

# Senate committees to start rolling out megabill text as soon as this week

*Senate Majority Leader John Thune met with President Donald Trump to discuss progress.*

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Senate committees are planning to roll out their portions of the GOP's sweeping megabill starting this week, according to three people granted anonymity to share the private plans.

If all goes according to schedule, it would mark a quick turnaround after the House's passage late last month of President Donald Trump's "big, beautiful bill" — and indicate just how much work Senate Republicans have been doing behind-the-scenes to prepare.

The speedy timeline also comes as Senate Majority Leader John Thune is facing immense pressure from the White House to waste no time in moving the package of tax cuts and extensions, border security investments, energy policy and more. The South Dakota Republican met with Trump Monday, the first day back after the week-long Memorial Day recess, according to two people with knowledge of the confab, including Senate Majority Whip John Barrasso (R-Wyo.).

The committee chairs are set to produce their respective titles one by one, according to the people, though one cautioned that they may only be partial text, as the committees work to flesh out the full details.

The Senate Armed Services Committee is planning to release its portion of the text Tuesday, followed by the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works, which expects to reveal its title Wednesday, according to three people.

The Senate Commerce Committee is planning for a release of its draft bill text Thursday, while the Banking panel's portion of the domestic policy package could come Friday — though that committee's timeline could slip.

The idea is to have the committees with the least controversial changes go first. Accordingly, the Finance Committee, which has jurisdiction over controversial changes to Medicaid and tax cuts, is widely expected to be among the final committees to release its portions of the megabill – if not the very last.

Thune said Monday that the bill is “most likely” to come the Senate floor the last week of the chamber’s work period before the July 4 holiday. That schedule could change depending on how conversations go with the Senate parliamentarian, who is likely to force Republicans to drop House-passed provisions and other policy priorities that don’t comply with the strict rules governing the filibuster-skirting budget reconciliation process.