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 when President years, 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]



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

'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,

Wildfire season in South-

ern California got off to an

with several fires sparking

across Riverside and San

Bernardino counties' parch-

ed landscapes, elevating

concerns that conditions are

ripe for a fiery year across

ing that the Southland's be-

low-average rainy season is

likely to set the stage for a

particularly bad stretch of

fires this summer and fall -

and the recent spate of

blazes appears to be a sign of

pretty devastating year

overall," said Matt Rahn, the

director of the Wildfire Con-

servancy, a nonprofit that

works to improve firefight-

ing and community resil-

ience. "If we get hotter and

drier throughout the state,

then that risk increases sig-

nificantly. We're hoping that

that doesn't happen, but all

predictions are pointing to a

much hotter, drier summer

in the Southland are ex-

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with highs in the 90s and

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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.

[See **Restaurants**, A11]

Central Valley, highs are ex-

pected to remain near or in

chance for thunderstorms in

parts of Northern California

could compound fire con-

Monday and last weekend

surged across much of in-

land Southern California,

there was not an increased

wind threat or particularly

low humidity — elements that create heightened fire

Still, vegetation in the

area was already so parched

that fires were able to take

off in several spots in the In-

land Empire and San Ber-

nardino mountains, forcing

large-scale evacuations and

cementing concerns that

this wildfire season could be

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 meteorolo-

gist in San Diego. "Things

are just really dry out there.'

On Monday, firefighters in Riverside County re-

sponded to the fourth new,

large fire in just two days,

trying to contain the flames

[See Fires, A14]

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is an illegal haven, U.S. says

Federal lawsuit targets sanctuary law, saying it hinders immigration enforcement efforts.

By Brittny Mejia, DAVID ZAHNISER AND NOAH GOLDBERG

The U.S. Department of Justice sued the city of Los Angeles, Mayor Karen Bass and City Council members Monday, calling L.A.'s sanctuary city law "illegal" and asking that it be blocked from being enforced.

The lawsuit, filed by the Trump administration in the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California, said that the country is "facing a crisis of illegal immigration" and that its efforts to address it "are hindered by Sanctuary Cities such as the City of Los Angeles, which refuse to cooperate or share information, even when requested, with federal immigration author-

Federal prosecutors said in their filing that Donald Trump campaigned and won the 2024 presidential election on a platform of deporting "millions of illegal immigrants." By enacting a sanctuary city ordinance, the City Council sought to "thwart the will of the American people regarding deportations," the lawsuit states.

Last month, immigration agents descended on Southern California, arresting more than 1,600 immigrants and prompting furious protests in downtown Los Angeles, Paramount and other communities. According to the lawsuit, L.A.'s refusal to cooperate with federal immigration authorities since June 6 has resulted in "lawlessness, rioting, looting, and vandalism."

'The situation became so dire that the Federal Government deployed the California National Guard and United States Marines to quell the chaos," the lawsuit states. "A direct confrontation with federal immigration authorities was the inevitable outcome of the Sanctuary City law."

Atty. Gen. Pam Bondi called the city's sanctuary policies "the driving cause of the violence, chaos, and attacks on law enforcement that Americans recently wit-

nessed in Los Angeles." "Jurisdictions like Los Angeles that flout federal law by prioritizing illegal aliens over American citizens are undermining law enforcement at every level it ends under President Trump," Bondi said in a

statement Monday. Bass did not immediately respond to a request for comment. In recent weeks, she has pushed back against the Trump administration's portrayal of L.A. as a city en-

[See Sanctuary, A14]

California's tire 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.

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 negotia-

"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]



MUNCY FLIPS THE SWITCH

Dodgers' third baseman turned around his offensive struggles in a light-bulb moment. B10

UC considers calendar change

Most of the system's campuses are still on quarters, but a switch to semesters could be coming. LEARNING, A9

Fireworks are out at Rose Bowl

Bucking tradition, a drone show instead will celebrate the Fourth of July at the venue. CALIFORNIA, B1

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