

Mitch McConnell: Senate Will Keep Working Through First 2 Weeks of August

According to several news outlets, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., has told Republicans that the Senate will skip the first two weeks of its traditional August recess to keep working on a health care bill.

POLITICO first reported the news Tuesday afternoon, quoting sources who attended a Senate GOP lunch earlier in the day. This would suggest President Donald Trump and other Republican leaders had succeeded in convincing a majority of their colleagues to keep working to get a bill passed before returning to their constituencies.

In addition to the health care bill, the Senate also faces a looming debt limit vote and the need to pass a budget by the end of September or face a government shutdown. All three issues are deeply intertwined, and Democrat obstruction on presidential appointments is only making matters worse for Republicans.

McConnell has not yet officially confirmed the news of the partial recess cancellation publicly. {eo}