

Trump rallies Republican senators to mend divide

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WASHINGTON – With Republican leaders split over the best path forward to enact President-elect Donald Trump's agenda, he met with GOP senators Wednesday night.

Trump appeared to support a single-bill strategy preferred by House Republicans, according to Senate Republicans leaving the meeting in the U.S. Capitol, but was open to doing it in two separate packages if that stalls – which remains GOP senators' preferred method.

"We're looking at the one bill versus two bills, and whatever it is doesn't matter, we're going to get the result and we're going to make America great again," Trump said to reporters before the meeting as he walked past the Senate chamber to the Rotunda, where he paid his respects to the late President Jimmy Carter lying in state.

House Speaker Mike Johnson, R-Mo., and Senate Majority Leader John Thune, R-S.D., escorted Trump, who arrived at the Capitol with his wife Melania Trump and incoming White House Chief of Staff Susie Wiles.

Trump also discussed his proposal to annex Greenland, touted tariffs to pay for his priorities, and walked through the immigration-related executive orders he plans to sign on his first day in office, senators said.

"You heard him say in his press conference that he's going to shut the border down – he has the ability through immediate actions of executive orders and other things," said Sen. Shelley Moore Capito, R-W.V. "He's concerned about the safety of the country and what he sees going on with illegal immigration, so I think that carries a great urgency for him."

Congressional Republicans say they want to pass Trump's top policy priorities quickly, but they disagree on the best way to do it.

House Republicans want all their big priorities – border security, energy and tax policy – rolled into one massive bill. Senate Republicans would prefer to break it down into two big bills, one tackling border and energy first and another on tax policy.

Trump request for Senate Republicans: "That we all be on the same page, and that it's time to get things done. So work together and actually accomplish something," said Sen. Katie Britt, R-Ala.

GOP senators argue taxes are going to spark a fight in Congress and take some time, so that's why they want to move first on immigration and the nation's energy industry. House Republicans, dealing with one of the smallest margins in modern history, fear two bills would be extremely difficult to get through their chamber.

Republicans are set to lead the House 220-215, so just a handful of GOP rebels could derail even must-pass legislation.

What Thune, Johnson and other top GOP lawmakers decide may determine how much of Trump's agenda can be accomplished in his first



President-elect Donald Trump and wife Melania Trump arrive at the U.S. Capitol Tuesday to pay his respects at the casket of late former President Jimmy Carter as he lies in state in the Capitol Rotunda.

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100 days in office. Trump is meeting with several groups of congressional Republicans this week in an attempt to get lawmakers on the same page about the most effective route. Senate Republicans Wednesday, followed by House Republicans visiting Mar-a-Lago.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR DESIGNATION OF BROWNFIELD AREA

Subject: 9670 SW Marine Way Green Reuse Area Designation. This is a request by 9670 SW Marine Way, LLC for adoption of a resolution designating the property located at 9670 SW Marine Way as a Green Reuse Area, also known as a brownfield area, on approximately 7.75 acres. This designation is proposed pursuant to Florida Statute Section 376.80.

Location: The subject site is located on the south side of SW 96th Street, west of SW Kanner Highway and east of and adjacent to the St. Lucie Canal. The site is formerly known as the Ferreira Marine Way project and Rybovich Boat Works.

The Martin County Board of County Commissioners will conduct two public hearings on the request. The first public hearing will be as follows:

Public hearing: BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BCC)

Time and Date: 9:00 A.M., or as soon after as the matter may be heard, on Tuesday, January 28, 2025

Place: Martin County Administrative Center, 2401 SE Monterey Road, Stuart, Florida 34996

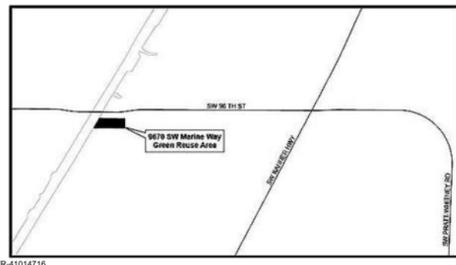
All interested persons are invited to attend and be heard.

The public hearing will be held in the Commission Chambers on the first floor of the Martin County Administrative Center, 2401 SE Monterey Road, Stuart, Florida 34996. Written comments may be mailed to: Paul Schilling, Director, Martin County Growth Management Department, 2401 S.E. Monterey Road, Stuart, Florida 34996. For further information, including copies of the original application or agenda items, contact Jenna Knobbe, Senior Planner at (772) 463-3210.

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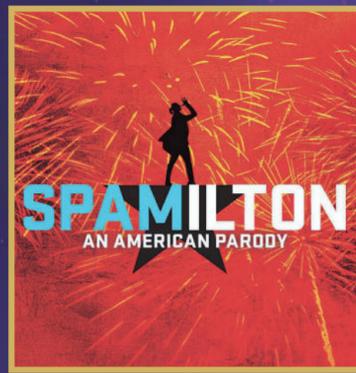
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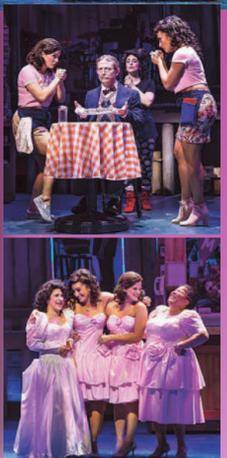
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