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Trump signs tax, government spending bills into law

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - U.S. President Donald Trump signed Republicans' massive \$1.5 trillion tax overhaul into law on Friday, cementing the biggest legislative victory of his first year in office, and also approved a short-term spending bill that averts a possible government shutdown.

Trump said he wanted to sign the tax bill before leaving Washington on Friday for his Mar-a-Lago estate in Florida, rather than stage a more formal ceremony in January, so he could keep his promise to finish work before Christmas.

"I didn't want you folks to say I wasn't keeping my promise. I'm keeping my promise," he told reporters in the White House.

The two pieces of legislation represent Trump's most significant accomplishment with Congress since taking office in January, as well as a sign of what awaits when he returns from Florida after the Christmas holiday. The tax package, the largest such overhaul since the 1980s, slashes the corporate rate from 35 percent to 21 percent and temporarily reduces the tax burden for most individuals as well.

Trump praised several companies that have announced employee bonuses in the wake of the bill's passage, naming AT&T, Boeing, Wells Fargo, Comcast and Sinclair Broadcast Group.

"Corporations are literally going wild over this," he said.

Democrats had opposed the bill as a giveaway to the wealthy that would

tion, healthcare and military spending. Republicans also are divided over whether to follow up their sweeping overhaul of the U.S. tax code with a dramatic restructuring of federal benefit programs.

House Speaker Paul Ryan has said he would like to revamp welfare and health programs but Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell told National Public Radio on Monday that he was not interested in cutting those programs without Democratic support.

Trump's year also closes with significant turnover of many top staffers who had been in the White House since early in his term. On Friday, the White House confirmed Deputy Chief of Staff Rick Dearborn and Jeremy Katz, who worked under White House economic adviser Gary Cohn, were leaving.

Individual insurance plans through the Obamacare online exchanges that the government subsidizes based on a person's income.

Trump in October cut off billions of dollars in subsidy payments to insurers that help people pay for medical costs, causing insurers to raise 2018 premiums by more than 20 percent or drop out of selling plans in the Obamacare marketplace.

His administration also halved the enrollment period to six weeks and cut the federal advertising and outreach budget by 90 percent. It also has proposed putting cheaper insurance policies offering bare-bones medical coverage on the Obamacare market in 2019 or 2020.

The Republican tax overhaul passed by Congress on Wednesday revoked a key element of Obamacare: a fine imposed on people who do not obtain health insurance. Health policy experts have said repealing that fine is likely to destabilize the Obamacare online marketplace by allowing



U.S. President Trump displays signature after signing tax bill into law at the White House in Washington



add \$1.5 trillion to the \$20 trillion national debt during the next decade. The spending bill extends federal funding through Jan. 19, largely at current levels. It does nothing to resolve broader disputes over immigra-

Office estimated that repealing the so-called individual mandate fine would increase the number of uninsured by 13 million by 2027. It also said premiums would rise 10 percent most years over the next decade.

the young and healthy to forego coverage, leaving people with costly pre-existing medical conditions and driving up premiums. The non-partisan Congressional Budget

Business

Bitcoin plunges below \$12,000, heads for worst week since 2013

NEW YORK/LONDON (Reuters) - Bitcoin plunged by a quarter to below \$12,000 on Friday as investors dumped the cryptocurrency in manic trading after its blistering ascent to a peak close to \$20,000 prompted warnings by experts of a bubble.

It capped a brutal week that had been touted as a new era of mainstream trading for the volatile digital currency when bitcoin futures debuted on CME Group Inc (CME.O), the world's largest derivatives market on Sunday. Friday's steep fall bled into the U.S. stock market, where shares of companies that have recently lashed their fortunes to bitcoin or blockchain - its underlying technology - took a hard knock in early trading.

The biggest and best-known cryptocurrency had seen a staggering twentyfold increase since the start of the year, climbing from less than \$1,000 to as high as \$19,666 on the Luxembourg-based Bitstamp exchange BTC=BTSP on Sunday and to over \$20,000 on other exchanges. Bitcoin has fallen each day since, with losses accelerating on Friday.



Broken representation of the Bitcoin virtual currency, placed on a monitor that displays stock graph and binary codes, are seen in this illustration picture

In the futures market, bitcoin one-month futures <0#XBT:> on Cboe Global Markets were halted due to the steep price drop, while those trading on the CME BTCF8 hit the limit down threshold.

In the spot market, bitcoin fell to as low as \$11,159, down more than 25 percent on the Luxembourg-based Bitstamp exchange BTC=BTSP, its largest one-day drop in nearly three years. For the week, it was down around a third - its worst performance since April 2013.



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SpaceX's Elon Musk Has Unveiled A Rocket That Can Fly To The Moon, Mars—And Shanghai!



SpaceX's "BFR" space vehicle is shown docked with the International Space Station in this rendering. (Photo/SpaceX)

If Elon Musk has to make his big rocket smaller, he's going to make sure it still has enormous ambitions.

SpaceX's chief executive updated his company's plans to colonize Mars at a global space conference in Australia. He described a rocket and spacecraft suitable for transporting humans safely to the surface of the moon in 2022, to a Martian colony by 2024—and from New York to Shanghai in less than 40 minutes.

The serial entrepreneur's speech at the International Astronautical Congress is a sequel to one delivered in 2016 that described the architecture for a rocket system that could take humans to Mars at \$200,000 a ticket. While the rocket in question is still referred to by the code-name BFR—Big F**ing Rocket—it is 16 meters (52 feet) shorter and half the mass of last year's version. But the new rocket would still be the largest and most powerful ever built by humans, capable of carrying 150 tons of cargo into orbit, and almost entirely reusable.

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NASA is already contemplating public-private partnerships, akin to the one that helped SpaceX develop its own technology, to explore the moon. At a congressional hearing in early September, NASA's director of advanced exploration systems, Jason Cruzan, described the agency's plans to use privately-developed

lunar landers and rockets to perform robotic science missions on the lunar surface, and lay the groundwork for human exploration. The administration's decision to tap Oklahoma congressman Jim Bridenstine to lead NASA is seen as confirming that view, though the Senate has yet to confirm him.



The SpaceX rocket landing in Shanghai. (Screenshot via SpaceX/YouTube at <http://www.businessinsider.com/elon-musk-wants-to-fly-people-around-the-world-in-under-an-hour-2017-9>)

SpaceX's rivals haven't missed this trend. The hearing featured a representative from Blue Origin, Jeff Bezos' well-funded rocket company, describing the company's Blue Moon lunar lander. Another came from Astrobotic, a company which plans to launch a moon mission for its own lander, Peregrine, on a rocket built by United Launch Alliance, SpaceX's chief competitor for government launch business. The real-estate baron and space entrepreneur Robert Bigelow had made it simple with a cartoon case for returning to the moon.

In cannibalizing the lunar business plans of his competitors, Musk is only behaving like a self-respecting tech CEO. His presentation also borrowed from Virgin Galactic, which hopes to use a sub-orbital space plane to carry people like an ultra-fast airliner. To close out the show, Musk shared a rendering of his enormous rocket flying passengers from point to point on earth's surface, reducing the time of any trip to less than an hour. While it is hard to imagine daily service between major metropolitan areas provided by a rocket the size of the Saturn V, it's possible with the technology the company is imagining.



Blue Origin founder Jeff Bezos poses in front of his rocket. Credit: Blue Origin

SpaceX has said in the past that it hoped to finance its Martian plans by operating an internet-broadcasting satellite constellation, but that scheme has faced regulatory difficulties and Musk did not mention them during his talk.

The proposed system depends on a number of still-unproven technologies, including enormous carbon fiber tanks to carry propellants; a new engine called the Raptor that runs on methane; the ability to mine propellants on the moon and Mars; and re-fueling the vehicle in space. This year, Musk did not share any dollar figures about the cost of developing the rocket or the tickets to ride it, but he did say that it would be cheaper per unit of mass than any existing rocket.

SpaceX has already developed the world's most advanced and cost-effective rocket booster technology in the Falcon 9, and has captured a huge share of the private satellite launch market while flying missions for the US Air Force and NASA. In 2017, the company has outstripped rivals by flying 13 successful missions, eight of which returned the booster rocket to earth, in its most productive year ever. SpaceX is valued by its investors at more than \$20 billion.

But the company has faced some recent setbacks in its quest to colonize the solar system. At a conference in July, a visibly disappointed Musk said that a plan—known as the Red Dragon program—to modify the Dragon spacecraft, which services the International Space Station, and send it to Mars would be cancelled to prioritize the system he described today.

Red Dragon turned out to require a serious redesign of the vehicle's heat shield, which would have made it impossible to achieve on time while accomplishing the company's other goals.

Musk's new plan envisions sending a cargo mission to Mars without humans on board in 2022—the next window when it is easy to fly from earth to the red planet. Then, in 2024, he hopes to follow up with human colonization. The BFR is designed to carry about 100 passengers, with 40 cabins and several community spaces during a mooted three- to six-month voyage. Such a mission is far more ambitious than anything currently contemplated by space exploration agencies, and for that reason many are skeptical of the timeline described by Musk, who has been a serial over-promiser when it comes to delivery dates.



An artist's rendering of a moon base community.

At the same time, few organizations have SpaceX's engineering talent, finances, and recent experience in developing new space technology.

Pivoting its business plan to make best use of existing technology has allowed SpaceX to thrive where other rocket startups have failed. Musk's remarks came on the ninth anniversary of the company's first successful launch. But SpaceX abandoned that vehicle, the Falcon 1, because it could not make enough money from it. It adapted the design for a space capsule to win a series of contracts from NASA that became the foundation of its business. Now, with its inter-planetary vehicle, SpaceX is following the money once again. After all, there's no shame in returning humans to the moon.

"It's 2017," Musk said. "We should have a lunar base by now. What the hell's going on?" (Courtesy <https://qz.com/>)

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Elon Musk wants to fly people around the world in under an hour

SpaceX's founder, Elon Musk, presented his vision for getting people to Mars within five years at the International Astronautical Congress in the South Australia city of Adelaide on Friday.

The spaceship, dubbed the BFR, would carry about 100 people into outer space, but at the end of his presentation he floated the idea of using it to fly anywhere around the world in less than 60 minutes. He painted a picture of people boarding a ship in New York City to head out to a launchpad in the Hudson River, where they take a 7,400-mile flight from the Big Apple to Shanghai in just 39 minutes.

The most popular long-haul flights could be completed in under 30 minutes, Musk said — from Los Angeles to New York in 25 minutes; Melbourne, Australia, to Singapore or New York to London in 29 minutes; New York to Paris in 30 minutes; and Sydney to Cape Town, South Africa, in 35 minutes or all the way to Zurich in 50 minutes.



Elon Musk promises 39-minute journeys from New York to Shanghai. (Photo/Boston Herald)

"If we're building this thing to go to the moon and Mars, then why not go to other places on earth as well?" he said.

Musk offered no insight on costs, but the idea would be the most dramatic change to air travel since the supersonic Concorde arrived on the scene in the mid-1970s, traveling at twice the speed of sound and cutting the eight-hour flight between Paris and New York to less than 3 1/2 hours. He also promised a smooth ride.

"Once you're out of the atmosphere," he said, "it will be smooth as silk, no turbulence, nothing." (Courtesy <http://www.businessinsider.com/>)

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FILE PHOTO: A collection of Bitcoin (virtual currency) tokens are displayed in this picture illustration



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Visitors react as a diver dressed as Santa Claus swims with fish at the Aquarium of Paris



U.S. President Donald Trump signs tax overhaul legislation into law in the Oval Office at the White House in Washington



British Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson visits Red Square in Moscow



A defaced and a mock Ciudadanos election sticker are seen on a bench graffitied with yellow ribbons, symbolizing the demand for the release of jailed Catalanian politicians, in Barcelona



A statue of the baby Jesus on a bed of bullet shells is seen in a Nativity scene outside the Basilica of St Francis in Assisi



Wounded Palestinian demonstrator dressed as Santa Claus is evacuated during clashes with Israeli troops at a protest near the border with Israel in the southern Gaza Strip



Cataldo Ambulance medics and other first responders revive a 32-year-old man who was found unresponsive and not breathing after an opioid overdose on a sidewalk in the Boston suburb of Everett, Massachusetts, U.S., August 23, 2017. REUTERS/Brian Snyder

2 men attempt early-morning jewelry heist in River Oaks

It was a scene straight from a movie. Two men wearing ski masks and dark hoodies attempted an early-morning heist Friday in River Oaks. At around 3 a.m., they broke into a jewelry store by cutting a hole in the roof with axes, saws and other tools, Houston police said. They were lowered by a rope into

jewelry store, where they began breaking glass cases. A silent alarm alerted police. Houston police and Harris County deputies responded while the suspects were still inside, trying to collect as many valuables as they could, dropping a few along the way. Both suspects managed to escape. One quickly climbed back up the

rope then jumped about 20 feet to the roof of a neighboring store. "He took a running leap, and he made the jump," Lt. Dale Hubert said. Officers aren't sure how much jewelry the suspects managed to steal, but they found scattered jewelry and broken cases inside the store. Hubert said jewelry store heists are more common during the holidays



Texas security regulators clamp down on Bitcoin mining scheme



FILE PHOTO: A Bitcoin logo is displayed at the Bitcoin Center New York City in New York's financial district

Texas security regulators warned consumers about investing in USI-Tech Limited, a Dubai-based firm promoting low-risk, high-return investments tied to Bitcoin, an unregulated form of virtual currency. The Texas State Securities Board issued a cease and desist order this week against the overseas company for selling investment contracts to mine Bitcoin, referring to the significant computer power and energy consumption it takes to track Bitcoin trading activity. The agency said that USI-Tech and two U.S.-based sales agents are soliciting investors in Texas through Craigslist advertisements, YouTube videos and websites. Neither the company or its sales agents could be immediately reached for comment. State regulators allege that USI-Tech claims its Bitcoin platform "consistently provides returns of up to 150 percent per year" and that investment returns do not depend on the underlying value of Bitcoin. The price of Bitcoin, which opened Thursday at \$16,454.72, has doubled in value over the



FILE PHOTO: A copy of bitcoin standing on PC motherboard is seen in this illustration picture

past month, according to CoinDesk which tracks prices. USI-Tech nor the sales agents are registered to sell securities in Texas. The investment is not registered in Texas. The state securities board also alleges that USI-Tech is telling potential investors that they can make even more money by convincing others to invest. Investors can earn "up to 35 percent commissions" through its "unique referral marketing plan," according to the securities board. he found out he didn't have a say on its plan to levy assessments on commercial property owners to pay for its programs.

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