

THE BG TOP 3

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#1 ALL ATTENTION TURNS TO TRUMP V MUSK

At a time when Congress is juggling major issues, particularly the many moving parts of budget reconciliation, all focus in DC has turned to the emerging social media fight between President Trump and former DOGE lead Elon Musk. There is no telling how this ultimately ends and clearly both feel as though they have some leverage, but it is quickly (even in its early stages) becoming a distraction to the broader policy issues that need everyone's attention. The conflict began when Musk called for the budget reconciliation bill to be blocked.

“ This massive, outrageous, pork-filled Congressional spending bill is a disgusting abomination. ”

- Elon Musk

#2 APPROPRIATIONS PROCESS BEGINS IN HOUSE

The House Appropriations Committee has officially kicked off the FY 2026 funding debate by starting to move spending bills through subcommittee and, soon, full committee. It will be an early signal of whether House Republicans will align with the President's budget and the controversial cuts the Administration has made to agencies. With the September deadline to advance spending bills unlikely to be met, it's not yet clear when the Senate will begin its own process. However, the House aims to pass all bills before the end of September.

“ You're going to see a lot of the DOGE cuts and a lot of this new fiscal restraint reflected in what Congress does next. ”

- Speaker Johnson

#3 SENATE BEGINS PROCESS TO ADJUST TAX BILL

Despite the fragility of the House-passed bill, Senate Republicans are pushing for significant changes before sending it back to the House. While some (if not many) of those proposed changes end up being dropped in the course of internal discussions, any change will bring anxiety to House leadership, which tirelessly put together a bill that ultimately only passed by one vote. Language for the tax section may be released as early as next week, and other portions are already being released by some committees. Despite the uncertainty in the Senate, Republicans on both sides of the Capitol still feel strongly that they can finish before the July 4th deadline they have set.

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