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The Papal Trip: Once in Bangladesh, Pope speaks more freely about plight of Rohingya:

- Dhaka, Bangladesh -- [Pope Francis praises Bangladesh's care for Rohingya, asks global leaders for 'decisive measures'](#)
- Francis was in Myanmar Nov. 27-30 and in Bangladesh Nov.30-Dec. 2. [Read all of NCR's reporting here.](#)

On Wednesday, Governor Sam Brownback of Kansas was on Capitol Hill, lobbying for the Republican tax-reform bill. Hmmmmm.

- If you read our story ["Kansans urge Americans to learn from their economic mistakes,"](#) you'd have to wonder if that was a good move or not.
- Here's what the Washington Post said about it: [Kansas' collapsed tax-cut plan will provide political fodder for Democrats for decades](#)

The GOP tax bill cleared a key procedural hurdle in the Senate Wednesday, as lawmakers voted 52 to 48 to move the legislation forward toward a showdown vote on final passage by week's end.

- Here's what the Senate Republicans' tax plan means [if you're making \\$25,000, \\$75,000, or \\$175,000 a year](#)
- Editorial from the Chicago Sun-Times: [Trump and Republican tax plan gives democracy a beating](#). Quotes Bishop Frank Dewane of Venice, Florida, who is chairman of the American Catholic bishops' Domestic Justice and Human Development Committee.
- Michael Sean Winters has written about taxes: [GOP tax reform is unproven trickle-down theory](#)
- [Congressional tax bills show power beats values](#)
- [Nothing for the working class in GOP tax plan](#)

Open enrollment for the Health Care Marketplace ends December 15. [Five health-care fights facing Congress in December](#)

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This article from Hawaii Catholic Herald explores the creative side of Hawaii's religious women and men: [Art and Soul](#)

A former North Korean official says [Terror-list Designation Could Cripple Pyongyang](#)

Commentary from across the aisle: [The Pope's Fixation On Climate Change Endangers His Authority And Entrenches Poverty](#)

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NCR editorial: [We're on the verge of a profligate arms race](#)

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