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## Razor-thin margin enough for GOP on bill

Obstacles ahead as effort to give Trump his way shifts to Senate

By Catie Edmondson, Maya C. Miller, and Robert Jimison  
NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON — The House early Thursday narrowly passed a wide-ranging bill to deliver President Trump’s domestic agenda, after Speaker Mike Johnson put down several mini-rebellions in Republican

ranks to muscle the legislation to its first major victory over unified Democratic opposition.

The early morning vote was 215-214, mostly along party lines. The legislation would slash taxes, steer more money to the military and border security, and pay for some of the cost with cuts to Medicaid, food as-

sistance, education, and clean energy programs, adding significantly to federal deficits and to the ranks of the uninsured. It would also boost the debt limit by \$4 trillion, allowing the government to continue borrowing to finance its obligations.

Its passage was a crucial victory  
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### How beautiful?

The bill is a major victory for the GOP, but Larry Edelman says investors aren’t crazy about it. In The Fine Print, Sean P. Murphy explains what the bill really means. **B5.**

### Tightening Medicaid

Republicans have long pressed for stricter rules, and the House measure is the most stringent yet. **A6.**

## Harvard’s foreign students targeted

In latest salvo, Trump administration revokes ability to enroll them

By Mike Damiano, Giulia McDonnell Nieto del Rio, and Brooke Hauser

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The Trump administration on Thursday revoked Harvard University’s ability to enroll foreign students, one of the most damaging steps yet in its campaign to reshape the university to align with President Trump’s worldview and agenda.

►International student community is reeling. **B1.**

The move throws the futures of thousands of students into uncertainty only days after the deadline for members of the incoming freshman class to confirm their acceptance and as existing students solidify plans for the new academic year in September. It also raises questions about whether foreign students enrolled at Harvard can lawfully remain in the country.

The announcement followed weeks of back and forth between Harvard and the federal government over an extraordinary records request  
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## Mass. biggest loser on cuts to science grants

By Jason Laughlin and Neena Hagen

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Massachusetts has lost more National Science Foundation money for science, math, and engineering research than any other state this year, according to a Globe analysis of terminated grants.

Since the start of the second Trump administration, the NSF has cut 251 grants to Massachusetts institutions worth \$249 million, federal data showed. That accounts for the lion’s share of the \$265.4 million in NSF grants lost at 40 institutions across New England. The cuts could mean lost jobs and hundreds of research projects abruptly halted without a clear path forward.

Until now, public attention has focused on cuts to health and medical research by the Department of Health and Human Services, the agency that encompasses the National Institutes of Health.  
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A plastic poncho provided some protection Friday on Atlantic Avenue but probably not enough as an unusual late-spring nor’easter roared through the state. The good news is that the rain will ease Friday. Good luck finding the sun, however.

**The fatal shooting outside a gathering at the Capital Jewish Museum punctuated a moment of rising tension in the United States and around the world. **A2, B2.****

**The weather may not be great but it’s time for Boston Calling this weekend. Fan’s guide, **G1.****

**Red Sox pitcher Liam Hendriks took to social media to decry what he described as threats against his wife and attacks on him. **D1.****

### Gloom squad

**Friday:** Showers, cool. High 53-58. Low 46-51.

**Saturday:** The usual. High 56-61. Low 47-52.

High tide: 8:14 a.m., 8:41 p.m.

Sunrise: 5:15 Sunset: 8:07

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## Move could open up liquor licenses for cities

Mass. Senate OK’s switch in control but House likely to oppose

By Matt Stout  
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Local officials, not lawmakers on Beacon Hill, would be empowered to determine the number of liquor licenses distributed in their city or town under a measure the Massachusetts Senate passed Thursday, advancing what would be a sea change in how these sought-after permits are handled.

The Senate attached the proposal to its \$61 million budget plan without debate or a roll call vote, in effect voting to cede a power the Legislature has wielded for decades. That sets up a fight with House leaders, who have long opposed relinquishing a legislative authority they’ve framed as a necessary check on local government officials.

Stretching back to the aftermath of Prohibition, Massachusetts towns and cities need legislative approval to issue liquor licenses to restaurants and other businesses beyond a certain cap set in law. That’s forced municipalities to

maneuver Beacon Hill’s sluggish home-rule petition process to get state sign-off on a host of policy changes, both substantive and trivial.

Senate leaders questioned why the Legislature remains involved in approving most liquor licenses, which Senator Michael Rodrigues, the chamber’s budget chair, likened to a “routine rubber stamping.”

“I don’t even remember us saying ‘no,’” said Rodrigues, a Westport Democrat. “To eliminate that level of bureaucracy, I think is helpful.”

Senator Jacob Oliveira, a Ludlow Democrat, said the move would  
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## As a master of courses, he’s finding a following

By Billy Baker  
GLOBE STAFF

HAVERHILL — It was just before 11 a.m. on a Monday, and Sean Melia walked onto the first tee at Crystal Lake Golf Club, set up a small video camera, and prepared to go to work.

He teed up his ball, hit a drive just into a stand of trees along the right side of the hole, and as he made his way down the fairway, he swiveled his head and his video camera as he tried to take in what he calls “the experience” of the course.

It’s something he’s been focused on since

2020 when, after leaving a career in education because of burnout, he set off on a quest to play all 350-ish golf courses in Massachusetts.

The idea wasn’t really intended to be anything more than a diversion as he tried to figure out his next career and fight off the indoor isolation of COVID lockdowns. Five years later, that quest has become his career.

Melia, a 41-year-old who lives in Charlestown and played on the golf team at Holy Cross, is the man behind Baystate Golf, a burgeoning multimedia company that centers on Melia’s docu-

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Sean Melia played at New England Country Club in Bellingham as he aims to hit every course in the state.

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