

TRUMP'S BILL



Republican members of Congress reach to shake hands with Speaker of the House Mike Johnson, R-La., center, after he signed President Donald Trump's signature bill of tax breaks and spending cuts Thursday at the Capitol.

# ONE BIG VICTORY

## Spending package heads to president's desk in time for the Fourth

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — House Republicans propelled President Donald Trump's big multitrillion-dollar tax breaks and spending cuts bill to final passage Thursday in Congress, overcoming multiple setbacks to approve his signature second-term policy package before a Fourth of July deadline.

The tight roll call, 218-214, came at a potentially high political cost, with two Republicans joining all Democrats opposed. GOP leaders worked overnight and the president himself leaned on a handful of skeptics to drop their opposition.

Democratic leader Hakeem Jeffries of New York delayed voting for more than eight hours by seizing control of the floor with a record-breaking speech against the bill.

"This is going to be a great bill for the country," Trump said afterward, as he departed for an event in Iowa to kick off a year of patriotic festivities leading up to next year's 250th anniversary of American independence.

He said he would sign the bill into law Friday.

The outcome delivers a milestone for the president and for his

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House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries, D-N.Y., talks to reporters as he walks off the House floor after giving a speech that lasted 8 hours and 44 minutes as the House debated the bill Thursday.

## Western Pa. lawmakers divided on GOP bill

By Benjamin Kail  
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

WASHINGTON — Western Pennsylvania Republicans celebrated and Democrats lamented the party-line passage of Republicans' major tax and policy bill in the House Thursday, with President Donald Trump poised to sign the package on Independence Day after weeks of contentious

debate on Capitol Hill.

Under a mix of pressure and charm from Trump and House Speaker Mike Johnson of Louisiana, conservative and moderate holdouts concerned about more than \$1 trillion in cuts to Medicaid and federal food assistance — and an estimated \$3.3 trillion-plus in more debt over the next decade — decided to back the bill. The vote was 218-214, with only two Republicans joining all

Democrats in opposition.

Gov. Josh Shapiro said Thursday morning that 310,000 Pennsylvanians will lose Medicaid coverage and at least 140,000 Pennsylvanians will lose Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits as a result of the bill.

"Every Congressional Republican voting

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Justin Guido/Post-Gazette

Attendees wait to cross 10th Street as Anthrocon 2025 kicked off Thursday at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center, Downtown. This is the 18th year the event has come to Pittsburgh.

## 'WITH OPEN ARMS'

### Anthrocon, city continue warm bond; convention expects 20,000 for weekend

By Lindsay Shachnow and Adam Babetski  
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

For one week every year, Pizza Parma in Downtown Pittsburgh gets a face-lift and a new menu.

The pizza shop transforms into "Furryland."

As thousands of furries take over Downtown Pittsburgh for Anthrocon, which started Thursday and runs through Sunday, dozens of customers line up outside the pizza shop just a stone's

throw away from the David L. Lawrence Convention Center.

Customers eat their food out of metal dog bowls and can purchase "furswag" — everything from T-shirts to dog tags — and a "furmobile" covered in stickers is parked out front.

The pizza shop has become a staple in the furry community, thousands of which have attended the annual gathering in Pittsburgh since 2006.

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JULY 4 FESTIVITIES

## City says N. Shore will be jammed

### Officials warn parking, space will be limited

By Megan Guza  
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

A condensed space on Pittsburgh's North Shore means tighter quarters, more traffic and parking that will be at a premium Friday for the city's Fourth of July celebration.

"Everybody's going to have to get a little bit friendlier on the North Shore," Public Safety Director Lee Schmidt said.

The festivities are normally held at Point State Park, but park renovations ahead of next year's NFL draft in Pittsburgh meant shuffling the show across the river.

The entertainment will be within a fenced-in area on the Great Lawn, a greenspace that stretches about 500 feet between the World War II Memorial to near Art Rooney Drive. No one will be allowed into that area after 9 p.m., police said.

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UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH

## School to rebrand DEI office

### Change comes after threats to cut funding

By Maddie Aiken  
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

The University of Pittsburgh is replacing its Office for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion following funding loss threats from the Trump administration.

Pitt's newly launched Office of Institutional Engagement and Well-being will deal with areas such as civil rights and Title IX compliance, disability accessibility and accommodations, sexual misconduct prevention education, and the monitoring of university progress on campus climate and student success. These areas were previously overseen by the DEI office.

Clyde Wilson Pickett, who formerly served as vice chancellor for DEI and chief diversity officer, also will oversee the new office, which opened on Tuesday.

Pitt Chancellor Joan Gabel and Mr. Pickett informed the university community of the change in a letter this week.

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### STEELERS EXTEND OMAR KHAN THROUGH 2028

The Steelers sign general manager Omar Khan to a new three-year deal. Mr. Khan originally signed a four-year deal in 2022. **Story in Sports, Page C-1**



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tonight's low, 64.  
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