

Trump announces end to DACA, Congress passes hurricane relief package and raises debt ceiling

Week in review: Sept 5-8, 2017

Monday, September 4th was Labor Day

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- **On Tuesday**, Attorney General Jeff Sessions announced that President Trump is ending DACA, the Obama-era program shielding undocumented immigrants who came to the U.S. as children from deportation, with a six-month delay
- Senators Dick Durbin and Lindsey Graham urged Congress to quickly pass the DREAM Act, a measure that would allow some undocumented immigrants to eventually gain legal status

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- **On Wednesday**, President Trump cut a deal with Democrats to fund the government and raise the debt ceiling for three months, as part of an agreement to allocate money to Hurricane Harvey relief
- Fifteen states, plus the District of Columbia, sued the Trump administration over the president's decision to end DACA
- Arizona Senator John McCain expressed support for a new version of an Obamacare repeal bill sponsored by Senators Lindsey Graham and Bill Cassidy, after voting against repeal in July

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- **On Thursday**, Donald Trump Jr. said he agreed to meet with a Russian lawyer last year because he thought it was important to learn about Hillary Clinton's "fitness" for office
- President Trump tried to reassure DACA recipients about their immigration status, after House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi requested public clarification
- The Senate passed legislation that temporarily raises the debt ceiling and funds the government, as part of a Hurricane Harvey relief package

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- **On Friday**, the House passed the bill to direct over \$15 billion in disaster aid to Hurricane Harvey victims, raise the debt ceiling and fund the government for three months.

Sources: National Journal Research; The Atlantic Politics and Policy Newsletter, 2017; TheHill.com, 2017.