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Federal agents on Wednesday night in the Minneapolis neighborhood where an agent shot a man during an attempt to arrest him.

'No' From U.S. Crypto Colossus Was Enough to Halt Senate Vote

By DAVID YAFFE-BELLANY

A major cryptocurrency bill was headed for a committee vote in the Senate on Thursday after months of negotiations, a crucial step in the legislative process.

Then came a social media post from the top executive of Coinbase, the largest U.S. crypto company.

"Coinbase unfortunately can't support the bill as written," Brian Armstrong, chief executive of Coinbase, posted on X on Wednesday evening. "This version would be materially worse than the current status quo. We'd rather have no bill than a bad bill."

Within hours, the Senate vote was canceled.

The fate of a hotly contested legislative vote typically hinges on a few key lawmakers who are the moderate voices in a partisan scuffle. But what happened this week to the landmark crypto bill shows how much power Coinbase now wields in Washington, with the crypto industry newly ascendant under President Trump.

Setback to Bill Shows Clout of Coinbase in Washington

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Initial Inquiry Finds No Evidence Of Broad Migrant Voting Fraud

By ALEXANDRA BERZON and NICK CORASANITI

It was a common refrain for Donald J. Trump and his allies during the 2024 campaign: The Biden administration was purposely encouraging mass numbers of immigrants to cross the border in order to vote illegally.

As president, Mr. Trump has pushed his administration to address the alleged crimes, including prompting many states to upload tens of millions of voter records to a federal immigration verification tool run out of the Department of Homeland Security.

But with the review underway, the results so far indicate there is no evidence of widespread fraud, according to interviews with government officials and documents reviewed by The New York Times.

Out of 49.5 million voter registrations that have been checked, the department referred around 10,000 cases to Homeland Security Investigations for further investigation of noncitizenship, or 0.02 percent of the names pro-

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Contradicting Familiar Refrain of President and His Allies

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Trump Sharpens Threat As Clashes With Agents Continue in Minnesota

Tacitly Backing ICE's Aggressive Tactics

Says Insurrection Act Could Be Invoked

This article is by Nicholas Bogel-Burroughs, Mitch Smith and Thomas Fuller.

WASHINGTON — The instructions to Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents explain in clear terms how to defuse dangerous encounters: Use "minimal force" when trying to remove people from cars. Issue commands in "professional," "firm," "courteous" voices.

"First step in arresting an occupant of a vehicle is NOT to reach in and grab him, unless there are specific circumstances requiring that action," reads one internal ICE document providing legal guidance for uses of force during vehicle stops. It was reviewed by The New York Times, along with other training materials. ICE officials will thoroughly investigate any encounter, but "deadly force" is allowed only when agents believe lives are in danger.

The fatal shooting of Renee Good last week by an ICE agent in Minneapolis — and the quick reaction by Trump administration officials to declare the agent a hero and Ms. Good a villain — has put a new focus on whether federal agents enforcing President Trump's deportation drive have been properly prepared for confrontations on city streets. The response of Mr. Trump and his top lieutenants to the killing has also underscored how they have embraced what is supposed to be a last resort under the written standards: using lethal force in self-defense.

Rather than encourage agents to de-escalate combustible encounters, as the agency guidelines emphasize, Mr. Trump and his lieutenants have provided tacit approval for more aggressive tactics.

Several weeks before the shooting, a top ICE official told officers to take "decisive action" if threatened. Immediately after, Mr.

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Nobel Peace Laureate's Wooing Of Trump Annoys Norwegians

By MAX BEARAK and HENRIK PRYSER LIBELL

Maria Corina Machado, Venezuela's opposition leader and last year's Nobel Peace Prize winner, said on Thursday after dining with President Trump at the White House that she had presented him with "the medal of the Nobel Peace Prize."

It was not immediately clear whether Mr. Trump had accepted the prize from her, but he has made it clear how he feels about the Peace Prize going to Ms. Machado and not to him.

"I single-handedly ENDED 8 WARS, and Norway, a NATO Member, foolishly chose not to give me the Nobel Peace Prize," he said on social media last week. Beyond misspelling the award's name, he attributed the decision to the entire country of Norway rather than the five-member committee that makes its choices independently of the government.

Ms. Machado has repeatedly sought to curry favor with Mr. Trump by proposing to share the



María Corina Machado leaving the White House on Thursday.

award with him. She has cheered the U.S. military's capture of Venezuela's president, Nicolás Maduro, and remained mum about a bombing campaign against boats Mr. Trump says are smuggling drugs. The American strikes have killed more than 100 people.

Speaking to supporters and reporters in Washington, Ms. Machado said she was "impressed" and "impressed" by the president.

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KYIV DISPATCH

In Bitter Winter Freeze, Russia Focuses on Wiping Out the Heat

By ANDREW E. KRAMER

KYIV, Ukraine — They lived in a comfortable, spacious apartment in a fashionable neighborhood of Kyiv, what they called "our little fortress" through years of war. Even after it was damaged in a missile strike, they stayed put in the Ukrainian capital, renting another apartment.

But this week, Russian drone and missile strikes left Kyiv in the grip of its worst heating and electricity outage of the war. The couple, Yulia Mykhailiuk, a lawyer, and Ihor Honcharuk, a TV station manager, could see their breath indoors as temperatures outside peaked around 12 degrees Fahrenheit. Mr. Honcharuk jury-rigged a heater by placing a brick over a gas burner on the stove, to little avail. They had had enough.

They bundled their 1-year-old son in a car and abandoned Kyiv for a relative's home in a village. "I don't want to say this is

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Ukrainians in one of the parked train cars around Kyiv that have heat and power during blackouts.

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