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An Insider's View - The Supreme Court Ruling on Health Care

Robert L. Ehrlich

It was a great day at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue. Progressives of all stripes celebrated a surprising victory in a Court they love to hate. [More »](#)

Round Two: Congress Reacts to the SCOTUS ACA Ruling

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Like most things in Washington today, no debate ever really ends, with the losers vowing to fight on and looking to find opportunities to snatch defeat from the opponent's jaws of victory. [More »](#)

Developments in Energy

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The production tax credit for wind energy (the "PTC") set to expire on December 31, 2012, is beginning to show serious signs of life. The PTC is one of the more than 50 tax credits and related provisions that have either expired or will expire at the end of this year. [More »](#)

Down the Back Stretch - Appropriations Bills Continue to Work Their Way Through the House

George C. Crawford

House appropriators continue to process the FY 2013 appropriations bills with several of the more controversial bills remaining. [More »](#)

Senate Moving Towards Vote on Cybersecurity Legislation

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Legislation to address the issue of protecting the nation's critical networks from attack will be on the agenda when Congress returns from the 4th of July recess. [More »](#)

Congress Reconsiders Stance on Trade with Russia

Bonnie B. Byers, William C. Talmadge

The impending admission of Russia into the World Trade Organization is forcing the United States to reconsider a Cold War era provision known as the Jackson-Vanik amendment. [More »](#)

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The House Appropriations Committee has approved funding for the Department of the Interior, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and numerous other related agencies for Fiscal Year 2013. [More »](#)

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William Clarkson

On Friday, June 29th, Congress passed a comprehensive, 27-month transportation bill after weeks of feverish negotiations among the bill's House and Senate conferees. A number of contentious issues had to be resolved before the bill conferees and Congressional leaders were able to finalize a deal, probably none more contentious than House GOP-backed provisions related to approval of the Keystone XL pipeline and EPA regulation of Coal Combustion Residuals ("CCRs" or "coal ash"). [More »](#)

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In a much anticipated ruling, the Supreme Court of the United States reversed a Montana Supreme Court ruling that said that a 100-year old law barring corporate independent expenditures in the state was justified by the state's history of corruption in the 19th and early 20th centuries. [More »](#)

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