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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, June 30, 2025, at 2 p.m.

Senate

SATURDAY, JUNE 28, 2025

The Senate met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Honorable ROGER MARSHALL, a Senator from the State of Kansas.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

O Lord, You are filled with compassion and grace, slow to anger and abounding in love. We turn to You on this seventh day of the week with the needs of our great Nation and world. Only You can chart the best course in a turbulent sea of possibilities. Only You can guide us into the sheltered waters of harmony.

Lord, hear our heartfelt pleas for Your sovereign intervention in the legislative process. May Your Spirit of power and love move in the hearts of our Senators, bringing them the wisdom and grace they need to do Your will. Help them to avoid the trap of fearing people.

We pray in Your powerful Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Presiding Officer led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication

to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. GRASSLEY).

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, June 28, 2025.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable ROGER MARSHALL, a Senator from the State of Kansas, to perform the duties of the Chair.

CHUCK GRASSLEY,
President pro tempore.

Mr. MARSHALL thereupon assumed the Chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

MORNING BUSINESS

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate will be in a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

The Senator from Ohio.

ONE BIG BEAUTIFUL BILL

Mr. MORENO. Mr. President, we are about to enter a historic moment in this Chamber. We are going to take up a bill called the One Big Beautiful Bill.

If you have been watching the media over the last maybe 6 months, you

heard all kinds of absolute misinformation about this bill. I had a chance to read it. I know, Mr. President, you have also. It is an absolutely historic and transformative piece of legislation that reverses 4 years of an assault on American workers.

Let me just give you some of the facts. These are indisputable facts, and I want everybody watching this to remember this as you listen to probably what is going to be 30-plus hours of complete nonsense from the other side.

Let's start with No. 1. Nobody who works for a living in this country knows better what has happened to them over the last 4 years than they do. They have seen inflation crush them. The price of a home became unaffordable. The price of an automobile became unaffordable. The price of groceries became a luxury. You go to the grocery store, and you bring your normal order to the cashier, and you think, there is no way that can be my grocery bill. Those were all policies that were driven by the other side's ridiculous assault on American workers.

What are we going to do about it?

American workers have very seldom actually been represented in this Chamber. This Chamber has done a very good job representing special interest groups and lobbyists. But here is what American workers get out of the One Big Beautiful Bill:

No. 1, to address the price of automobiles—which, by the way, have been coming down under President Trump's term despite the misinformation that car prices would soar. Let me say that again. The price of automobiles has come down in the first 6 months of this

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year versus going up \$8,000 during the Biden years.

What are we doing to make it even more affordable to own an automobile? We are going to allow full deductibility of any interest paid on car loans if the car is made in America. That is a significant relief for American workers.

Secondly, no income tax on tips, overtime, or Social Security—a huge relief. That is probably about \$1,500 to \$2,500 extra in your pocket from not having to pay income tax on tips, overtime, or Social Security.

On top of that, the One Big Beautiful Bill prevents about a \$5,000 per American worker per year income tax increase. I imagine the Democrats are going to come on this floor and fight this bill and say it helps billionaires when they know—they know—that if we don't pass this bill, every American worker will pay \$5,000 more in income taxes next year and for all years to come.

Under Joe Biden, we had over 10 million illegals invade our country. I wasn't born in this country; I was born in South America. I had the honor and the privilege of being welcomed to this Nation. Who did Joe Biden welcome? Not legal immigrants like myself but, rather, people who broke our laws to come here. What was the result? They drove up our housing prices. They drove up our insurance premiums. They lowered wages for American workers. They crippled our cities, and crime surged.

So what does the One Big Beautiful Bill do? It funds Immigration and Customs Enforcement so that we can get these people out of our country. They should never have been allowed to come here. We have 5,000 border agents trying to get rid of 600,000 criminal aliens. These aren't just people who came here illegally—that was a crime in and of itself—this is 600,000 people who committed another crime, and we don't have the resources to deport them. This bill gives us the money to do that.

You have kids. I have kids. Raising kids has become really, really expensive. I was one of seven. My dad was one of 11. My grandfather was one of 23. I only have four—underperformer. Raising kids is really, really hard, really expensive. What does this bill do? It gives every working American \$2,200 per child per year—\$2,200 per child per year—to help alleviate the cost of raising kids.

In addition—this is something new and exciting—you have a birth of an American baby in this country, and the Federal Government will put \$1,000 into a bank account. Companies, your employers, nonprofits—whatever group wants to—they can put money in that account. That account will grow with an index. When that child who is born here in America, an American citizen—by the time they get to be 25 or 30 years old, they could have a decent little sum of money, a couple hundred thousand dollars. They can use it for

education, for upscaling, whatever they want. Nobody has ever done that to help American workers in that way, and we can do that.

Now, look, healthcare is a massive expense. The Acting President pro tempore is a doctor. He knows what is going on in our healthcare system. It is crushing working families. What does the One Big Beautiful Bill do? It provides funding for health savings accounts so you can use pretax dollars to fund it, so if there is that emergency, you can have that to tap into—a huge improvement.

Of course, let me just be crystal, crystal clear: This bill does not touch Social Security in any way whatsoever, even though I have had to listen to my colleagues over and over and over again, for the last 6 months, say that we are eliminating, crushing, destroying Social Security. We do not touch Social Security. We don't touch Medicare at all. Let me repeat that. We don't touch Social Security or Medicare. Despite how many online videos they do or how many press interviews they do or how much time the media repeats that misinformation, we don't touch Social Security or Medicare.

Now, on Medicaid, here is what we do: We strengthen it. In fact, in my State of Ohio, the hospitals will get more money to provide Medicaid to the people who need it: the disabled, pregnant women, children, older Americans who are in need. We are giving them more money. We will spend more money on Medicaid with the One Big Beautiful Bill than if we don't do it. Is that something that you have heard from the other side? Completely the opposite. What we are doing is we are eliminating waste, fraud, and abuse which has been rampant in that system, and we are starting the process of reforming the way the States and the Federal Government's relationship works in Medicaid. The States have abdicated that responsibility. We are working to reset that in a very, very methodical way.

For working Americans who are able-bodied, we are asking to do what Bill Clinton wanted, which is to put a work requirement on able-bodied adults. Let's define that. What does "able-bodied" mean? It means one between 18 and 60, with no disabilities and no dependent children. You can work. And what is the work requirement? It is 80 hours a month of either work, volunteering, community service, or upscaling, which is going to a place like, for example, Cuyahoga Community College or Kent State University or Columbus State University, where they can go in and get a skill that allows them to come into the workforce. It is very, very commonsense and not controversial at all, but you will hear the other side saying that we are kicking 60 million off health insurance.

I can't even count how many meetings I have had with my Republican colleagues. As the Acting President pro tempore knows, we meet quite often.

We have hundreds and hundreds of meetings. Our North Star—the center of gravity for our party—is, how do we help Americans? See, putting America first means that we are going to put our resources to helping American citizens. The other side? They want to give hundreds of billions of dollars to illegals. They want to have States be able to take that Medicaid money that is for American citizens and give it to people who shouldn't even be in this country. That doesn't even pass the commonsense, basic test.

So what the One Big Beautiful Bill does is it strengthens Medicaid for generations to come. I am very proud of that part of the bill. As the infomercial would say, "But wait. There is more." Biden and the radical Democrats made the world more dangerous. If you had turned on the TV any day of the week for the last 4 years, every part of the globe was more dangerous because of the weakness of Joe Biden. The One Big Beautiful Bill makes a historic investment in our military. Our military was demoralized, depleted, stretched too thin, out of basic equipment. We invest in that.

What has happened already? Record recruitment. In fact, the gentleman who worked with me on the campaign, Robby Brooks—he can't listen to this because he is in basic training with the Marines. He met Secretary Hegseth in my office. In fact, my entire office gave him a standing ovation when he came in to talk to me during his nomination process. Robby was so inspired by Secretary Hegseth that he came to me the next day, much to my dismay because Robby was a great member of the team, and said: Do you know what? I never thought about it in my life. I am 24 years old. I am going to go be a marine because I love this country.

That is what we are doing—a historic investment in our military and in our Coast Guard. The drug cartels are bringing in all kinds of illicit drugs, not just by land but now by sea, and we are making certain that we have the resources to protect our mainland.

For anyone who has flown lately—especially those of us who come to Washington, DC, every week—you fly; you know the delays; and you know what is going on with our air traffic control system. This air traffic control system should have been addressed years ago, well before the Acting President pro tempore and I got here. Decades, honestly, before the Acting President pro tempore and I got here, this should have been dealt with. They talked about it. Every Secretary of Transportation and every President talked about and acknowledged that our air traffic control system was a mess and that it needed to be modernized. What does the One Big Beautiful Bill do? It makes a historic investment in our Nation's air traffic control system—something that will help every American. That is what this bill does.

Now, here is the last piece: My Democrat colleagues will talk about how

this adds to the deficit, which is factually inaccurate. Actually, for the first time in my lifetime, we have a bill before Congress that will reduce spending. We have never seen that. They passed something called the Inflation Reduction Act that blew a hole in our deficit; that did the exact opposite of reducing inflation. In fact, inflation went up. Let me give you an example of what that bill did, because I don't know this has been well-reported.

If you are a multimillionaire—in fact, they like to talk about billionaires now because most of them, by the way, are millionaires. I am not sure how that happened. That is a different conversation for a different day, but they like to talk about billionaires. You could have a billionaire walk into a Rolls-Royce dealership—a billionaire walk into a Rolls-Royce dealership—buy a \$500,000 Rolls-Royce and decide to lease it, and the Democrats will give that billionaire a check for \$7,500 to offset the cost of that Rolls-Royce.

What does this \$7,500 credit do for you on a Rolls-Royce? Well, the umbrella that comes in the door is \$12,000. It doesn't quite cover the cost of that. The monograms on the headrest are about \$5,000, so you can cover that with the \$7,500. You won't cover anywhere near the cost of the audio system, which is \$22,000. Think about how sick that is. They come on the floor and say that we are helping billionaires when they are giving \$7,500 checks to people who lease these kinds of cars. Sick.

What are we doing? We are getting rid of all of these green new scams. We are cutting the budget deficit. We are finally implementing fiscal responsibility. It is the reason in the last 6 months this is what we have seen: Inflation has never been lower; gas prices are way down; egg prices are way down; and the stock market is at a record high. Remember the stock market that the Democrats were saying was going to be 1932 all over again just 60 days ago? A record. Not a record this year but an alltime record. They said tariffs were going to destroy the economy. Not true. This One Big Beautiful Bill does all of these things and reduces our deficit.

What is holding us back? Why can't we pass this piece of legislation that helps working Americans?

I am old enough to remember when the Democrat Party was the party of the working class. This is the kind of bill that most Democrats would have advocated for 20, 30 years ago. The center, the North Star, the guidepost for this bill is, does it help our middle class? Does it help working Americans? This bill does that in the ways that I just outlined. You would think that the Democrats would rush to the floor to vote for this thing. Instead, they will mischaracterize it every step of the way. I just laid out the facts. The bill is 940 pages long. If you want to read it, read it for yourself. Don't believe what you hear in the media. Don't believe what the Democrats are going to tell

you. Believe what I just told you because these are facts that are indisputable.

In fact, I will close with this:

I will guarantee that there is not one thing I outlined here today—any of these aspects of the bill—that my colleagues will dispute, because they can't, because it is in the plain text of the bill. Instead, what they will do is they will use cliché lines like we are taking away health insurance from people who need it to give it to their billionaire buddies. Do you mean like George Soros? Do you mean like the founder of LinkedIn, who funded all kinds of nonsense? Those billionaires, right? Look, do you want to find the center of gravity today for the Democrat Party? Go to Martha's Vineyard where the average home is \$30 million. That is their North Star.

What is our North Star? Communities in the Acting President pro tempore's State and communities in my State, like Chillicothe, OH. That is the center of gravity for our party. It is a new party. I will acknowledge that. The Republican Party of today is not the party that I knew 20 or 30 years ago. It was a mistake that we weren't thinking about the working class in the way we are today, but here we are, on the verge of passing One Big Beautiful Bill.

Now, look, if you are an American watching, I see why you are confused. If I were somebody who was reading that all day, for example, in my hometown newspaper, the Cleveland Plain Dealer, I would probably think something different because it is all propaganda from the other side. I just laid it out. I challenge anybody in the media, anybody listening to this, any of my Democrat colleagues to come out here on the floor and go line by line in what I just said and tell me what I just said is not true.

This is what this bill is all about. I am so proud that I had the honor—the honor—of even being a tiny part of putting together a bill that is so historic and so transformative. I urge all of my Republican colleagues—all of my Republican colleagues, every single one of them—to come out here on the floor. Let's get the motion to proceed going. Let's get the bill passed. Let's get it back to the House.

To my House colleagues, come back, and get this bill done, and let's celebrate July 4 with the greatest bill ever passed by the U.S. Congress.

I yield the floor.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from the great State of Texas.

ONE BIG BEAUTIFUL BILL

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, I was here in 2017, when we passed the original Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, and what ensued was, perhaps, the greatest amount of economic growth and the greatest reduction of unemployment among all sorts of folks who histori-

cally have suffered high unemployment rates. In short, our economy was booming.

Originally, we had some debates about whether or not this would have a static effect. In other words, when you start adding the numbers up, do you account for economic growth and the stimulative effect of the bill? As it turns out, the \$1.5 trillion deficit in the original bill was met by economic growth because we brought back money that had been invested abroad, because of high tax rates here, and a variety of other measures which made our economy boom again.

One point that I want to make sure to make is that this is more than just about the numbers on a page. This is a cumulative effect of not only lowering taxes but of downsizing regulation, encouraging domestic energy production, and doing all of those things which will cause our economy to grow again. If we can get our economy growing at a better rate—let's say 3 percent of our GDP—that will add trillions of dollars to the Federal Treasury and more than make up for any money that we end up providing in terms of tax relief. So I am very excited about this particular legislation, what has now come to be known as the One Big Beautiful Bill.

I have listened as our Democratic colleagues have criticized this bill, which hasn't actually, finally, been written yet. It is getting close, and I hope we can start voting on the bill as early as later on today. But what strikes me as bizarre is our Democratic colleagues have offered zero alternatives. Do they want a multitrillion-dollar tax increase on the American people—that, on top of 40-year high inflation, thanks to Bidenomics? Everything costs, roughly, on average, 20 percent more than it did before the radical spending spree of the last administration, which threw gasoline on the fire of inflation and ate up the standard of living of most Americans and made their dollar worth about 20 percent less than it was beforehand.

I think we have a better idea, and that is, no, we don't think you should increase taxes by trillions of dollars on top of 40-year-high inflation thanks to the Biden-Harris administration and their radical spending spree. I think most Americans would agree with us. So they have no alternative other than to raise taxes on hard-working American families.

The other thing that our bill does is it increases the standard deduction. Most families don't necessarily even itemize their tax deductions. So the standard deduction is important.

The child tax credit—we know it is expensive to raise children. So having an enhanced child tax credit is really important, and that is what this legislation will do.

But the other thing that this bill does—as long as I have been in the Senate, we have never tried to undertake spending cuts necessary to deal with a \$37 trillion debt. We are now paying