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DOT: Final Rule for Trucker Training Standards Expected to Publish in November
Source: Commercial Carrier Journal

Court Seems to Lean Toward Keeping ELD Mandate in Place, Trucking Attorney Says
Source: Commercial Carrier Journal

EPA Updates Rule on ‘Exceptional’ Ozone Pollution
Source: The Hill

GOP Mostly Powerless in Stopping Obama 'Midnight' Regulations
Source: Roll Call

McConnell: Senate Will Delay Vacation to Override Obama Veto
Source: The Hill

OOIDA Asks Senate Not to Include Speed Limiter Mandate in THUD Bill
Source: Trucker News Services

DOT Issues Guidance, Basic Safety Measures for Autonomous Vehicles, Including Heavy-Duty Trucks
Source: Commercial Carrier Journal

Dems to GOP: Help us Fix ObamaCare
Source: The Hill

Obama Eyes Risky Election-Year Veto
Source: The Hill

House Republicans Ask Agencies for List of 'Midnight Rules'
Source: The Hill

Senate Slams WOTUS as 'Extreme Overreach'
Source: AG Web

Senate Report Highlights EPA Enforcement of WOTUS Rule
Source: High Plains Journal

Democrats Blast GOP for ‘Sabotaging’ House Waterways Bill
Source: The Hill

House Dems Look to Update Drinking Water Laws
Source: The Hill

Senate Skips Hours Fix in Bill Aimed at Preventing Government Shutdown
Source: Commercial Carrier Journal
Transportation:
**U.S. May Seek Power to Pre-Approve Self-Driving Car Technology**
Source: Reuters

**Hawaii DOT to Test Mileage User Fee to Supply Highway Fund, Replace Fuel Tax**
Source: Equipment World

**Temporary Hours of Service Exemptions Issued for Fuel Haulers in Five States**
Source: Commercial Carrier Journal

**Volkswagen Investors Seek $9 Billion in Damages Over Emissions Scandal: Court**
Source: Reuters

**Higher State Gasoline Tax Would Support Industrial Commerce With Road, Bridge, Port Projects**
Source: The Advocate

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**Court halts Construction of Another Section of Pipeline**
Source: Sioux City Journal

**Coming Soon, Economists Hope: Big Spending on Roads, Bridges and Ports**
Source: New York Times

**Scott Walker: Transportation Budget Strengthens State’s Infrastructure**
Source: Journal Sentinel

**Investing in Water Infrastructure Keeps Our Economy Flowing**
Source: The Hill

**Why It Matters: Infrastructure**
Source: Associated Press

Labor:
**Pro-Clinton Unions Ready to Give Up on Trump Backers in Ranks**
Source: Bloomberg

**States File Legal Challenge to Obama Administration Overtime Pay Rule**
Source: Reuters

**More Than 55 Business Groups Sue Over Overtime Rule**
Source: The Hill

**Obama Labor Rules Will Cost Businesses $81.6B Over 10 Years**
Source: The Hill

Sustainability:
**Newly Completed Thomaston Bridge Uses New Technology**
Source: Bangor Daily News

Resilient Construction:
**Metal Roofing Provides Exceptional Fire Resistance**
Source: BDC Network

**GAO: 40 Percent of Federal Buildings in Earthquake Areas**
Source: The Hill

**Alabama Claims Lead in Largest Number of Fortified Homes**
Source: Builder Online
Just Because It's Fall Doesn't Mean We Shouldn't Pay Attention to the Tropics
Source: Weather Channel

New Sandy Hit Looms for NYC Taxpayers
Source: Wall Street Journal

Iowa Bracing for Significant Flooding
Source: USA Today

Environment:
More Are Willing to Pay to Fight Climate Change, Survey Says
Source: USA Today

Ottawa to Impose a National Carbon Price on the Provinces
Source: Globe and Mail

Most States on Track to Meet Emissions Targets They Call Burden
Source: Reuters

Supreme Ruling Protects Farmers
Source: Visalia Times-Delta

California Governor Signs New ‘Super Pollutant’ Bill Into Law
Source: The Hill

SEC Investigating Exxon on Climate, Accounting
Source: The Hill

August is Latest Month to Break Its Temperature Record
Source: The Hill

U.S. Nuclear Waste Backlog Could Be Eased by Private Disposal
Source: Reuters

Paris Climate Deal Moves Closer to Taking Force
Source: The Hill

Obama Judge Added to Climate Rule Case
Source: The Hill

Economy:
Homebuilder Confidence Surged in September
Source: The Hill

Here's How Much a Fed Rate Hike Would Hit Most People's Wallets
Source: CNBC

Fed Grapples With Unemployment-Inflation Dilemma
Source: USA Today

US Housing Starts Tumble, Flooding in the South Blamed
Source: Reuters

Architecture Billings Contract in August, but Project Pipeline Hints at Growth
Source: Construction Dive

Fed Keeps Rates Steady, Signals One Hike by End of Year
Source: Reuters

Sales of Existing Homes Fall in August on Low Inventory Levels
Source: The Hill

August Construction Starts Leap 21% on Gains in Nonresidential Building, Public Works
Source: For Construction Pros
Tax Reform:

- Here Come the Tax Increases
  - Source: Washington Times
- One Beneficiary of Clinton’s Complex Tax Plan: Tax Lawyers
  - Source: New York Times
- Trump Responded to Critics With Pivot on Partnership Tax Plan
  - Source: Bloomberg
- Misguided Tax Rules Underscore Obama’s Regulatory Overreach
  - Source: Investors
- Hatch Condemns European Commission’s Fine on Apple
  - Source: The Hill
- Hillary’s Basket Of Tax Hikes
  - Source: Daily Caller
- Rolling Out the Red Tape
  - Source: Washington Times
- Congress Must Pass Sunset the Tax Code Bill Before Election
  - Source: The Hill
- Bill Clinton Supports Lower Corporate Tax Rate, Says Reasoning for TPP Clear
  - Source: CNBC
- Clinton Proposes Bumping Up Estate Tax
  - Source: The Hill

Government Spending:

- Republicans Charge Reid With Slowing Spending Talks
  - Source: Roll Call
- White House to Congress: It’s on You to Avoid Another Shutdown
  - Source: Roll Call
- GOP Puts Shutdown Squeeze Play on Dems
  - Source: The Hill
- Stopgap Talks Still Mired as Democrats Slam Senate GOP’s Plan
  - Source: Roll Call
- Top Senate Dem: Dems Won’t Vote for Funding Bill Over Flint
  - Source: The Hill

Politics:

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  - Source: Association Press
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  - Source: Washington Post
- 50 Days Left Before the Election: What Could Possibly Go Wrong?
  - Source: USA Today
- Republican Friendships Shatter Over Trump
  - Source: The Hill
- Trump’s Bump Has GOP Rethinking
  - Source: Roll Call
- Presidential Ratings Change: Florida and Ohio to Tossup
  - Source: Roll Call
Conflicting Policy From Trump: To Keep, and Remove, Tax Cut
Source: New York Times

Clinton, Trump Vie for World Leaders’ Attention in New York
Source: Reuters

Suburban Women May Be Hillary Clinton’s Lifeline
Source: New York Times

Trump is Doing Better With Hispanics Than You Think
Source: The Hill

Generation Gap: Can Clinton and Trump Reach Millennials?
Source: Roll Call

Trump-Clinton Debate Expected to Shatter Records
Source: The Hill

Boehner Joins Influential K Street Firm
Source: Roll Call

Donald Trump Finally Ramped Up His Campaign Spending. So Where Did the Money Go?
Source: Washington Post

Clinton Air War Fails to Sink Trump
Source: The Hill

Was Richard Burr’s Re-Election Bid Always Supposed to be This Competitive?
Source: Roll Call

Can Joe Heck Really Win in Nevada?
Source: Roll Call

Trump Weighs Aggressive Tactics Against Clinton in First Debate
Source: Bloomberg

Advantage Hillary: Clinton Widens Lead as First Debate Looms
Source: The Hill