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## Senate Tax Bill Could Lift Debt By \$3.3 Trillion

### Price Tag May Alienate G.O.P. Fiscal Hawks

By ANDREW DUEHREN

WASHINGTON — The sprawling tax and health care bill that Senate Republicans are trying to pass would add at least \$3.3 trillion to the already-bulging national debt over a decade, the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office said on Sunday, putting a far higher price tag on the measure than some of the party's fiscal hawks had indicated they could stomach.

The cost of the Senate bill, which Republicans rolled out overnight on Friday and were still shaping on Sunday, far exceeds the \$2.4 trillion cost of the version passed in the House, where lawmakers had insisted that the overall price of the bill not substantially change. But Senate Republicans still moved forward with a number of costly changes to the bill, including making prized tax breaks for business a permanent feature of the tax code.

With roughly \$29 trillion in debt currently held by the public, the budget office had already expected the government to borrow another \$21 trillion over the next decade, meaning the Republican bill would make an already-dire fiscal forecast worse. And the initial estimate of a cost of \$3.3 trillion for the Senate bill is an undercount, because it does not include additional borrowing costs that could push the bill's overall addition to the debt closer to \$4 trillion.

That is the central complaint of hard-right Republicans who have resisted the measure and insisted on a lower cost. On Saturday night, a group of them demanding bigger cuts — including Senators Ron Johnson of Wisconsin, Mike Lee of Utah, Cynthia Lummis of Wyoming and Rick Scott of Florida — held out for four hours before agreeing to begin debate on the bill.

The main component driving the cost of the Republican legislative effort is the extension of a series of tax cuts from 2017. Many of those tax cuts are set to expire this year, and extending them into the future represents a roughly \$3.8 trillion hit to the budget. Republicans have also piled some additional tax cuts on top, including versions of President Trump's promises to not tax tips and overtime, bringing the overall size of

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**TILLIS WON'T RUN** The North Carolina Republican's move came after the president threatened to support a challenger. PAGE A15



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### Pride, and Resistance

Cheering the New York City Pride March on Sunday. Millions packed the streets of Manhattan to celebrate amid the most hostile political climate for L.G.B.T.Q. Americans in decades. Page A20.

## On Border, Empty Farms and Terrified Workers

By EDGAR SANDOVAL

RIO GRANDE VALLEY, Texas — Alexandra, a 55-year-old undocumented immigrant, was on her way to work at a watermelon farm in the border city of Edinburg, Texas, recently when her oldest son stopped her before she stepped out of her aging trailer.

"Please don't go. You are going to get deported," he told Alexandra, who asked that her last name not be used because she did not want to attract attention from federal immigration agents. Her son then showed her graphic videos of federal agents chasing and handcuffing migrants seemingly all

### Some Wary of Planting if Harvesting Help Won't Be There

over the Rio Grande Valley of Texas. "That could be you," he said.

President Trump's conflicting orders to exempt, then target, then again exempt farm workers from his aggressive immigration sweeps of work sites have caused havoc in agricultural industries across the country, where about 42 percent of farm workers are un-

documented, according to the Agriculture Department.

But perhaps nowhere is fear among farm workers more palpable than on the farms and ranches along the southwestern U.S.-Mexico border, where for centuries workers have considered the frontier as being more porous than prohibitive.

Administration officials have vowed to make good on a once-popular campaign promise from Mr. Trump to deport millions of undocumented workers, in what he has said will be the largest mass deportation in U.S. history.

As workplace raids have eroded

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## As Resources Dried Up, L.A. Found How to Be Less Thirsty

You've probably come across more stories about water woes in California than you can recall, so you may feel you've had enough for a while.

**MICHAEL KIMMELMAN** I understand. There's no easy or permanent fix.

The protagonists don't divide neatly into good and evil.

Water in the state often isn't where the people are — or, as with the recent fires, isn't there at all. After looking into the subject for years, I still can't wrap my head around the endless ins and outs.

But there is one indisputable fact that keeps surfacing in the conversations I have about California water that feels like something of a beacon. The first time I heard it, it came as quite a surprise.

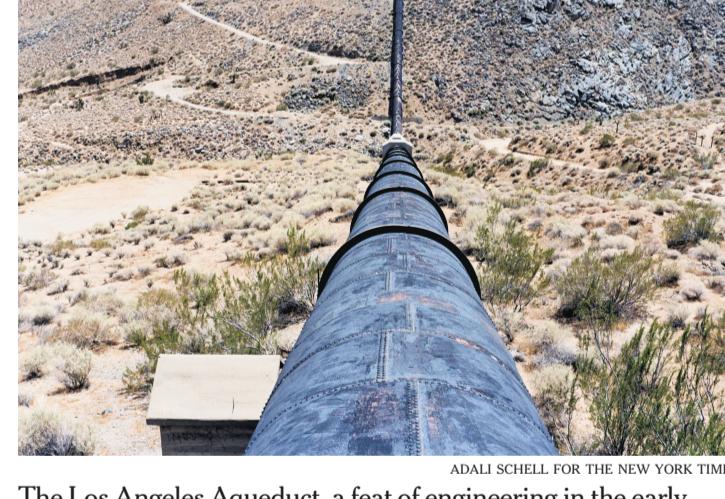
Over the last half century or

so, millions more people have moved to greater Los Angeles, settling in increasingly far-flung reaches of the desert and in the mountains, requiring more faucets, toilets and shower heads, producing more garbage and more gridlock on the 405 freeway, reinforcing all the clichés about excess and sprawl.

And during this same time, Angelenos have been consuming less water.

I don't just mean per person, though that figure, according to state authorities, is down by a whopping 43 percent since 1990. I mean, residents and businesses in the Los Angeles area now consume less water *in total*. The population has grown, yet the city consumes less water.

In 1990, when its population was 3.4 million people, L.A.'s annual consumption was 680,000 acre-feet of water, according to



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the city's water authority. (The industry metric, an acre-foot is about half an Olympic swimming pool.)

With a population of 3.9 million, the city today consumes 454,000 acre-feet per year.

The trend extends beyond Los

Angeles to cities across California. But it is most striking in the state's megalopolis. "We still have a lot of work to do," says Mark Gold, the director of water scarcity solutions for the Natural Resources Defense Council who

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## The World's Best in Squash? Some Call Him a Bold Cheat.

By DAVID SEGAL

Not long ago, an anonymous YouTuber known only as Quash Bad Squash reposted one of the strangest moments in the history of the sport.

It's match ball in the finals of last year's British Open tournament, with a check for \$26,600 on the line. The four-time world champion Ali Farag, an Egyptian with the physique of a pipe cleaner and the speed of Mercury, is about to lunge forward and hit a backhand. But as he tries to get past his opponent, a rising superstar and fellow countryman named Mostafa Asal, Mr. Farag does something baffling.

He stops playing.

Instead, he wheels around to look at Mr. Asal, as if he's momentarily stunned.

"Oh, my goodness gracious me!" shouts one of the commentators broadcasting live on the web-



REUTERS

Mostafa Asal in 2023, when he was barred twice from play.

site SquashTV.

"What has he done?" shouts another.

The referee isn't sure. So a second referee, whose job is to handle tough calls, looks at instant replay video footage to determine if Mr.

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