

Senate Finance Chair endorses a second megabill this fall

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Fresh from passage of President Donald Trump's "big, beautiful bill," Senate Finance Chair Mike Crapo wants to pursue another party-line megabill and is tentatively eyeing fall for the next bite at the apple.

"I've always been in favor of a three-bill strategy and there's a ton of things that we need to do," Crapo said in a brief interview Tuesday evening.

The Idaho Republican's remarks come as House GOP leadership, members of the administration, and House and Senate conservatives have all been publicly wishcasting about using the strict budget reconciliation process to pass another policy bill without Democratic support.

Crapo largely declined to say what he would want to see in a second megabill, though he noted there are items that got left out of the final version of the massive domestic policy package Trump signed into law this past weekend. That includes several provisions that were ejected in the final days of negotiations around the One Big Beautiful Bill Act because they were deemed in noncompliance with the rules governing what can go into a reconciliation bill.

Senate Republican leadership initially pushed a two-bill strategy — the first focused on border security investments, the second to extend Trump's 2017 tax cuts — but then shifted to the one-bill approach backed by House Republicans and the White House. But in an effort to sell their holdouts on the final package, leaders have been promising their rank-and-file that they will get another shot to enact a broader host of conservative priorities and spending cuts. That will require another round of intense negotiations, not to mention a marathon voting session in the Senate, all with the midterm elections looming ever closer.

House Budget Chair Jodey Arrington (R-Texas) [on Tuesday separately talked to reporters](#) about his vision for a second bill, suggesting Republicans should try to rework provisions flagged by the parliamentarian so that they comply with Senate rules. He, like Speaker Mike Johnson, also floated a fall timeline for advancing the next package.

Crapo, however, acknowledged that Congress doesn't always stick to a preferred deadline.

"This fall is when I would like it to be," Crapo said, before adding with a laugh, "I can't predict. You know me, I don't make predictions."