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CNN's Phil Mattingly reports on a new GOP plan to help finance their tax cuts.

JAKE TAPPER, CNN HOST:

TAPPER: Just into CNN, Senate Republicans are proposing to repeal the part of Obamacare that mandates that most people have health insurance, known as the individual mandate, and loop that repeal in with their tax bill.  
  
It's a move that President Trump has pushed for several times, including in this tweet -- quote -- "How about ending the unfair and highly unpopular individual mandate in Obamacare and reducing taxes even further?"  
  
CNN congressional correspondent Phil Mattingly is live on Capitol Hill for us.  
  
And, Phil, this would help Republicans finance the tax cuts they want, but we all remember that they have struggled on the issue of getting a health care bill passed.  
  
PHIL MATTINGLY, CNN CORRESPONDENT: Yes, that's exactly right.  
  
Look, there's a reason why, despite the president's not just tweets, but also, I'm told, private calls agitating for the inclusion of this to several top GOP leaders on Capitol Hill, it doesn't exist in the House bill and it didn't exist in the Senate bill until now.  
  
And that's because they are very wary of what occurred over the nine months when they were debating health care. They don't want that to get co-mingled with a tax reform process. But when you talk to aides in both chambers, they feel like it's going very well so far.  
  
Here's what's changed. Basically, the political risk was outweighed by the policy risk of not having the money to actually move this through. They feel like this is the only way they can actually get a bill that works through Senate budget rules and addresses some of the middle-class concerns that they have heard from some of their members.  
  
This would create $338 billion, Jake, of revenue, something they desperately need for the Senate bill. If you want to hear how Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell is going to sell this, take a listen to this.  
  
(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)  
  
SEN. MITCH MCCONNELL (R-KY), MAJORITY LEADER: Every single member of my conference, without exception, from Susan Collins to Ted Cruz, is opposed to the individual mandate.  
Plus, it falls most heavily on the lowest-income people. Plus, it is the most unpopular part of the current health care law.  
  
(END VIDEO CLIP)  
  
MATTINGLY: Now, Jake, an important clarification there.  
  
While every member of the Republican Conference in the Senate opposes the individual mandate in isolation, they are not necessarily in support of just doing it alone, just getting rid of it alone. That's why a lot of Republicans had problems with this in early iterations of the health care process.  
  
The calculation right now by Republican leaders is, if they can give those members who are wary about this, people like Susan Collins, enough on the individual side of tax reform, enough to say that, look, this is targeted, this money will be targeted for middle-class tax cuts, that they can bring them on board.  
  
Again, it's a calculated risk, one leaders were very wary of actually making up to this point, but one that they just decided today they simply had no other option, Jake.  
  
TAPPER: All right, Phil Mattingly for us on Capitol Hill with the latest developments in the tax bill.

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16-15b 20171115 Hatch Defends 'Obamacare' Repeal in Tax Bill \*\*02:52 AP 16-15b 20171115 Hatch Defends 'Obamacare' Repeal in Tax Bill.mp4

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The head of the Senate's tax-writing committee is defending the decision to include in the tax bill a repeal of the Obamacare requirement for Americans to get health insurance. Republican Sen. Orrin Hatch, the chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, said Wednesday the requirement that nearly everyone have insurance coverage or face a fine is a tax. Hatch said that's a "terribly regressive tax that imposes harsh burdens on low- and middle-income taxpayers." His panel started a third day of work Wednesday on the tax overhaul legislation. Democrats angrily protested the move. Repealing the mandate would raise an estimated $338 billion that could help pay for deep tax cuts, especially for corporations. Budget analysts say it would push 13 million Americans off the insurance rolls over the next decade.

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16-15c 20171115 Sanders: Individual mandate repeal in tax reform 'bad idea' \*01:35 16-15c 20171115 Sanders Individual mandate repeal in tax reform 'bad idea'.mp4

"It's a bad idea," U.S. Senator Bernie Sanders says of Republicans including repeal of Obamacare's individual mandate in their tax reform plan. "This is going to throw 13 million Americans off the health insurance they currently have."

ANDERSON COOPER, CNN HOST:

COOPER: Senator Sanders were you -- first of all, surprised to see the repeal of the mandate as part of the tax bill? And obviously I know you're against it, I'm wondering why do you think it's a bad idea?  
  
BERNIE SANDERS (I), SENATOR, VERMONT: Well, it's a bad idea, Anderson, because it's going to throw 13 million Americans off their health insurance they currently have, including about six million people on Medicaid. It's going to raise premiums by about 10 percent for ordinary Americans. It's going to be devastatingly harmful to rural hospitals all over American.  
  
And on top of all that, the reasons Republicans are doing that is in order to give huge tax breaks to corporations and make them permanent.  
  
You know, Anderson, what this whole business is about, you've heard me talk about this for a long time, is the power that big money has in American politics as a result of our corrupt campaign finance system. Gary Cohn the other day, the President's Chief Economic Adviser said, the people most excited about this legislation are the CEOs of large cooperation. And I got to admit, he is absolutely right.  
  
Billionaires and millionaires have bought hundreds of millions of dollars into the political process, supporting Republican candidates, and today is pay-back time for them. Huge tax breaks for the rich, huge tax breaks for multinational corporations. And meanwhile, at the end of 10 years, tens of millions of American families in the middle class are going to be paying for more taxes. Terrible proposal, but it's paid for by the billionaire class who control the political process.

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16-15d 20171115 Watch CEOs cast doubt on tax reform's big sell \* 01:05

16-15d 20171115corporate-tax-relief-middle-class-gary-cohn-awkward-

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A group of CEOs is asked if a lower corporate tax rate, a big provision in the GOP tax plan, will increase capital investments. Their response surprises White House economic adviser Gary Cohn. CNN's Christine Romans has details.

CHRISTINE ROMANS, CNN BUSINESS CORRESPONDENT:

Now, the White House has been selling this, Gary Cohn, the president's chief economic adviser, has been really selling this as you give relief to companies, and that's going to help people. Because companies are going to take that money and they're going to build factories and they're going to hire workers and they're going to expand. Listen to Gary Cohn with a group of CEOs yesterday, when those CEOs were asked, what you are going to do with this money.  
  
(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)  
  
QUESTION: If the tax reform bill goes through, do you plan to increase investment, your company's investment, capital investment. Just a show of hands, if the tax reform goes through? OK.  
  
GARY COHN, CHIEF ECONOMIC ADVISER: Why aren't the other hands up?  
  
(END VIDEO CLIP)  
  
ROMANS: That's Gary Cohn saying, why aren't the other hands up. There were one or two hands went up in that room. When you listen to corporate earnings calls, you guys, you hear these CEOs asked again and again. So if you get a corporate tax cut, if you get -- if you're allowed to bring in -- cuts back at a very low tax rate, what are you going to do with them? Many of these CEOs say it will be share buybacks and dividends for their investors, not necessarily - there's no guarantee it would go to the middle class.  
  
HARLOW: What -- recent history shows they've done in the past.  
  
ROMANS: So that awkward moment there with Gary Cohn

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16-15e 20171128 GOP tax bill passes committee, moves to Senate \* 01:39

16-15e 20171128 gop-tax-bill-johnson-committee-mattingly-nr.cnn

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The Senate Budget Committee has voted to advance the GOP's tax bill, including a "yes" vote from Senator Ron Johnson (R-WI), who has previously voiced concern over the bill. CNN's Dana Bash reports.

DANA BASH, CNN SENIOR CONGRESSIONAL CORRESPONDENT: Hey, there, Brooke.  
  
Well, first of all, I don't know if you can hear me, because there are very loud protests here. I know our Ashley Killough was reporting that there were some arrests going on. I will just move this way.  
  
This is going on outside the Budget Committee, where they did just vote, as Phil was talking about, along party lines to keep this process going, to move the tax bill to the Senate floor, which is no small feat, given the resistance that we have been reporting that at least in the short-term the leadership and the president have been able to overcome.  
  
We are going to be interested to hear what the president says, in particular because of what Phil was talking about the very robust back and forth that he apparently did have on the substance of this tax bill, in particular on the substance of the concerns that Ron Johnson, who was a very, very reluctant yes just moments ago in the Budget Committee, has about small businesses.  
  
[15:05:03]  
  
So, yes, Johnson, you know, allowed the process to continue, to use his turn of phrase, but the question is how is he going to be addressed and how are his problems that he has going to be addressed when this goes to the Senate floor?  
  
And it's unclear if the president is going to give that kind of indication or not. But certainly I think what's important to note in hearing from senators here is that, frankly, a lot of times, it's been unclear if the president is helpful or hurtful in these really dicey situations. And in this case, what senators are reporting is that he helped.

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16-15f 20171129 GOP majority whip: This isn't a perfect bill \* 02:47

16-15f 20171129 sen-john-cornyn-tax-bill-newday.cnn\_ios\_1240.mp4

Republican Majority Whip Sen. John Cornyn discusses the future of the GOP tax cut bill, which is now headed to the full Senate.

SEN. JOHN CORNYN (R), TEXAS (Senate Majority Whip ):

CORNYN: This really -- we need -- we need to -- we need to do this for the doers and the dreamers and the hard-working families and the small businesses that need the workers and people who want a little bit more take home pay in their paycheck.

CHRIS CUOMO, CNN ANCHOR:  
CUOMO: Right.  
  
CORNYN: We can do this.  
  
CUOMO: Why don't you help them more then? I mean when you look at every analysis of this bill, you can argue the economics and the political choices, and there's no right answer here about whom to help and why to help them. But this was billed as a middle class for the doers and the dreamers and the workers, as you say, and there is no analysis that shows them being helped disproportionately to the top tier. So why even call it that. Just call it a tax cut and say the people at the top are going to get helped the most because they pay the most and whatever rational you want to apply, instead of saying it's about the doers and the workers and the dreamers when it isn't?  
  
CORNYN: Well, it is. It is. I disagree with it. It is true that people who pay the most taxes will -- because they do disproportionately pay taxes in this country, they're going to benefit. But the truth is, every income bracket will benefit. And the lower income brackets in the 30 to 40 range will benefit the most. They'll see the biggest reduction in their tax burden and the greatest take home pay. The median family --  
  
CUOMO: Why does the CBO and the Joint Committee on Tax Reform say that's not true?  
  
CORNYN: Well, I disagree with your analysis. The -- I've spent quite a bit of time immersed in this as a member of the Senate Finance Committee and what the CBO and the Joint Committee on Taxation says that every bracket of taxpayers will see their burden reduced. And we're continuing to work on --  
  
CUOMO: Out of the box, but not over --  
  
CORNYN: Pardon?  
  
CUOMO: Out of the box, senator, but not over time. This isn't my analysis. This is not new to you what I'm saying. You know, it's right in the listings of the different numbers and the graphs over time that people over time, as you go down in income bracket, they will lose their benefits and they will start to go into the red in this. That's not my analysis.  
  
CORNYN: That's just not -- that's -- that's just not true. What goes (INAUDIBLE) for the median family --  
  
CUOMO: But that's what the CBO says and that's what the Joint Committee says, just to be clear.  
  
CORNYN: If you give me a chance to answer your question.  
  
CUOMO: Go ahead, senator, please.  
  
CORNYN: The -- a median family income from $70,000 of four will see their tax burden go down $2,200. We also are removing the individual mandate, which disproportionally hits people that earn $50,000 or less, 6.7 million people who have to pay a tax penalty because they can't afford the Affordable Care Act policies. We're also going to encourage businesses to bring their earnings back home and invest them in workers and wages here in the United States.  
  
I think this is not a perfect bill, as Senator Round (ph) said this morning in your interview, but I think this is a big improvement over the status quo. And I don't think you can just look at static scoring numbers which disregard how people will respond to this huge -- this huge change at -- and which I think will benefit all taxpayers.

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16-15g 20171130 GOP leaders stall in tax bill vote \* 01:16

16-15g 20171130vote-on-tax-bill-back-to-committee-mattingly-tsr-bts.cnn

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Lawmakers vote on the Senate floor to determine whether the GOP tax reform bill will be sent back to the finance committee.

CNN's Phil Mattingly reports as the voting continues.

 PHIL MATTINGLY, CNN CONGRESSIONAL CORRESPONDENT: Well, Wolf, I want  
  
to take you to the Senate floor right now, because what we're seeing is something that was not expected by senior Republican aides, was not expected by Republican lawmakers, walking into the vote.  
  
Right now, there is a vote on the Senate floor. It's largely a pro forma vote. It is a Democratic motion to send the tax plan back to committee. These are the types of things that are expected to fail upon partisan lines. They've failed already multiple times today. This is another effort on that issue.  
  
Let me explain to you what's different. Look in the well right now. You've got a group of senators that are sitting there, and there are three Republican senators who have not voted yet on this issue. Again, an issue that all Republicans are expected to very quickly vote against and then leave the chambers.  
  
The senators that have not voted yet on this issue, Senator Bob Corker, Senator Ron Johnson, Senator Jeff Flake. Wolf, those are three senators that still have hang-ups about this bill. This is part of the reason why we haven't had major action throughout the course of this day. As senators and Senate GOP leaders have tried to figure out exactly what's going on.

now you have senators huddled on the Senate floor trying to figure out, A, what the answers are to that deal and, in the process, holding up what is supposed to be a pretty simple vote for Republicans to vote against.  
  
So right now, still trying to figure out what's going on. Staff is with me on that one, based on the text messages I've received. But definitely some drama we were not expecting in this process at this point.

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16-15h 20171201 Senate prepares to vote on GOP tax bill \* 01:13

16-15h 20171201 senate-tax-reform-bill-raju-sot.cnn\_ios\_1240.mp4

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell says the GOP has the votes to pass the tax reform bill despite Sen. Bob Corker voting no vote due to a concern the bill will cause the deficit to rise.

MANU RAJU, CNN SENIOR CONGRESSIONAL REPORTER: Well, behind the scene, they've been trying to finalize the legislative language. They've actually been providing this proposal to the official congressional scorekeepers, to make sure that it does not exceed -- conflict with the Senate budget rules, but they're also trying to win over some key holdouts, which they did all day long, winning over people like Susan Collins of Maine by including changes, a $10,000 state and local tax. Winning over Jeff Flake of Arizona, but also making assurances that they're trying to find a permanent solution separately on the issue of the DREAMers. And winning over people like Ron Johnson, over the changes to how small businesses are taking care of.  
  
But still, Erin, a lot of concern, particularly from Democrats about the fact that there is no legislative language released yet.  
  
Sherrod Brown of Ohio, one of those Democrats, raising concerns earlier today. Here's what he said.  
  
(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)  
  
SEN. SHERROD BROWN (D), OHIO: Nobody knows what's in it. They should be ashamed of themselves they are willing to pass a bill this big with nobody reading, with nobody really knowing what's in it.  
  
(END VIDEO CLIP)  
  
RAJU: Now, Republicans argue that look, the broad parameters of this bill has been known for weeks, allowing the amendments have been out publicly. So, people should have a chance to digest them.  
  
Still, though, a lot of the details we will not know until the Senate votes,

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16-15i 20171202 GOP tax plan passes the Senate \* 00:56

16-15i 20171202 gop-tax-plan-senate-final-vote.cnn\_ios\_1240.mp4

The Republican tax plan has passed the Senate with a vote of 51-49.

MIKE PENCE, VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES:

The yeas are 51,

The nays are 49. The tax cuts and JOBS Act, as amended, is passed.

CYRIL VANIER, CNN ANCHOR (voice-over):

All right Phil. We just heard it Republican senators still clapping 51 yeas, 49 nays. There were no surprises Phil.

PHIL MATTINGLY, CNN CORRESPONDENT:

Yeah, that's exactly right. Look, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell usually has a pretty good idea where the members of his conference are. They were very solid about where this vote was, and again, so I just want to underscore this is a momentous occasion for the Republican Party. This is a momentous occasion for people who have tried to change the tax code for three decades. Now it's worth noting both parties have tried to reform the tax code over the course of the last three decades. Since that 1986 tax reform plan.

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The result was announced—yeas 51, nays 49, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 303 Leg.]

YEAS—51

Alexander

Barrasso

Blunt

Boozman

Burr

Capito

Cassidy

Cochran

Collins

Cornyn

Cotton

Crapo

Cruz

Daines

Enzi

Ernst

Fischer

Flake

Gardner

Graham

Grassley

Hatch

Heller

Hoeven

Inhofe

Isakson

Johnson

Kennedy

Lankford

Lee

McCain

McConnell

Moran

Murkowski

Paul

Perdue

Portman

Risch

Roberts

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Sasse

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Shelby

Strange

Sullivan

Thune

Tillis

Toomey

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Young

NAYS—49

Baldwin

Bennet

Blumenthal

Booker

Brown

Cantwell

Cardin

Carper

Casey

Coons

Corker

Cortez Masto

Donnelly

Duckworth

Durbin

Feinstein

Franken

Gillibrand

Harris

Hassan

Heinrich

Heitkamp

Hirono

Kaine

King

Klobuchar

Leahy

Manchin

Markey

McCaskill

Menendez

Merkley

Murphy

Murray

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The bill (H.R. 1), as amended, was passed.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, as amended, is passed.

(Applause, Senators rising.)

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16-15j 20171202 McConnell: Dems thought this was a bad idea \* 01:00

16-15j 20171202 gop-tax-presser-vote-passes-mcconnell-bts.cnn\_ios\_1240.mp4

Republican senators hold a press conference after their tax plan passed the Senate with a 51-49 victory.

Aired December 02, 2017 - 02:00   ET

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UNIDENTIFIED MALE:

the legislative victory obviously is important. But you have got a lot of criticism for the process, the fact that the bill, the substitute amendment, wasn't out until 8:30 pm; the fact that things were written in the margins.  
  
Is this how you envisioned passing such a large legislative process?

SEN. MITCH MCCONNELL (R), MAJORITY LEADER: This was done through regular order. The Democrats had plenty of notice. Chairman Hast (ph) can attest to all of multiple hearings, markups, open amendment process.  
  
Everybody had plenty of opportunity to see the measure. You complain about process when you're losing. And that's what you heard on the floor tonight.

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16-15k 20171203 Winners and losers of the Senate tax bill \* 02:37

16-15k 20171203 ip-tax-cuts.cnn\_ios\_1240.mp4

The drama behind the Senate's passing of its version of the tax bill, the winners and losers, and how Congress plans to reconcile its two proposals.

JOHN KING, CNN HOST :

KING: And if you look at some of the details, this is the Senate bill. They have to reconcile with the House. They have -- the basic architecture are the same, but some of the details themselves are a little different.  
  
If you look at the Senate bill, corporate tax rate would drop from 35 percent to 20 percent. Individuals get two times the standard deduction, temporarily cuts rates, down a few years in a row, those rates go back up. Families get twice the child tax credit they now get. Axes state and local income tax deductions, keeping the property tax deduction in the Senate but it caps that at $10,000. Health care, it acts as the individual mandate and expands the Medicaid deduction.  
  
So now they try to figure this out in the short-term. The Republicans are betting getting a signature item done. This is the one thing that was on everybody's list for the Republican Party in 2017 they'll do.  
  
Obamacare repeal is not going to happen. President's promised infrastructure plan this year is not going to happen. That political imperative seems to be drawing it to the finish line.  
Given the past ten months, will they get it done in the next three weeks?  
  
JULIE HIRSCHFELD DAVIS, "THE NEW YORK TIMES": I mean it seems like they are, as "The Hill" said, you know, most of the way there. And there is such a desperation on the part of Republicans to have this be a win.  
  
There's so much in this bill, as you just outlined, that they like -- the repeal of the individual mandate, the large, large and permanent corporate tax cut, the individual tax cuts, even though they are only temporary, the tax cut for pass-through entities, these smaller businesses and partnerships. This is all huge for Republicans and they really, really want this to happen.  
  
The problem, I think, that we saw this week, the only problem is that in getting it to the finish line in the Senate, they pretty much negated the possibility that they were going to be able to get this back through the House without a conference, which was a hope among some White House officials, that they could sort of pre-bake a lot of these deals they would have to cut with the House Republicans, and essentially have a bill that after passing the Senate, could very quickly just be pre-conferenced in through the House, within a matter of hours.  
  
And that clearly didn't happen, because of all the deals they had to cut at the very end. And it's not totally clear. I mean, the one Republican hold out Bob Corker had big concerns about the deficit effect of this bill. And there are a lot of conservative Republicans in the House who ostensibly, are very concerned about deficits.  
  
And so, you could imagine a scenario where they have some last-minute reservations and they want to see this held up. But again, I think the imperative is so strong, I wouldn't be surprised to see most of them swallow those concerns.  
  
JULIE PACE, "ASSOCIATED PRESS": Especially in the House, even though the deficit is a huge concern. Some of these guys got elected on the idea of deficit and over government spending. But they're all up for election next year and they're facing the prospect of having to go face voters, who will say hey, you've got the White House now, you've got the Senate and you've got the House and you couldn't get anything done?  
  
That, for House members is actually, I think, worse than perhaps putting aside some of their concerns about deficit spending and then just voting for this bill.

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16-15l 20171203 Senator slams tax plan on Senate floor \* 00:58

16-15l 20171203 senate-tax-bill-wyden-vote-not-forgotten-sot.cnn\_ios\_1240.mp4

Sen. Ron Wyden (D-OR) gave an impassioned speech in opposition to the passing of the Republican tax bill. The bill passed the Senate with a vote of 51-49.

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The PRESIDING OFFICER. There will now be 2 minutes of debate prior to the vote on H.R. 1.

The Senator from Oregon.

Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, millions of Americans must be watching in stunned disbelief tonight as the Republican Senate betrays the middle class for the benefit of faceless, multinational corporations.

Colleagues, how many middle-class families need to see their hard-earned pay snatched away in tax hikes before these corporate handouts are no longer worth it? How many more Americans need to see their jobs shipped overseas before corporate paymasters no longer call the shots? How many Americans need to lose their healthcare or see their premiums shoot sky-high before this is stopped?

What is happening tonight is the worst of the U.S. Senate. There is a trail of broken promises—broken promises to working families in the mad dash to pass this bill. The American people understand this is the first step of continuing attacks on Medicare, on Medicaid, and on Social Security. This vote will not be forgotten.

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16-15m 20171205 Tax cuts: Broken promises 本片暫無字幕檔 02:42

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Numerous claims on tax cuts made by President Trump and his economic team, adviser Gary Cohn and Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin, have turned out to be false.

16-15n 20171207 Sanders: 'Immoral' for GOP to target social safety nets \*04:55

16-15n 20171207lead-senator-bernie-sanders-live-tax-reform-entitlements-jake

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Senator Bernie Sanders blasts Paul Ryan and the GOP over Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid reform plans.

JAKE TAPPER, CNN HOST:

TAPPER: Welcome back to THE LEAD.  
  
Sticking with politics -- all but one Senate Republican put aside concerns about the $1 trillion plus that the tax cut bill will add to the national debt, but not even one week later, GOP leaders are beginning to talk again about the need for fiscal responsibility to reduce the debt they just voted to enlarge.  
  
With House Speaker Paul Ryan saying that Republicans will attempt to cut spending by reforming Medicare and Medicaid in the New Year.  
  
(BEGIN AUDIO CLIP)  
  
REP. PAUL RYAN (R-WI), SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE: Frankly, it's the health care entitlements that are the big drivers of our debt. And then wealth reform too, we think it's important to get people from welfare to work. We have a welfare system that's basically trapping people in poverty and effectively paying people not to work. And we've got to work on that. (END AUDIO CLIP)  
  
TAPPER: Joining me now is 2016 presidential candidate and independent senator, Bernie Sanders, from Vermont.  
  
Senator, you say this was the Republican plan all along. Create more debt by cutting taxes and then expressing desire to tackle that debt with cuts to social welfare programs.  
  
SEN. BERNIE SANDERS (I), VERMONT: I mean, this is just extraordinary. What it amounts to is a massive transfer of wealth to the middle class to the working families to the top 1 percent and large corporations. Look, in the Republican plan, 62 percent of the tax benefits go to the 1 percent and large multinational corporations.  
  
And then after running up the deficit by $1.4 trillion, Paul Ryan and the others come back there and say, oh my goodness, isn't it terrible how high the deficit and national debt is? We have got to deal with that and the way we're going to deal with it is by cutting Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, education, nutrition programs, and basically everything that the middle class and working families desperately need.  
  
This is just grossly immoral, and it is something that we have got to defeat.  
  
TAPPER: Senator, the congressman and a lot of experts say that a lot of these social welfare programs, Medicare especially are driving debt. I mean, is he wrong?  
  
SANDERS: Then you have to deal with it. And you have to get your priorities right.  
  
Is it more important to make sure that elderly people in this country have health care or whether or not we give massive tax breaks to billionaires by repealing the estate tax? That's the moral issue that we have to deal with.  
  
Now, we can deal with Medicare and we can deal with Social Security to make sure that they are strong and viable for future generations. That's not hard to do. We know how to do it.  
  
But to exacerbate the problems of the debt by giving tax breaks to large corporations who today are enormously profitable and to wealthy individuals, and then come back and say we're going to cut programs that the elderly and working families desperately need is just an absurd, horrific set of priorities.  
  
And, Jake, these are priorities that the American people don't agree with. The American people in poll after poll do not believe we should give tax breaks to billionaires and in poll after poll, whether you're Republican, Democrat, or independent, they don't believe you should cut Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid.  
  
All of this is being done by the way to benefit wealthy Republican campaign contributors like the Koch brothers. TAPPER: How much do you care about the issue of national debt? I ask  
  
because when you introduced your policy -- your proposal for a budget, the Tax Policy Center said that it would increase the deficit -- the national debt up to $21 trillion, including paying for single-payer health care. So I guess just philosophically, do you think it matters if the U.S. has a big --  
SANDERS: Of course, it matters. I don't agree with what they said. And what they forgot to say in terms of the Medicare-for-all proposals that we brought forth is that people in the middle class would be better off because we could eliminate the private insurance premiums they have to pay. If you had to pay $10,000 a year in private health insurance premiums, and I eliminated that, you have to pay 5,000 more in taxes, you would say, hey, Bernie, that's a great deal for me. Now I have comprehensive health care for my entire family.  
  
TAPPER: Before you go sir, I want to ask about your fellow progressive Al Franken who resigned today. You tweeted in response, quote: We have a president who acknowledged on tape that he assaulted women. I would hope that he pays attention to what's going on and think about resigning.  
  
It's a cheeky tweet, but are you seriously calling on him to resign because of the accusations?  
  
SANDERS: Look, what I am saying -- what I am saying is something that is in fact very serious. And that is Al Franken acknowledged that he acted inappropriately. He acknowledged that, he asked forgiveness, and then he ended up resigning.  
  
You have a president who on tape, a tape that everybody in America has seen, acknowledged basically that he was assaulting women and well over a dozen women have made that complaint. And what happens to him?  
  
[16:40:00] He says, no. It's fine. It's OK.  
  
I think that's an issue we have to deal with.  
  
TAPPER: Independent Senator Bernie Sanders of Vermont, always a pleasure to have you on, sir. Thank you.  
  
SANDERS: Thank you.

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16-15o 20171215 GOP reveals final tax bill details \* 03:12

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CNN's Phil Mattingly details the final version of the GOP tax bill, which if passed, would be the first major legislative victory for Republican lawmakers during Trump's presidency.

PHIL MATTINGLY, CNN CONGRESSIONAL CORRESPONDENT: Well, Wolf, this bill has just been filed in the House, more than 500 pages. Basically, what everybody's been waiting now for weeks. Here are the changes in terms of where they stand right now. The corporate, currently at 35 percent, that will drop to 21 percent. On the individual side, there will still be seven brackets like there are in current law, but I'm going to read them out for you now. They would be at 10 percent, 12 percent, 22 percent, 24 percent, 32 percent, 35 percent and 37 percent.  
  
Now a lot of attention has been paid to that top bracket. The current top bracket sits at 39.6 percent. So, Republicans will be dropping the top bracket down to 37 percent. It's also noteworthy that those individual rate cuts, which a lot of them are, almost across the board on average, the expectation is that individuals will get a tax cut through this plan -- that will sunset in a2025. Those rates will revert back to what they are in current law at that point. They're doing that because it's expensive. They need to meet their budget chart.  
  
Also, a key thing that everybody's been paying attention to, the state and local tax deduction -- the conference agreement expands that. Originally, only allowed a $10,000 cap for property tax deductions. That will also allow income and sales tax as well. Some combination of two of those will be allowed for the Salt deduction -- that's important for states like New York, New Jersey, Illinois, California, some states that at least over in the house have a very large voting contingent for Republicans.  
  
When you track through this as well -- if you look at the corporate side on the repatriation rates, Wolf, that's money that's parked overseas that they want to bring back home, those rates are now at 8 percent for ill-liquid assets, 15.5 percent for liquid assets. That's extremely important for American businesses that have clamoring for, lobbying for this for years.  
  
On another issue, there was a huge, kind of, sticking point at various points in the Senate to pass through deduction. Where lawmakers ended up there, 20 percent credit. So, basically, these are for businesses like LLCs, S-corporations, Partnerships that pass through their business income onto the individual say, pay individual rates. That will be set at 20 percent, that credit there. So that's an agreement as well that they ended up reaching.  
Overall, Wolf, I think it's important to put in context that this bill, the 500 pages here are the first overhaul of the U.S. tax code in more than 30 years. They will likely have an impact on every single American, almost every single business as well. And one of the key sticking points: that they were able to get through, and we've seen the news alerts on Marco Rubio getting to yes on this bill, the child tax credit. That is doubled from current law, from $1,000 to $2,000.  
  
The sticking point, though, was the refundability aspect of it. Essentially, how much of that money could be used past their income tax liability? It was set at $1100 in various proposals, that is now been bumped up to $1400. And Wolf, as we know, that was enough to secure the vote of Senator Marco Rubio, Senator Mike Lee who is also outstanding, was very happy with that change.  
  
He's not yet committed yes to the bill, but he said he's hopeful he's going to get there. There's a lot to dig through here, Wolf. Obviously, if you look the international side, the corporate side, the individual side, no shortage of issues here. But one thing they haven't answered to right now, there is a final bill, there will be no changes, and they want to get this to the president's desk by Wednesday of next week, Wolf.

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16-15p 20171219 House passes GOP tax plan, sends it to Senate \* 00:55

16-15p 20171219 house-votes-tax-reform-bill-sot.cnn\_ios\_1240.mp4

The GOP tax plan has passed the House of Representatives, sending the bill for a vote in the Senate.

BROOKE BALDWIN, CNN HOST:

BALDWIN: There it goes. There was the gavel. Let's listen.  
  
REP. PAUL RYAN (R-WI), SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE: Have all voted? Anyone want to change their vote?  
  
On this vote, the yeas are 227, and the nays are 203. The conference report is adopted. Without objection, the motion to reconsider is laid upon the table.

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16-15q 20171220 Senate votes on a massive tax reform \* 00:45

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The Senate debated and then voted on a tax bill after it passed the House of Representatives.

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The VICE PRESIDENT. The question before the Senate is whether the Senate shall recede from its amendment to H.R. 1 and concur therein with a further amendment.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask for the yeas and nays.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Is there a sufficient second? There is a sufficient second. The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. CORNYN. The following Senator is necessarily absent: the Senator from Arizona (Mr. MCCAIN). Further, if present and voting, the Senator from Arizona (Mr. MCCAIN) would have voted ‘‘yea.’’

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The result was announced—yeas 51, nays 48, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 323 Leg.]

YEAS—51

Alexander

Barrasso

Blunt

Boozman

Burr

Capito

Cassidy

Cochran

Collins

Corker

Cornyn

Cotton

Crapo

Cruz

Daines

Enzi

Ernst

Fischer

Flake

Gardner

Graham

Grassley

Hatch

Heller

Hoeven

Inhofe

Isakson

Johnson

Kennedy

Lankford

Lee

McConnell

Moran

Murkowski

Paul

Perdue

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Risch

Roberts

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Sasse

Scott

Shelby

Strange

Sullivan

Thune

Tillis

Toomey

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Young

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Baldwin

Bennet

Blumenthal

Booker

Brown

Cantwell

Cardin

Carper

Casey

Coons

Cortez Masto

Donnelly

Duckworth

Durbin

Feinstein

Franken

Gillibrand

Harris

Hassan

Heinrich

Heitkamp

Hirono

Kaine

King

Klobuchar

Leahy

Manchin

Markey

McCaskill

Menendez

Merkley

Murphy

Murray

Nelson

Peters

Reed

Sanders

Schatz

Schumer

Shaheen

Stabenow

Tester

Udall

Van Hollen

Warner

Warren

Whitehouse

Wyden

NOT VOTING—1

McCain

The VICE PRESIDENT. On this vote, the yeas are 51, the nays are 48. The Senate recedes from its amendment and concurs in H.R. 1 with a further amendment. The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act is passed. (Applause, Senators rising.)

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