

Administration of Donald J. Trump, 2026

Remarks and an Exchange With Reporters Following a Senate Republican Steering Committee Lunch

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The President. So I think we had a really great meeting, and we're very proud of the party. We like our leader. We like everybody, really, in the room. I don't like a few people, but that's okay. I think you know who they are.

The President's Relationship With Republican Senators

Q. Who? Who are they?

Republican Party/Group of Seven (G-7) Nations/National Economy/Oil Markets and Prices

The President. But we—I'll give you—I'll give you that information someday.

But for the most part, we have a really well-unified party. And I said it very strongly: We have the hottest country anywhere in the world. We're the most powerful. We're the smartest. We're the most respected.

Two years ago, we were a laughingstock all over the world. We had a terrible group of people representing us.

Every leader—I just left G-7. Every leader—and we had a lot of people in addition to G-7, as you know, came. Everyone said what we've done in a year and a half is a miracle. We have the hottest country in the world, and we want to keep it that way.

We have more factories being built right now than we have at any point at any time in the history of our country, and all of those factories are opening up soon. It's all jobs. And our job numbers are incredible anyway.

I see that oil just broke the \$70 number. Who would have thought that was going to happen? And that's during a war. And Iran is being very nice. They're agreeing to everything that I want, and they have to. Otherwise, we just go back and do what we have to do.

Thank you very much.

NOTE: The President spoke at 2:21 p.m. in the Ohio Clock Corridor at the U.S. Capitol. In his remarks, he referred to Senate Majority Leader John R. Thune.

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