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One START update: new START remains in the mix for next week, but when it will be fit into the schedule is not firmly decided. On Monday at 3.00 pm, the Senate will vote on cloture on the tax bill. They expect to obtain cloture. If the opponents require the use of all 30 hours, post-cloture, they will finish the tax bill on Tuesday evening. It is possible that new START will then be the next order of business. But that hasn't been decided yet. They could turn to the omnibus or back to don't ask don't tell as a stand alone measure. but we are still in the mix, and will have to keep pushing with Reid, Durbin, Schumer etc.