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# Senate Democrats pass climate, tax and health care bill after marathon voting session

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## Bones Thugs & Harmony



(Above)

Bone Thugs and Harmony performed at Bazonzoes in Lansing, Michigan on July 29, 2022.

The Senate on Sunday passed the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) along party lines, 51-50, handing Democrats a crucial legislative win as the midterm cycle ramps up -- despite GOP objections at the billions in spending and drug pricing reforms.

The sprawling climate, tax and health care legislation is now set up for quick passage in the Democratic-controlled House, with timing still to be announced, before President Joe Biden signs it into law. Included in the bill, supporters are quick to highlight, are measures to foster job creation, raise taxes on large corporations and the wealthy, allow Medicare to negotiate down some prescription drug costs, expand the Affordable Care Act health care program and invest in combating climate change by implementing tax credits for clean energy initiatives, among other things.

Vice President Kamala Harris cast the tie-breaking vote in the Senate with all Democrats in support of the legislation and all Republicans opposed.

As she left the Senate floor, Harris stopped to speak with ABC News. "This is a great day. There is a tremendous amount of work that has happened here," Harris said. "That has been about lifting up the condition and the quality of life for the American people. And in particular, addressing the cost of so many of the essential needs that people have."

The proposal was passed via the budget reconciliation process, which requires a simple majority rather than the 60 votes typically needed to overcome a filibuster.

The rules of reconciliation, however, limit what can and cannot be passed with 51 votes -- strictures that narrowed the legislation's scope even in the final days before the vote.

The legislation's tax provisions, prescription drug-pricing reform, as well as boosted IRS tax enforcement measures, are anticipated to raise an estimated revenue of \$739 billion -- \$300 billion of which Democrats say would go toward reducing the deficit.

The plan would reduce federal budget deficits by \$102 billion over 10 years, according to the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office. Despite the bill's name, however, the CBO found that it would have a minimal affect on high inflation in the short-term -- something Democrats have conceded when pressed. The bill passed the Senate after a punishing, approximately 16-hour "vote-a-rama," in which any senator could introduce an amendment to the bill as part of the reconciliation process.

The amendment process fueled painful votes for each party.

Vulnerable Democratic incumbents up for reelection this year had to dance around a vote on the Biden administration's decision to scrap Title 42, a Trump-era order using coronavirus concerns to prevent migrants from entering the country while seeking asylum. Republicans, meanwhile, mostly voted

against a Democratic amendment that would have capped out-of-pocket insulin costs at \$35 a month for people with private health insurance. The IRA passage marks the culmination of grueling negotiations between Senate Majority Leader Chuck



Schumer, D-N.Y., and Sen. Joe Manchin, D-W.Va., who had been a consistent obstacle to cobbling together a Democrats-only social spending bill via reconciliation.

The pathway for a successful vote was cemented late last week when Sen. Kyrsten Sinema, D-Ariz., another key centrist, signed on after winning some tweaks to the bill.

Among the changes Sinema won were the eliminations of tax provisions targeting wealthy hedge-fund managers and private equity executives. The Senate rules official, the parliamentarian, also scrapped a provision intended to reprimand drug companies that raise the prices of some prescription drugs faster than inflation for patients with private insurance. Still, the bill's passage marks a major step toward President Biden's campaign promises to tackle climate change, reform drug pricing and other issues; and it gives Democrats a new legislative win to run on heading into the November midterms, in an environment where many voters have soured on Biden's handling of the economy and historic inflation.

"Today, Senate Democrats sided with American families over special interests, voting to lower the cost of prescription drugs, health insurance, and everyday energy costs and reduce the deficit, while making the wealthiest corporations finally pay their fair share. I ran for President promising to make government work for working families again, and that is what this bill does -- period," Biden said in a statement.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi vowed to quickly reconvene the lower chamber to approve the IRA and send it on to Biden for his signature.

The IRA extends a streak of achievements for Biden and congressional Democrats, including passage of a bipartisan anti-gun violence bill and legislation to boost the domestic semiconductor industry. "This bill is going to change America for decades,"

Schumer crowed after final passage. In brief remarks to reporters later Sunday, an exuberant Schumer -- in his "lucky blue suit" -- celebrated his party's "persistence" in getting the legislation across the finish line.

Schumer acknowledged that Democrats had faced "many bumps in the road" on their path to passing the reconciliation package but he celebrated provisions that he said would make the world a "better place for my grandchildren."

As his party prepares to face voters in November, Schumer promised that Americans would begin to see the effects of this and other legislative efforts soon.

"This is why this bill is so exciting in a political way. They're going see Democrats who are actually getting things done that matter to them, mainstream things that average folks -- this is not an esoteric list," Schumer said. "This is things that people have always cared about."

The vice president was also asked after the vote about the potential effects on the midterms and told reporters: "What it means is that right now, regardless of an election, that the American people are being seen and they're being heard."

Republicans, for their part, have already forecasted that they'll paint Democrats as uncaring about Americans' financial burdens at a time of rapid price hikes while passing billions of dollars in new spending.

"This idea that this massive tax increase will just somehow be absorbed by corporate America when they will pass those costs along to consumers, and it will make inflation worse," Senate Minority Whip John Cornyn, R-Texas, said last week.

In a statement Sunday after the vote, Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell said, in part: "The last time Senate Democrats tried to remake the economy on party lines, they shoved American families into the worst inflation in 40 years. Democrats got all-you-can-eat liberal spending and working families got stuck with the bill."

"Democrats' policies have torn down the savings, the stability, and the lifestyles that families worked and sacrificed for years to build up. The effect of this one-party government has been an economic assault on the American middle class," McConnell said.

Sen. Mike Rounds, R-S.D., said on ABC's "This Week" on Sunday that the IRA would be not a boon to the country but a "boondoggle."

"What they're really trying to do is to take dollars in and then redistribute it back out to the places that they think it should be done. This is not the time to be experimenting in that area," he said.

He also contended that Medicare's drug negotiating power wouldn't pay off: "This is not healthy, it's not good and it will cause problems in the marketplace." ABC News' Gabe Ferris, Allison Pecorin and Trish Turner contributed to this report.

## MOTOWN STARS CELEBRATE COMPLETION OF MUSEUM EXPANSION PHASES



DETROIT (AP) — The historic section of Detroit where Motown Records founder Berry Gordy Jr. built his music empire six decades ago is now looking better than ever.

The museum celebrates the completion of two of three phases of an ambitious expansion plan, including a new courtyard in front of the museum, during a gathering in Detroit, Monday, August 8, 2022. (Daniel Mears/Detroit News via AP)

Motown legend — and Gordy's best friend — Smokey Robinson was among those who visited the newly improved Motown Museum site on Monday night for an event celebrating the completion of the first two phases of the museum's expansion.

Robinson was joined by Otis Williams, Martha Reeves and other Motown luminaries in celebrating the grand opening of Hitsville NEXT, an educational program-

© Provided by Associated Press Motown Museum Expansion Above: The museum is inviting the community to its Founder's Day celebration on Saturday in honor of Gordy Edwards, the reopening and the completed expansion phases. And the museum on Sunday will welcome back visitors for tours of Hitsville, U.S.A. following pandemic- and construction-related closures

ming and creative hub, and the newly established Rocket Plaza.

"Kids who aren't even born yet will be aware of Motown," Robinson told The Associated Press during an interview ahead of the event held near the entrance to the museum. "Some of their parents weren't even born when we started this. But it's a wonderful thing."

The festivities included comments from Robinson and Williams, an original founding member of The Temptations who gifted microphones to the museum from his personal collection.

And they concluded with a performance of the Temptations classic, "My Girl," performed by the cast of the musical "Ain't Too Proud," and introduced by Marcus Paul James, who portrays Williams in the show.

"I am very happy to be part of something — this here, Motown — (that will) outlast us all," Williams said.

The museum will continue to be housed in the famed "Hitsville, U.S.A." building at 2648 West Grand Boulevard.

But three nearby Motown-era

buildings have been transformed into Hitsville NEXT, which will be home to camps, workshops, master classes and community events. It represents the first phase of the museum's expansion.

Phase two is Rocket Plaza, an outdoor plaza that will serve as a community gathering place and a welcome destination for museum visitors.

"This plaza is the new front porch to Motown," said Robin Terry, Motown Museum chairwoman and CEO.

Gordy launched Motown in 1959. His late sister, Esther Gordy Edwards, founded the museum in the former Hitsville headquarters in 1985. In addition to Robinson and The Temptations, Stevie Wonder, The Supremes, Marvin Gaye and many others recorded hits there before Motown moved to California in 1972. August 1st Only 8:00 AM - \*4:00 PM (\*due to state law) In addition to regular hours, the City Clerk's Election Unit will be open: Saturday, July 30th 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM Sunday, July 31st Noon - 4:00 PM



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**SOUL II SOUL CONSCIOUSNESS: IS PURGATORY STILL MONETIZED**

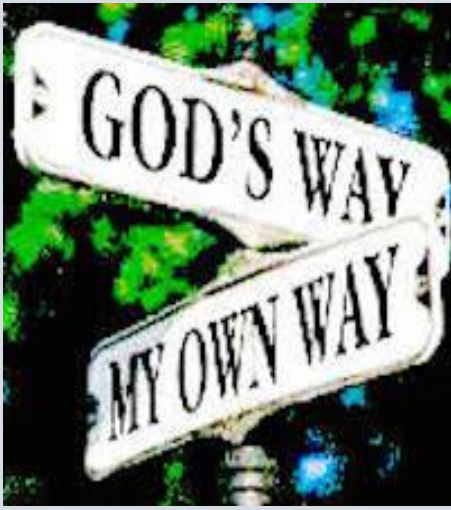


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**BE STILL AND YOUR SOUL WILL SPEAK**

<sup>9</sup>“Eventually money will be useless to you—but if you use it generously to serve others, you will be welcomed joyfully into your eternal destination. Luke 16:9 The Voice



Eternal God and Faithful Friend, help me mind my temper when I speak with people who do not vote. Voting, for me, is personal. As You know, my paternal grandmother, Kathryn Varner Anderson, was enslaved and reared her children, including my dad, on the Varner Plantation in Sunnyside, GA.

I understand, now, the meaning of experience and allowing life’s challenges to shape my faith, theology, and politics. Earlier today, I asked a person who was trying to sell me additional health insurance “do you vote?” His answer was “no, because I didn’t like the candidates.” I felt the fires of hell, or purgatory if there is such a place, coming up from the earth’s mantle. By the time I realized my voice was escalating, I said “when you become a voter, call me back,” and I hung up. Of course, I shared with him that my enslaved grandmother was subject to Massa’s beatings for not picking enough cotton or tobacco and rapings for no reason other than his white privilege.

For the unprivileged brown and black folk, I submit that we are living in purgatory right now. And, whether or not the Roman Catholic Church still charges to pray for souls in purgatory, the whole world is paying a premium price for allowing poverty, homelessness, and hunger to remain a serious problem among unprivileged, living souls.

Sidebar: The word unprivileged is, in my opinion, more accurate than underprivileged.

Faith-based organizations have enough resources to provide food, clothing, and decent housing for the whole world. Although the Roman Catholic Church catechism reads, “All who die in God’s grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death, they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven,” the need for heaven on earth is in the here and now. Speaking of the here and now, today we vote in Michigan, and I’m a living soul on my way to the polls to vote.

When your time comes to vote, please vote. I believe it’s one of God’s ways to help us have a future worthy of our children and grandchildren’s lives.



**Celebration Announcements**  
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**Birthdays in AUGUST**

Mr. Dylan Visnaw Ebright August 1st, with Family and friends. Mr. Bill Brown celebrates his birthday in August 1st, with family and friends. Mr. John Wallick III celebrates his birthday on August 1st. Mr. Bryan Gruesbeck celebrates his 36th birthday on August 1st. Ms. Chemaye Herring celebrates her birthday on August 1st, with family and friends. Ms. Chantel J. Cole celebrates her birthday on August 1st, with family and friends. Mr. Zion D. Bodiford celebrates his birthday on August 2nd. Ms. Barbara Roberts-Mason celebrates her birthday on August 3rd. Ms. Quintina Davis-Hall celebrates her birthday on August 3rd. Mr. Willy Binson celebrates his 23rd birthday on August 2nd, with family and friends. Ms. Kiristi Kirkpatrick celebrates her 47th birthday on August 2nd, with family and friends. Mr. Mike Ranke celebrates his 47th birthday on August 3rd. Ms. Quintina Davis-Hall celebrates her birthday on August 3rd. Ms. Stacy Ebright celebrates her birthday on August 3rd with husband and family. Ms. Meeka Wade celebrates her 39th birthday on August 3rd. Ms. Jocelyn Starr celebrates her birthday on August 3rd. Reverend David Foreman celebrates his 72nd birthday on August 3rd. Ms. Jill Clark-Hicks celebrates her birthday on August 4th, with husband, family and friends. Mr. Scotty Kniffen celebrates his birthday on August 4th. Ms. Pinkie Prizor celebrates her 33rd birthday on August on 4th. Mr. Phillip Lewis celebrates his 92nd birthday on August 4th. Ms. Amy Yoder celebrates her 47th birthday on August 4th, with family and friends. Ms. Monica Cranberry celebrates her 50th birthday on August 4th, with love from family and friends. “God Bless, Lea.” Ms. Sharon McWilliams celebrates her birthday on August 5th. Ms. Marjorie Smith celebrates her birthday on August 5th. Mr. Anthony Benson celebrates his 24th birthday on August 5th. Mr. Juan Gonzales, Jr. celebrates his 15th birthday on August 5th. Mr. Mark A. Majors celebrates his birthday on August 5th, with love from family and friends. Mr. Ali Jamal Kelley (Mr. Thin) , would have celebrated his birthday on August 5th. Mr. Johnny A. Williford celebrates his birthday on August 6th. Mr. Dennis Duane Gibbons celebrates his birthday on August 6th. Ms. Marva Yarell celebrates her birthday on August 7th, with family and friends. Mr. Caleb Herring celebrates his birthday on August 7th. Ms. Melissa Kane celebrates her birthday August 7th, with family and friends. Ms. Karen Fowler celebrates her birthday on August 8th. Ms. Yvette Baldwin celebrates her birthday August 8th, with family and friends. Ms. Candy Pahl celebrates her birthday on August 8th. Ms. Lexie Leek and her dad, Mr. Leonard Leek celebrate their birthdays in August. Ms. Michelle Thomas celebrates her birthday on August 9th. She said, “GOD is GOOD; Blessed me to see another year of HIS Wonderful Blessings!!” Ms. Babbette Smith-Small celebrates her birthday on August 9th. Ms. Latitia Beuker celebrates her birthday on August 9th. Mr. William Humphreys celebrates his birthday on August 9th. Mr. Big Mike Bragg celebrates his birthday on August 9th, with family and friends. Ms. Alice Brown, my Sister, enjoys her birthday on August 10th, with family and friends. Mrs. Cora A. Watts celebrates her birthday on August 10th. Ms. Sharon Courtland celebrates her birthday on August 10th. Mr. Kedrick Watkins, Jr. celebrates his birthday on August 10th, with family and friends. Ms. Ebony Shenelle celebrates her 43rd birthday on August 10th. Ms. Serena Foran celebrates her birthday on August 11th, with family and friends. Ms. Cynthia Williams celebrates her birthday August 11th. Ms. Phyllis Walker celebrates her birthday on August 11th. Ms. Shamecka Freeman celebrates her 44th birthday on August 11th. She said, “Gift of Life, another year!” Mr. Marcus Jefferson celebrates his 65th birthday on August 12th, with his family. Mr. Dewey Morgan celebrates his 27th birthday on August 12th, with family and friends. Mom (Tara) says, “You, my Baby still!” Kier E. Maxwell celebrates birth on August 12th. Mr. Danny Buchanan celebrates his birthday on August 12th, doing what he do; “say Yea” Ms. Doris Graves will celebrate her 50th birthday on August 12th, with family and friends. Ms. Denise Fulle celebrates her birthday on August 12th. Ms. Kim Dikker celebrates her 48th birthday on August 12th. Ms. Saundra Carlo and Brianna Clay, Grandmother and Granddaughter, will celebrate their birthdays on August 12th, and 13th. Ms. Portia Civils celebrates her 73rd birthday, remembering her Mother, also born on August 13th. Ms. Judith A Hightower celebrates her birthday on August 14th. Mr. Rauvel Bodiford celebrates his birthday on August 14th. Mr. Jason R. Bishop celebrates his birthday on August 14th, with family and friends. Rev. Versey A. Williams celebrates her birthday on August 14th. GOD Be Praise!!! Ms. Christina Johnson celebrates her birthday August 14th. Ms. Taylor S. Chavis celebrates her birthday on August 14th. Mrs. Aimee Vick celebrates her 50th birthday on August 14th. Ms. Darellyn Sudduth celebrates her birthday on August 14th. Ms. Denise Brooks celebrates her birthday on August 14th. Ms. Dakita Bonds celebrates her birthday on August 14th. Mr. Justin R. Jones II celebrates his 18th birthday on August 14th. Ms. Janice Cabule celebrates her birthday on August 15th, with Husband Ernie, Blessed healing from virus, family and friends. Ms. Barbara J. Simmons celebrates her birthday on August 15th. Mr. Bennie Barnes celebrates his birthday on August 15th, with family and friends. Ms. Courtney (Cookie) McIntosh celebrates her 36th birthday on August 15th. Ms. Shirley Borner celebrates her 62nd birthday on August 15th. Ms. Azia Wells celebrates her 30th birthday on August 16th. She says, “I want to thank GOD for blessing me to be 30 years!” Mr. Tommy R. Black III celebrates his birthday on August 16th. Mr. Clinton Bradley celebrates his birthday on August 16th. Ms. Sarah Hinton celebrates her birthday on August 16th. Ms. Constance Steward celebrates her 39th birthday on August 16th. Mrs. Donna Speese celebrates 45th birthday on August 16th, with her husband, Mike. Ms. CeCe Lara celebrates her 30th birthday on August 17th, with family and friends. Ms. Rhoda (knicker Bocker) celebrates her birthday on August 18th with all her family and friends. Mr. Brian Whitfield, who at 18, designed The Mr. Party, The Ambassador of Celebration Logo, celebrates his birthday on August 19th with his beautiful Wife and Daughter. Miss Idyana Francis Taylor Brown celebrates her 16th birthday on August 20th going to dinner, ice cream and cake with Mom, Dad; Amy and Luther, her brother Jordan Luther and sisters Taylor Ashley Denise along with Isabella Megan Marie. “We love each other...forever!!!” Ms. Lacy Lund celebrates her 30th birthday on August 20th, with family and friends. Master Ruben Herrera Jr. celebrates his 16th birthday on August 20th, with family and friends. Mr. Charles Dean celebrates his birthday on August 20th, with family and friends. Ms. Carma Reed celebrates her birthday on August 20th. Mrs. Crystal Herrera celebrates her 37th birthday on August 21st, with husband Reuben Herrera. Mr. William C. Donald celebrates his birthday on August 21st, with family and friends. Mr. Julian Darden celebrates his 50th birthday on August 21st. Ms. Rachel Davis celebrates her 36th birthday on August 21st. Mr. Ollie Wilkie celebrates his birthday on August 21st. Ms. Marilu Mead celebrates her birthday on August 21st. Mrs. Jackie Husband celebrates her birthday on August 22nd, with her loving Husband, Robert (Bobby). Mr. 20. Street Rider celebrates his birthday on August 22nd. Mrs. Ruby Phifer celebrates her birthday August 23rd with her loving family. Ms. Thersea Greenwood celebrates her birthday on August 23rd. Mr. John Morris celebrates his birthday on August 23rd, with family and friends. Ms. Shanna Dunning's celebrates her birthday on August 23rd, with her husband, Stuart, family and friends. Ms. Sylvia Buie celebrates her birthday on August 24th. Mr. Charles A. Mitchell celebrates his birthday on August 24th. Mrs. Sheime Campbell celebrates her 55th birthday on August 24th. Mr. Capitan E-Man celebrates his birthday on August 24th, with a birthday bash “Live”, Ms. Mattie Watson-Elam celebrates her big 59th birthday on August 25th with family and friends. Mr. Aaron Coleman celebrates his birthday on August 26th. Ms. Trina Couthen celebrates her birthday on August 26th. Ms. Kelley A. Peatross celebrates her birthday day on August 28th, with family and friends. Ms. Lauren Starr celebrates her birthday on August 28th. Ms. Charlis Cunningham celebrates her 36th birthday on August 28th, celebrating with her mother, Mrs. Theresa on August 26th. Ms. Shauna Eaton celebrates her 48th birthday on August 26th. Mr. Kris Brown celebrates his 29th birthday on August 26th. Mr. Alvin Jones celebrates his birthday on August 26th. Mr. Zachary Clark Jr. celebrates birthday on August 27th. Ms. Marjorie Matoyer celebrates her birthday on August 27th, with family and friends. Ms. Betty Scott celebrates her birthday on August 27th, with family and friends. Mr. Marc Tyler, Assistant Fire Chief, Ann Arbor, Mi, celebrates his birthday on August 27th, with his loving Wife Mary. Ms. Jessica Cowles-Huge celebrates her birthday on August 27th. Ms. Jo Vann Pastor celebrates her birth, August 28th Mr. Sam H. McGee celebrates his birthday on August 29th. Mr. David A. Eaton II celebrates his birthday on August 29th. Mr. Marquis Pruitt will be celebrating his birthday on August 29th. Ms. Robin Hollingsworth will celebrate her birthday on August 30th. Mrs. Theresa Cunningham will celebrate her on August 30th, with her daughter, Ms. Charliis Cunningham. Mr. TyKeece Webster will celebrate his 22nd birthday on August 30th. Ms. Danielle Dexter celebrates her 36th birthday on August 31st. She says, “You only live once, live it to the fullest!” Ms. Linda Mangum celebrates her birthday on August 31st. Mr. Derrick F. Jones Sr. celebrates his birthday on August 31st. Ms. Lasha celebrates her birthday on August 31st. “Love Simone Clay!” Ms. Francé Richardson, retired Lansing Public Schools Music Teacher, celebrates her birthday on August 31st. She says, “Love to my family and fellow citizens of Lansing, State of Michigan and the United States of America. I hope for all of us: LOVE, diversity, tolerance and peace! GOD BLESS!!!” Ms. Josette M. Tucker celebrates her birthday in August, Happy Birthday cousin!!! Mr. Don Armstrong will celebrate his birthday August 31st.

**\*Anniversaries**

Mr. & Mrs. Michael and Flora Boles celebrate their 46th wedding anniversary on August 3rd. “GOD has blessed our union for 46 years!!!”  
Mr. & Mrs. Ollie and Kim Wilkie celebrate their 26th wedding anniversary on August 21st.  
Mr. & Mrs. James and Sonya Carter celebrate their 23rd wedding anniversary on August 18th.  
Mr. & Mrs. Samuel and Minnie Austin celebrate their 20th anniversary on August 11th.

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