmosphere to celebrate the history of the Astrodome and look forward to a bright future," said Beth Wiedower Jackson, the conservancy's executive director.

The Dome has not housed a professional sports team since the Astros moved to Minute Maid Park in 2000. NRG Stadium opened in the Dome complex two years later to serve as the home of the National Football League's Houston Texans.

The Houston fire marshal's office declared the massive building unfit for occupancy in

The county spends about \$170,000 a year to maintain the Dome in NRG Park, located on South Loop 610 between Kirby and Fannin — largely for electricity bills and flood insurance. The renovation costs will be paid from the county's general fund, largely made up of property tax revenue, hotel occupancy taxes and parking revenue, county officials have said. (Courtesy chron.com)



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BUSINESS

The U.S. Senate has voted 97-2 to advance the Stop Enabling Sex Traffickers Act, a controversial initiative meant to crack down on sex trafficking on the internet. The bill will now go President Trump's desk for his signature. Passage of the bill addressed concerns

the tech industry and capped off a monthslong legislative fight.

The legislation, called the Allow States and Victims to Fight Online Sex Trafficking Act (FOSTA), but also referred to as SESTA after the original Senate bill, would cut into the broad protections websites have from legal liability for content posted by their users.

The bill would hold websites liable for hosting sex trafficking content by making a change to a key part of the Communications Decency Act. Some free-internet activists — as well as some tech company representatives — have argued that the bill places an unrealistic burden on small website operators, and will ultimately chill online speech. Sex workers have also opposed the legislation. Sen. Ron Wyden (D-OR), a critic of the bill, offered an amendment that might have clarified the bill's purposes, but it was voted down.



Senator Rob Portman, Republican of Ohio, is sponsoring the bill. He led a two-year investigation into Backpage.com, a website known for prostitution and trafficking ads. (Photo/Getty Images)

"Today is a dark day for the Internet," the Electronic Frontier Foundation tweeted, saying that the legislation "will silence online speech by forcing Internet platforms to censor their users."

Last month, the House of Representatives passed its version of the legislation. Fol-

U.S. Senate Passes Controversial **Online Sex Trafficking Bill**

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United States Senate Building in Washington DC

lowing the broad support in Congress, President Trump will likely sign the legislation when it reaches his desk, and Ivanka Trump gave the measure her support yesterday. "Passing this important piece of legislation will bring us one step closer to ending sex trafficking online & restoring safety in our communities," she tweeted. "We now have the ability to go after

these websites who are exploiting women and children online," Sen. Rob Portman (R-Ohio), one of the original authors of the bill, said at a press conference after the

The House overwhelmingly passed the bill last month, and President Trump is expected to sign it.



The legal liability protections are codified in Section 230 of the Communications Decency Act from 1996, a law that many internet companies see as vital to protecting their platforms. SESTA would amend that law to create an exception for sex trafficking, making it easier to target websites with legal action for enabling such crimes. Wyden, the most outspoken critic of SES-TA and one of the authors of the Communications Decency Act, said that making exceptions to Section 230 will lead to small internet companies having to face an onslaught of frivolous lawsuits.

"In the absence of Section 230, the internet as we know it would shrivel," Wyden said on the Senate floor ahead of the vote Wednesday. "Only the platforms run by those with deep pockets, and an even deeper bench of lawyers, would be able to make it."

The Oregon Democrat also noted opposition from groups as varied as the Cato Institute, the Human Rights Campaign and the American Civil Liberties Union.



But some lawmakers and anti-sex trafficking advocates think the law has gotten in the way of efforts to go after online trafficking suspects like Backpage.com.

Sen. Richard Blumenthal (D-Conn.), a co-author of SESTA and a former prosecutor, called Section 230 "outdated and obsolete" during Wednesday's press con-

Most internet giants have gone quiet in the fight over the controversial bill. Facebook endorsed SESTA as the company faces scrutiny on other fronts, in particular alleged Russian efforts to use their platform to conduct a disinformation campaign targeting U.S. voters during the 2016 election season.

But the bill was also championed by technology companies, such as IBM, Oracle and Hewlett Packard, that have been at odds with Silicon Valley. They argued that online companies enjoy overly broad legal protections while being subject to very little regulation, leading to pervasive problems like online sex trafficking.



The passage of the bill is widely seen as a major legislative loss for Silicon Valley, and perhaps the first in an era where the industry is being viewed much more critically by lawmakers.

During Wednesday's press conference, Sen. John Thune (R-S.D.), the chairman of the Senate Commerce Committee, said he believes the bill sends a message to tech giants.

"I think that in the future tech companies have to understand that it's not the Wild West and they have to exercise responsibility," Thune said. (Courtesy thehill.com)



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