



Mark Alford's Capitol Recap - February 24th - February 28th

Republicans' Budget Resolution Jumpstarts the Process to Enact Our America First Agenda

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What's Going on in Washington— This week in DC, we passed House Republicans' Trump-endorsed budget resolution. With this successful vote, we have unlocked a process known as budget reconciliation. This process will enable Republicans to enact our America First agenda while circumventing the Senate filibuster. Usually, any legislation in the Senate requires sixty votes, but budget reconciliation only needs fifty-one votes—allowing us to overcome Democrat obstruction.

Through budget reconciliation, Republicans are focused on four main goals: extending and enhancing the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, unleashing American energy to help lower prices, eliminating waste, fraud, and abuse to save taxpayer money, and finally securing our borders.

Contrary to the fear-mongering on the left, our budget resolution doesn't include any cuts to specific programs, like Medicare, Medicaid, and Social Security. Instead, it instructs the authorizing committees—like the Education and Workforce, Energy and Commerce, or Agriculture committees—to find the spending cuts necessary to pay for the extension of the Trump tax cuts. Put simply, it gets us on the dance floor to start the budget reconciliation process.

If Congress doesn't take action to extend the Trump tax cuts, Missourians will face the largest tax hike in American history. The average family of four will see their tax burden increase by almost \$2,000, as 90 percent of all taxpayers will see their guaranteed deduction slashed in half. Small businesses will see their taxes double. Our hardworking farmers and ranchers would face some of the highest tax liabilities as two million family-owned farms in the U.S. would have their death tax exemption cut in half next year. To top it off, one estimate shows if we fail to extend the Trump tax cuts 6 million jobs will be lost—costing the U.S. economy more than \$1 trillion. This would devastate families, small businesses, and farmers across the fourth district.

We're proud to work with President Trump through this process to pass our FULL America first agenda in one big, beautiful bill.