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# Graham Says Budget Panel Will Start Second GOP Megabill (1)

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Sen. [Lindsey Graham](#) (R-S.C.), chairman of the Senate Budget Committee, said Wednesday his panel will start work on a second reconciliation package after consulting with President Donald Trump and Majority Leader [John Thune](#) (R-S.D.).

The package, which can pass solely with GOP votes, would include funding for the military, homeland security and “offer many opportunities to improve voter integrity,” Graham said in a statement Wednesday.

The Budget Committee “will expeditiously move toward creating a second budget reconciliation bill,” Graham said.

House Budget Committee Chairman [Jodey Arrington](#) (R-Texas) said he would meet with Graham today and would be “comparing notes” on how to proceed. He said the package’s two themes would be defense spending and “rooting out the widespread fraud in the federal government.”

It’s unclear whether Republicans can get a second tax-and-spending bill through Congress. The Pentagon has sent a request to the White House for \$200 billion in supplemental funding to cover the expenses of the Iran war. Congress hasn’t struck a deal for homeland security appropriations and the Senate won’t have the votes to pass voter ID legislation that Trump is pushing.

(Adds Rep. Arrington comment in paragraph 4.)

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