

# Trump’s megabill nears OK in Senate

Some in GOP balk at provisions. House sets hearing for Tuesday to reconcile legislation.

By MICHAEL WILNER

WASHINGTON — President Trump’s megabill encompassing his domestic agenda on Monday inched closer to becoming law as Republican senators sifted through familiar procedural hurdles toward a final vote on legislation that would dramatically transform the tax code and Medicaid.

Throughout a day of marathon voting, senators offered amendments to the bill that could ultimately decide whether it secures passage through Congress. If the Senate approves the legislation — as it is expected to do by a slim, simple majority and with bipartisan opposition — then the House will have to vote for a second time on the final text before it goes to the president’s desk for his signature.

Anticipating Senate passage, the House Rules Committee has already scheduled a hearing on reconciling the two bills for Tuesday. The White House previously set July 4 as a goal to get the package, called the “One Big Beautiful Bill Act,” passed by both chambers.

But several Republicans are still criticizing the bill, including Sens. Rand Paul of Kentucky and Thom Tillis of North Carolina, who announced he will not seek reelection in 2026 over the weekend before ripping into the legislation as a “betrayal” to voters.

Although the legislation has hundreds of provisions, its most sweeping would make tax breaks passed in 2017 during Trump’s first term permanent — an expensive proposition — before they are set to expire at the end of this year, while attempting to offset some of those costs with historic cuts to Medicaid and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, social welfare programs that for decades had been seen as a political third rail.

Polling shows that Americans broadly support extending the 2017 tax cuts. Other expensive programs in the bill — including additional funding for border security and defense — also enjoy public support. But polls indicate that the public disapproves of the bill overall by a double-digit margin due to its cuts to core government programs.

“What do I tell 663,000 people in two years or three years, when President Trump breaks his promise by pushing them off of Medicaid because the funding’s not there anymore?” Tillis said in a speech from the Senate floor. “The people in the White House advising the president are not telling him that the effect of this bill is to break a promise.”

Both Paul and Tillis [See **Megabill**, A8]



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**NATIVO’S** Corissa Hernandez keeps the restaurant’s door closed and checks visitors through a window.

# Restaurants wrestle with aiding vulnerable workers

Tucked into a Chinatown shopping plaza, the modern Filipino restaurant Lasita is typically bursting with energy. Orbs of yellow light wash over plates of juicy chicken inasal; longtime friends catch up over handpicked wines as music thumps in the background.

That all changed on the evening of Friday, June 6, when more than 10 Immigration and Customs Enforcement vans filled the parking lot across from the restaurant, leaving guests and staff “spooked,” said co-owner Chase Valencia.

“We were in a position of just reacting and in a state of shock because we didn’t know how to respond accordingly,” said Valencia,

A frightened and confused industry scrambles to support its staff, largely made up of immigrants

By Karla Marie Sanford

who manages a predominantly Asian and Latino staff.

Since that evening, the Lasita team has weathered canceled reservations and understaffing as the Greater Los Angeles metropolitan area has been swept by fear. Restaurant owners and managers have had to scramble to provide a framework of security and support for their staff, many of whom are undocumented immigrants.

“The industry is deeply confused,” said Corissa Hernandez, the owner of Nativo, a Mexican bar and restaurant in Highland Park. “We’re alarmed. We’re frustrated about the lack of transparency, especially legal clarity.”

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# California’s fire season is off to a furious start

Several blazes broke out over the weekend in dry inland areas. Experts warn of more to come.

By GRACE TOOHEY



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**THE LAKE FIRE** burns in San Bernardino County. Over 100 were evacuated from a recreation area.

Central Valley, highs are expected to remain near or in the triple digits, while a chance for thunderstorms in parts of Northern California could compound fire concerns.

Though temperatures on Monday and last weekend surged across much of inland Southern California, there was not an increased wind threat or particularly low humidity — elements that create heightened fire weather.

Still, vegetation in the area was already so parched that fires were able to take off in several spots in the Inland Empire and San Bernardino mountains, forcing large-scale evacuations and cementing concerns that this wildfire season could be particularly bad.

“Just because things have been so dry and we haven’t had that meaningful rainfall that we need, that’s why we’re starting to see fires about to break out,” said Sam Zuber, a National Weather Service meteorologist in San Diego. “Things are just really dry out there.”

On Monday, firefighters in Riverside County responded to the fourth new, large fire in just two days, trying to contain the flames

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# Canada withdraws tax on U.S. tech firms; trade talks back on

By ROB GILLIES

TORONTO — Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney said late Sunday that trade talks with the U.S. have resumed after Canada rescinded its plan to tax U.S. technology firms.

President Trump said Friday that he was suspending trade talks with Canada over its plans to continue with its tax on technology firms, which he called “a direct and blatant attack on our country.”

The Canadian govern-

ment said that “in anticipation” of a trade deal “Canada would rescind” the digital services tax, which was set to go into effect Monday.

Carney and Trump spoke on the phone Sunday, and Carney’s office said they agreed to resume negotiations.

“Today’s announcement will support a resumption of negotiations toward the July 21, 2025, timeline set out at this month’s G7 Leaders’ Summit in Kananaskis,” Carney said in a statement.

Asked on Monday how Trump got Carney to drop

the tech tax, White House Press Secretary Karoline Leavitt said Trump had made his position “quite clear.”

“It’s very simple,” Leavitt said. “Prime Minister Carney in Canada caved to President Trump and the United States of America, and President Trump knows how to negotiate and he knows that he is governing the best country and the best economy in this world, on this planet.”

She added: “Every country on the planet needs to

[See **Tech tax**, A4]



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