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Senate tax bill would add \$3.3 trillion to US deficits, CBO says

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The Senate version of President Donald Trump’s tax and spending measure would add nearly \$3.3 trillion to U.S. deficits over a decade, according to a new estimate from the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office.

The CBO score for the so-called One Beautiful Bill reflects a \$4.5 trillion decrease in revenues and a \$1.2 trillion decrease in spending through 2034, relative to a current law baseline.

The Senate bill, by Republican request, was also scored as saving \$507.6 billion over a decade relative to a current policy baseline. The party’s lawmakers have sought to use the accounting maneuver to permanently extend President Donald Trump’s 2017 income-tax cuts, and score them as costing nothing.

The bill includes \$4.5 trillion worth of tax cuts, according to a Saturday estimate from the Joint Committee on Taxation.

Use of the current policy baseline is unprecedented for the reconciliation process the Republicans are using to approve the massive legislation with a simple majority. The cost of a bill is normally measured according to what effect it would have on the federal budget under current law. But the Republicans want to revise the process by assuming that current policies remain in place indefinitely.

The bill’s cost has been a big problem for fiscal conservatives. It has faced several obstacles in the Senate as lawmakers have demanded conflicting changes. Then a number of spending cuts included in

the package were changed as they did not comply with Senate rules for the reconciliation process.

Democrats and some economists have argued use of the current policy baseline allows GOP lawmakers to circumvent rules that would otherwise limit the bill’s fiscal effects. That, they say, imperils the nation’s fiscal trajectory.

“Republicans can use whatever budgetary gimmicks they want to try and make the math work on paper,” Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer said Sunday. “But you can’t paper over the real-life consequences of adding tens of trillions to the debt.”

The cost of the Senate bill is higher than the CBO’s \$2.8 trillion projected cost of the version passed by the House last month, which also accounts for economic effects and higher interest rates spurred by larger debt loads.

The legislation encompasses much of Trump’s economic agenda. In addition to the 2017 tax break extension, it would make various spending cuts to safety net programs, including Medicaid and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or food stamps.

The Senate version made three business tax breaks permanent, limits deductions on new tax breaks on workers’ tips and overtime and includes changes to some of the Medicaid provisions.

House and Senate Republicans have also reached a deal to alter the cap on federal deductions for state and local taxes. That limit will remain at the \$40,000 limit set in the House bill, but it will be limited to a five-year period, rather than 10 years.

At least 2 dead in North Idaho near fire.
SWAT finds deceased man with gun nearby

MITCHELL ROLAND, GARRETT CABEZA AND
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A gunman shot and killed two Coeur d’Alene firefighters in an “ambush-style” attack at the popular Canfield Mountain recreation area Sunday afternoon.

Other casualties were reported, according to Kootenai County Sheriff Bob Norris.

It’s unclear whether there was one shooter or multiple, Norris said. When firefighters reported the shots, they said they felt them coming from different directions. But members of the SWAT team found one man dead on Canfield Mountain with a gun nearby, according to a news release from the Kootenai County Sheriff’s Office, and a shelter-in-place order for the surrounding area was lifted.

Fire crews from Kootenai County Fire and Rescue and Coeur d’Alene Fire Department were responding to a small wildfire at around 1:20 p.m. on Canfield Mountain. At around 2 p.m., a suspect with “modern-day sporting” weapons began shooting at them, Norris said during a press conference Sunday.

Pat Riley, Northern Lakes fire chief, said it quickly turned into an “ambush-style active shooter,” and one of his personnel had to be pulled out and taken to the nearest fire station.

Ricky Walsh, vice president of the International Association of Fire Fighters District 7, posted on Instagram Sunday evening that “members of our fire service family have been involved in an active and ongoing incident.”

The post said no additional details would be released “during this incredibly difficult time.” Civilians and hikers were stuck on Canfield Mountain waiting to be evacuated “or in shock,” Norris said.

“This is going to be, likely, a multi-day operation.”

At the 4:30 p.m. news conference, Norris said deputies were “actively taking sniper fire as we speak,” and expressed hope that the shooter or shooters would be “neutralized.”

“They are not, at this point in time, showing any evidence of wanting to surrender,” he said. “We will neutralize this threat.”

A “heartbroken” Idaho Gov. Brad Little posted on Facebook about the attack.

“Multiple heroic firefighters were attacked today while responding to a fire in North Idaho. This is a heinous direct assault on our brave firefighters,” the statement reads. “I ask all Idahoans to pray for them and their families as we wait to learn more.”

Sen. Mike Crapo called the shooting “horrific” in a post on X, while Sen. Jim Risch said on the same platform that he was monitoring the incident.

“Gut-wrenching news coming from Coeur d’Alene,” Rep. Mike Simpson posted on X. “As the situation develops, our thoughts and prayers are with the brave firefighters and all first responders on the scene.”

The shooting also garnered national attention, with Attorney General Pam Bondi on X thanking FBI agents for “assisting local authorities in Idaho.”

A Life Flight Network helicopter was waiting in the area, where members of the public gathered along 15th Street to watch. Around 5:20 p.m., federal law enforcement helicopters from the U.S. Customs and Border Protection flew into the command post near Canfield Mountain at Cherry Hill Dog

Park.

Spokane resident Jerod Ward, watching the response from the parking lot of a Nom-Nom gas station on 15th street, said an array of police vehicles come through . Ward said the area police are searching is “a lot of recreational trails and whatnot up there now.”

A former resident of Coeur d’Alene, Ward said he still has a lot of friends and family in the area.

“It’s heartbreaking, you know?” Ward said.

About a dozen other people were looking from the NomNom gas station on 15th Street and Best Avenue at gray smoke rising from the mountain to the east.

Daren Jordan was one of them. He saw the incident on the news and took his bicycle turned motorbike to ride the couple blocks from his home to the gas station for a better vantage point.

“I don’t know what to think at this point,” Jordan said.

Couple Luke and Bri George were standing further north on 15th Street, near Stiner Avenue, for about two hours. They noted multiple law enforcement agencies from the region going up and down 15th, which was blocked to civilian traffic. Armored trucks drove up Nettleton Gulch, Luke George said.

“It’s been very busy,” he said.

Luke George, who said he and his family brought water bottles to officers, described the location of the fire and shooting as rocky and thick with trees and brush. Hiking and dirt bike trails cut through the mountain.

A Kootenai County Sheriff’s Office deputy handed binoculars to Luke George and asked him to look at the clearing to report if he saw anyone.

Steve Overman, who lives near 15th and Stiner, told law enforcement he saw a person from his yard cut across a clearing on the mountain. His wife, Emma Overman, also saw the person.

“I hope they get on ‘em,” Steve Overman said.

The sighting spurred law enforcement to respond to the Overman’s home.

Multiple law enforcement officers, including SWAT, pulled up to the man’s yard to ask Steve Overman what he saw.

The George and Overman couple have lived in Coeur d’Alene for several decades, and Sunday’s incident is something they said never happens.

“Nothing like this has ever happened,” said Emma Overman, who’s lived in Coeur d’Alene 44 years.

Luke George said he’s lived there all 39 years of his life.

“It’s not the town we grew up in, that’s for sure,” he said.

Spokane County Sheriff John Nowels said Spokane County is sending air resources and support for the “active shooting incident.”

The Spokane Police Department, Spokane Valley Fire Department, Spokane Fire Department, agencies from Montana and federal agencies like U.S. Customs and Border Protection and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives also responded. “Every day, firefighters and EMS personnel put themselves in harm’s way for the communities they serve. Moments like this are a painful reminder of the risks they face in the line of duty and the strength of the fire service family when tragedy strikes,” the Washington State Council of Fire Fighters posted on Instagram.

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Campsite safety tips

The appeal of camping is undeniable. According to The Business Research Company, a market research and intelligence company, the global camping and caravanning market is expected to grow from just under \$40 billion in 2020 to more than \$45 billion in 2021. Estimates suggest the market will grow even more in the coming years, reaching \$56.6 billion by 2025.

Camping has long been a popular pastime for outdoor enthusiasts, but it may have developed an entirely new group of devotees in 2020. Traditional vacations may not have been possible in 2020, when governments across the globe urged citizens to avoid conventional travel as the world found itself in the throes of a global pandemic. In an effort to overcome cabin fever, many people viewed camping as a safe way to get out of the house while still limiting contact with people from other households. That no doubt inspired new generations of camping fans, many of whom will continue to pitch their tents and sit around campfires long after the pandemic has ended.

The National Park Service recognizes the popularity of camping and urges people to stay safe. Veteran campers and novices alike can benefit from reviewing these safety tips, courtesy of the NPS.

- Plan ahead. Camping trips may not require hours of scouring travel websites in an effort to find the best deals on flights and hotels. But camping trips still require ample planning. When planning a trip, take into account who’s coming along. Assess their camping skills and physical fitness to determine the most appropriate place to camp. Campers with limited mobility may be best suited for accessible campsites. The NPS urges campers to consider if everyone in the group will be able to make a long hike from the parking lot to the campsite. If not, choose a site that you can pull right up to or is just a short, easy walk from the parking lot.
- Research the campsite and surrounding area. Know as much as possible

Helpful Tips

about the campsite prior to embarking on your trip. Learn about everything from the local wildlife you may encounter while camping to the condition of surrounding areas, including the altitude, the difficulty of nearby hiking trails and where to go in case of emergency.

- Develop an emergency plan. The NPS urges campers to develop an emergency plan, noting that it’s always wise to expect the unexpected when camping. Bring a first aid kit along when leaving the campsite to engage in activities like hiking or fishing. Go over safety protocols before going on a hike, including the need to stay together and remain on the trail at all times. More information about what to do should anyone be injured during your trip is available at www.nps.gov.
- Bring the right gear. The NPS notes that each camping trip will have its own equipment needs, which will be dictated by the setting, the time of year of the trip, the difficulty of the terrain, and the duration of the trip. Navigational supplies, sun and insect protection, insulation (i.e., extra clothing and blankets), shelter, flashlights and headlamps, first aid kits, extra food and water, firestarters, repair kits and tools, and a communication device like a smartphone or satellite phone are the essential necessities that should be brought along on all camping trips. Camping is a great way to get away. Campers of all skill and experience levels can make the most of their trips by emphasizing safety at all times.

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