

Could Congress Come Back From Recess Early?

Members of the House of Representatives may be coming back to Washington, D.C., from their current two-week Easter vacation a little early, according to a new report from Breitbart News.

Citing an exclusive interview with House Freedom Caucus Chairman Mark Meadows (R-N.C.), the report states that conservatives have been working with President Donald Trump, Vice President Mike Pence, House GOP leadership, and moderates in the chamber to craft a bill to “repeal and replace” the Affordable Care Act. The new measure would have broad support within the House Republican Conference, bypassing any Democrat objections, he added.

According to the report:

Meadows, a pro-Trump conservative leader in the House who stuck with the president throughout the entire campaign, is confident that renewed negotiations—with the help of senior White House officials—with House GOP leaders and House Republican moderates is likely to produce real results in the House.

Meadows told Breitbart News on Tuesday afternoon:

I’m optimistic that we’ve at least found some potential common ground. Conservative requests and those from those that represent districts that may have a more moderate constituency don’t want to suggest anything other than the discussions have been extremely good over the last 72 hours, and the preexisting conditions that must be addressed on behalf of the president and certainly most members of our GOP conference including myself, that issue is where we’re working very diligently to make sure we cover it in the legislation but then we also cover it

in a number of ways whether it be through a risk-sharing pool or through a guaranteed issue provision that's out there. So, we still believe providing waivers at the state level from many of the Obamacare mandates that drive up costs might be a real path forward so I would say that conversations between moderates and conservatives are very constructive and it's been due in no small part to the active involvement of the White House and leadership in trying to make sure we get a good bill—a better bill—going forward over to the Senate.

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