

The House passes a spending bill; Trump falsely accuses Democrats of inflating Puerto Rico death toll numbers

Week in Review: September 10 – September 14, 2018

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- The Trump administration announced the closure of the Palestinian Liberation Organization office in Washington, D.C.
- Rep. Ron DeSantis (R-FL6) resigned from Congress to focus on his gubernatorial campaign
- White House Press Secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders said the administration was planning a second summit between President Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un

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- President Trump and First Lady Melania Trump traveled to Pennsylvania to pay tribute to the late passengers of United Flight 93 who resisted hijackers on 9/11
- D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser declared a state of emergency in anticipation of Hurricane Florence
- Bob Woodward's new book *Fear*, which details the inner workings of the Trump White House, was released

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- President Trump signed an executive order authorizing sanctions against countries or individuals who interfere in U.S. elections
- Pope Francis summoned bishops from around the world to a meeting in February to address the sexual abuse of minors
- Jeff Fager, the executive producer of *60 Minutes*, left CBS due to violations of company policy
- The U.S. Census Bureau reported that median household income increased in 2017 to \$61,372, up 1.8 percent from the previous year

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- President Trump drew widespread condemnation for falsely claiming that 3,000 people “did not die” in Puerto Rico from Hurricane Maria, and that Democrats inflated the death toll to smear him
- The House passed a trio of spending bills to fund part of the federal government
- The Trump administration agreed to give parents who were separated from their children at the U.S.-Mexico border another chance to claim asylum

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- Hurricane Florence made landfall at Wrightsville Beach, N.C. as a Category 1 hurricane, with winds of about 90 miles per hour
- New York Governor Andrew Cuomo won his primary against insurgent challenger Cynthia Nixon
- Thousands were evacuated from Massachusetts towns amid gas explosions that killed one person and injured more than 20 others

Sources: The Atlantic Politics and Policy Daily; The Hill; The New York Times; Politico