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Barrett will face key issues that involve Pres. Trump

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WASHINGTON — Amy Coney Barrett was formally sworn in Tuesday as the Supreme Court's ninth justice, her oath administered in private by Chief Justice John Roberts. Her first votes on the court could include two big topics affecting the man who appointed her.

The court is weighing a plea from President Donald Trump to prevent the Manhattan district attorney from acquiring his tax returns. It is also considering appeals from the Trump campaign and Republicans to shorten the deadline for receiving and counting absentee ballots in the battleground states of North Carolina and Pennsylvania.

Northeastern Pennsylvania's Luzerne County filed legal papers at the court Tuesday arguing that Barrett should not take part in the Pennsylvania case. It's not clear if she will vote in the pending cases, but she will make that call.

Barrett was confirmed Monday by the Senate in a 52-48 virtual party line vote. She began work

as a justice on Tuesday after taking the second of two oaths required of judges by federal law. No justice has assumed office so close to a presidential election or immediately confronted issues so directly tied to the incumbent president's political and personal fortunes.

Barrett declined to commit to Democratic demands that she step aside from any cases on controversial topics, including a potential post-election dispute over the presidential results.

At 48, she's the youngest justice since Clarence Thomas joined the court in 1991 at age 43.

Other election-related issues are pending at the high court, which next week also will hear a clash of LGBTQ rights and religious freedoms. The fate of the Affordable Care Act is on the agenda on Nov. 10, and Trump himself last week reiterated his opposition to the Obama-era law. "I hope they end it," he said in an interview with CBS News' "60 Minutes."

On Friday, Barrett, the most open opponent of abortion rights to join the court in decades, also



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From left, first lady Melania Trump, President Donald Trump, Amy Coney Barrett and Jesse Barrett, stand on the Blue Room Balcony after Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas administered the Constitutional Oath Monday on the South Lawn of the White House in Washington.

could be called upon to weigh in on Mississippi's 15-week abortion ban. The state is appealing lower court rulings invalidating the ban. Abortion opponents in Pittsburgh also are challenging a so-called bubble zone that prevents protesters from getting too close to abortion clinics.

The court put off acting on both cases before Barrett joined the court, without offering any explanation in the Mississippi case. It ordered Pittsburgh to file a response to the appeal filed by the protesters, who call themselves sidewalk counselors.

It's not clear that the public will know how Barrett voted in the two abortion cases because the court typically doesn't make

the vote counts public when it is considering whether to grant full review to cases.

Barrett is joining the court at an unusual moment. The justices are meeting remotely by telephone because of the coronavirus pandemic, both for their private conferences and public argument sessions, at least through the end of 2020. The public can listen to the arguments as they take place, a change also resulting from the court's response to the pandemic.

After her first private conference with her new colleagues on Friday, two weeks of arguments begin on Monday. In an institution that pays strict attention to

seniority, Barrett will go last in the private and public sessions.

As she settles into her new office at the court, Barrett will be joined by four law clerks, usually recent law school graduates who have experience working for federal judges.

When the court reopens to the public and the justices return to the courtroom, Barrett is expected to assume several duties reserved for the court's junior justice. She will be a member of the committee that oversees the court's public cafeteria, and the person who takes notes and answers the door when someone knocks during the justices' private conferences.

Nygren touts income tax cut by Republicans

MADISON, Wis. — State Rep. John Nygren, R-Marinette, co-chair of the Joint Committee on Finance, released the following statement in response to the Department of Revenue notifying the committee that the bottom two income tax brackets will be cut by over \$250 million in 2020:

"Income tax filers will save money on their 2020 tax bill thanks to Republicans," Nygren said. "This tax cut is just one of many pro-growth, pro-family policies enacted by Republicans over the last decade. We can cut taxes and fund our priorities. While cutting taxes, Republicans also provided the most funding for schools in state history, invested over \$1 billion in making healthcare more affordable and accessible, and increased funding for road repairs."

Since 2011, Republicans have cut state and local taxes by over \$13 billion. Families in Wisconsin have saved thousands in income and property taxes due to these actions.

In 2013, Republicans passed Act 20, which requires an automatic income tax cut based on any increase in online sales tax collections. Due to the U.S. Supreme Court decision in *South Dakota v. Wayfair*, Inc., Wisconsin began collecting online sales tax in 2019. The 257.3 million tax cut will lower tax rates for the bottom two tax brackets.

Gov. Tony Evers vetoed numerous tax cuts since taking office. He vetoed a \$338.1 million tax cut that would have saved a median income family over \$300 per year. He also vetoed a \$214.5 million income tax cut that would have saved a median income family roughly \$200 per year. His proposed budget also contained over \$1 billion in tax increases.

"With a struggling economy and high unemployment, this tax cut is good news for hardworking Wisconsinites," Nygren said. "Republicans will continue to prioritize the pro-growth, pro-family policies by investing in shared priorities and cutting taxes."

Betts does it all for Dodgers

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Mookie Betts was a difference-maker for the Dodgers in his first season in Los Angeles.

The speedy outfielder bolted from third for the go-ahead run on Corey Seager's infield grounder in the sixth and led off the eighth with a punctuating homer Tuesday night, helping the Dodgers beat the Tampa Bay Rays 3-1 to claim their first World Series championship since 1988.

Betts' 3.2-second sprint was just enough to beat the throw by first baseman Ji-Man Choi, pushing Los Angeles ahead 2-1 moments after Rays manager Kevin Cash pulled ace left-hander Blake Snell despite a dominant performance over 5 1/3 innings.

It is Betts' second World Series title. He starred for the Boston Red Sox when



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Los Angeles Dodgers' Mookie Betts (right) celebrates with pitcher Julio Urias after defeating the Tampa Bay Rays 3-1 Tuesday to win the World Series in Game 6 in Arlington, Texas.

they beat the Dodgers for the title in 2018.

"You don't win a World Series without any of those 28 guys in there, but obviously, he made a huge impact on our team, huge

impact on our postseason and tonight a huge impact on the game," ace Clayton Kershaw said.

Betts will be around to help the Dodgers for years to come. He signed a 12-year contract with the team after the club acquired him from Boston in February.

"I was traded to help get us over the hump and I just used that for my fuel," he said.

After striking out twice, Betts doubled in the sixth to set up Seager. Betts added his homer in the eighth.

"We needed to scratch another run right there for a little insurance," he said. "However it happened, it just needed to happen."

LeBron James, who helped the Los Angeles Lakers win the NBA championship earlier this month, tweeted after the game that Betts is worth "EVERY SINGLE CENT!!!!!!"

From the Files

100 YEARS AGO: The M&M Trades Council in session assembled October 28 after thoroughly discussing the present situation in local schools, realize the gravity of the situation and whereas in our opinion the construction of the Junior High school is the best and only solution of the present critical situation, be it thereby. Resolved, that the said M&M Trade Council go on record being in favor of the Junior High school in accordance with the educational program of the State Federation of Labor, and be it further. Resolved, that every worker, organized or otherwise, be urged to support this issue at the pools on Tuesday, November 2, by voting "yes" on the Junior High school building ordinance. Be it also resolved that this resolution be printed in the local press daily until election.

50 YEARS AGO: A 4-year-old girl is waiting in hopes a donor can be found for the liver

transplant needed to save her life. The child, Michelle Pohlson has been placed at the high priority list for liver transplant operation at the University of Colorado Medical Center at Colorado General Hospital in Denver. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Pohlson of Norway in the Upper Peninsula and has two brothers, 12-year-old David and 11-year-old Mark. Her father is a sandblaster in Kingsford. The tot was born with congenital cirrhosis of the liver, but it began causing problems only six-weeks ago. She as taken to St. Nicent Hospital at Green Bay, Wis., on Sept. 23. A liver biopsy showed the only hope was a transplant, doctors said. She left the hospital Oct. 13 and has been home since then. When a donor is found, the child and her mother will fly to Denver for the operation.

25 YEARS AGO: About 50 people turned out

Friday morning for the ground breaking ceremony at Spies Public Library in Menominee. Mayor John Baker said he grew up just a few blocks from the library and reminders spending hours there reading about many subjects, including ancient history, psychology, architecture and what life was like in concentration camps. "This place has a lot of meaning to me and our community," Baker said. Baker said of all the projects the city has undertaken during his three years as mayor, he will remember the library expansion most favorably. "To me, personally, this is the most significant thing that's happened to me," he said. Construction on the 8,000-square-foot library addition will take about one year, followed by about three months of interior renovations.

10 YEARS AGO: Commissioners had questions for each other at the county board meeting Thursday, all of which had to do

with employees and what they were paid. For Commissioners Gary Eichhorn and Garry Anderson, they were repeat questions asked of Commissioner Bernie Lang about recent raises given to employees of the Northpointe Behavioral Healthcare Systems. Lang is a member of that board. Lang had questions about how a former building inspector, who retired but came back to work temporarily for the county, ended up with a contract that paid him more than \$43 an hour. The contract was signed by Eichhorn, but never brought before the board, Lang said. Eichhorn started the discussion when he asked Lang to answer questions he and Anderson had posed at the Oct. 12 meeting about a 2 percent cost-of-living raise and longevity pay approved by the Northpointe board.