



## Financial Spots

### **Mike Pence Breaks With Donald Trump: 'I Strongly Support' Paul Ryan**

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Ari Fleischer, a former White House spokesman, expressed another sense of bewilderment among Republicans when he reflected on Trump's take-no-prisoners political style.

Blunt himself has endorsed Trump, but that doesn't mean he has to abide everything his party's nominee says or does - that goes for Democrats as well when it comes to dealing with the issues swirling around their candidate.

Wednesday also saw Trump and his running mate, Indiana Gov. Mike Pence, differ on whether to endorse House Speaker Paul Ryan's (R-Wisconsin) reelection bid.

GOP leaders deny working to defeat one of their own, but Huelksamp said they didn't help him. Trump, for instance, said Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, "looks like a war zone" this week, laying the blame at the feet of President Barack Obama and Clinton.

Earlier this week, Stanley Hubbard, a Minnesota broadcasting billionaire and a major donor of the Republican Party, wrote a letter urging Trump to "start saying things that are sensible; have some sensitivity", according to a report of The Hill. "That would be bad", he said during a campaign stop in battleground Florida.

In an interview later Wednesday with Florida's WPEC-TV, Trump was asked if he was being "baited into battles". "I'm not there right now".

Campaign finance chair Steven Mnuchin says the campaign has received contributions from more than 1 million donors to date.

If Trump offers broad strokes, he could have a chance at getting meaningful tax reform and perhaps changes in Social Security and Medicare, said Chris Edwards, economist at Washington's Cato Institute, a libertarian research group.

The remark echoed Ryan's own demurral regarding Trump, when the congressman told CNN on May 6, "I'm not there right now". I want to thank everyone for your tremendous support. "I have great respect for him, great intellect". Trump later lashed out at the media's coverage of the controversy.

Trump also funneled an additional \$2 million of his own money into his campaign operation in a dollar-matching fundraising drive, bringing his total contributions to his campaign over the a year ago to just over \$56 million, the campaign announced. Another person said Trump is irritated that general election planning in battleground states isn't further along with less than 100 days until Election Day. "The tsunami of anti-Trump sentiment is now crashing over so many people who have been in Washington for way too long". "As many marriages as (Trump's) had and as good as his kids are, I suspect he's had people tell him "We're not going to agree on this" or 'I see it differently'".

In that same interview, Trump also refused to endorse Ryan, who faces a primary election next week.

Nehlen, an OH native who moved to Wisconsin eight years ago, said Wednesday he welcomed the support of Democrats and anyone else.

Jillian Likness of Colorado Springs said she realizes Pence's visit on the same day as Hillary Clinton shows the importance of Colorado.

The campaign's announcement of its fundraising haul came after Trump repeatedly touted that his campaign raised \$35.8 million in small donations in the last month.

And his loyalists continue to stand behind him.