

ACA Repeal Battle: Winners and Losers



Republicans have failed in their attempt to repeal the Affordable Care Act, a major election campaign promise. After weeks of contentious negotiations over the American Health Care Act, Republicans were forced to pull the House bill on healthcare reform when it was clear that it didn't have enough votes to pass.

The move received mixed reactions from many who had a lot at stake under the bill. Here's a quick list of who won and lost as a result of the GOP's failure to repeal Obamacare.

Losers

- President Donald Trump who reportedly visited House members and demanded that they pass the bill or else he would abandon healthcare and move on to different priorities.
- Paul Ryan who failed to gather enough support for his first major piece of legislation as House Speaker.
- Chief White House Strategist Steve Bannon and Office of Budget and Management director Mick Mulvaney, who ineffectively tried to cajole House Republicans.
- Insurers and people depending on the individual marketplace to provide them coverage, given there is little help in stabilising the individual markets.
- Wealthy people who would have gotten a tax break in the bill.

Winners

- Republicans who voted no, including Rep. Charlie Dent of Pennsylvania who leads a group of moderates and Rep. Rodney Frelinghuysen of New Jersey, who is chair of the House Appropriations committee.
- Jared Kushner who reportedly told Trump not to support the bill.
- House Democrats Jim McGovern of Massachusetts, Alcee Hastings of Florida, and others who seemed to reflect voter sentiment during committee hearings opposing the bill.
- AARP, Families USA, the American Hospital Association and the American Medical Association which all took strong public positions and rallied the troops to oppose the bill.
- The House Freedom Caucus which opposed the bill from Day 1.
- Medicaid and Medicare beneficiaries, at least for now.
- President Barack Obama whose efforts to overhaul healthcare remain the law of the land.

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