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'Cut the spending'

Mitt Romney sought to define his candidacy as a crusade against excess spending and debt during an economic address in Des Moines on Tuesday. **CAMPAIGN, P 17**

Dorgan on Keystone

The former Senate Dem predicts President Obama will eventually approve the pipeline, suggesting election-year politics are preventing the project from moving forward. **ENERGY, P 13**

Empathetic Romney

"Mitt has avoided a deep personal discussion of his faith," writes Christian Heinze. "But, though it carries risks, good things could come of his opening up on the subject." **P 18**

Pirate majority

More than half of the world's computer users — 57 percent — download illegal copies of software at least some of the time, according to a study released Tuesday. **TECH, P 14**



Speaker John Boehner (R-Ohio) addresses the 2012 Fiscal Summit in Washington, D.C., on Tuesday. GETTY IMAGES

Boehner attacks

Sen. McCain takes aim at super-PACs

Lawmaker may work with left on campaign finance

By Alexander Hoffman

Sen. John McCain is talking with Democrats about a joint effort to require outside groups that have spent millions of dollars on this year's elections to disclose their donors.

McCain (R-Ariz.), once Congress's leading champion of campaign finance reform, has kept a low profile on the issue in recent years.

He raised the ire of many Republicans a decade ago for pushing comprehensive reform, and many Republicans still held it against him during his 2008 presidential campaign.

Good government advocates who worked with McCain in the 1990s and early 2000s had

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INSURERS LOSE IF HEALTH LAW REJECTED

Study finds that nearly one-tenth of the insurance industry's total revenue through 2020 is at stake in the Supreme Court's decision on healthcare reform, **P 15**



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- **Christine Sequenzia Titus** has joined the **American Society of Consultant Pharmacists** as government affairs manager. She previously worked as a federal policy adviser/lobbyist for the Animal Welfare Institute, an administrator at HM Capital Partners and a business markets group administrator at Level 3 Communications. Before that she worked for Rep. Pete Sessions (R-Texas) as a legislative assistant and for the House Energy and Commerce Committee as a staff assistant.
- **Kristen Swearingen** has been promoted to senior director of legislative affairs at **Associated Builders and Contractors**. **Swearingen** previously worked for the group as director of legislative affairs for healthcare. She has also served on Capitol Hill as a staffer under former Sen. Jim Bunning (R-Ky).
- **Ross Eisenberg** is the new vice president for energy and resources

Who's moved
where on K Street

Online sales tax receives
lobbying push from states

By *Bernie Beeber*
and *Jacelin Bagurdus*

Retailers are waging a state-by-state campaign to pressure Washington to approve legislation authorizing an online sales tax — a tough election-year sell to a Congress not inclined to support anything that appears to be a tax increase.

The effort includes fly-in visits by local business groups, meetings in lawmakers' district offices and coordinated letters and op-eds meant to highlight the disadvantage brick-and-mortar retailers are feeling with their online brethren.

Retailers argue their disadvantage is growing as online companies like Amazon gobble up larger and larger sales. Due to a 1992 Supreme Court decision, state governments can only force companies that are physically located in the state to collect sales tax revenue.

The groups argue allowing a sales tax on online retailers isn't really a tax in-

