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To: [FLANAGAN, PATRICK S](#)
Subject: FW: Staff Draft of Border Bill
Date: Monday, March 20, 2017 11:55:34 AM
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If you have trouble falling asleep tonight.

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Cc: [FLANAGAN, PATRICK S](#)
Subject: FW: Trump barrels toward clash with Congress over border wall
Date: Wednesday, March 15, 2017 7:38:24 PM

Sirs,

FYSA – includes quote from Cornyn.

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Subject: FW: Trump barrels toward clash with Congress over border wall

Trump barrels toward clash with Congress over border wall

By Burgess Everett, John Bresnahan and Josh Dawsey

03/15/2017 01:03 PM EDT

President Donald Trump is heading toward a showdown with Capitol Hill Democrats over his border wall.

The White House is signaling to Capitol Hill leaders that he wants money to beef up the U.S. border with Mexico in a spending bill due by late April, according to several people familiar with the matter. The move would risk a government shutdown: Senate Minority Leader [Chuck Schumer](#) has warned that trying to jam money into a must-pass funding bill would be met by stern Democratic resistance.

The White House is trying to convince GOP leaders to include between \$3 and \$6 billion in a funding package for border security, Republican sources said. Some of that money would be used to construct the wall, but significant portions of it would go toward immigration and customs enforcement. Republicans believe the latter move would make it harder for Democrats to vote against.

But there are some divisions among Republicans as well. Many GOP lawmakers from border states are skeptical about how Trump would go about beefing up border defenses.

"I prefer to see a plan first before we start appropriating money," said [John Cornyn](#) of Texas, the No. 2 Senate Republican. "We won't just appropriate money and have the plan TBD. And I've got some questions."

The White House is set to unveil a budget for the next fiscal year on Thursday along with an immediate spending request that will include billions for fighting the Islamic State. But the most controversial will be the money funding the border wall.

A White House official confirmed that the Trump administration will request that some money for the border wall be included in a must-pass government funding bill. The border financing would likely be attached to a spending bill to keep the government open through the end of September.

The request is likely to trigger a major battle between and Trump and Democrats after the April 8 Easter recess. Without action, the government would shut down after April 28.

A senior GOP congressional aide said the party isn't looking forward to a shutdown fight over the border wall, "but it looks like it probably is going to happen."

The blame game has already begun on Capitol Hill as the two parties prepare for what could be a major confrontation less than 100 days into Trump's presidency.

"If the Democrats want to shut it down, it will be their thing," said Sen. [Richard Shelby](#) (R-Ala.), a senior member of the Appropriations Committee. "I don't believe they will."

Sen. [Patrick Leahy](#) of Vermont, the top Democrat on the Appropriations Committee, called jamming the border funding into a spending bill "foolish" and said the wall is "useless." But he would not yet say that would be enough for Democrats to vote down a spending bill.

"I thought we were going to get a check from Mexico," Leahy said. The wall will "accomplish nothing. That's \$30 billion that can't go into cancer research, diabetes research and veterans care."

Republicans and the White House believe that Democrats will not risk a shutdown over a relatively small amount of funding for a border wall, particularly since Schumer supported a bill to construct a wall last decade. The GOP believes Democratic voters are pro-government and that senators would ultimately balk at voting to shut down the government.

Schumer, however, said on Tuesday that any amount of border funding would amount to a "poison pill" and that Republicans "might be responsible for shutting the government down." A day earlier, he and other Democratic leaders sent a letter to Senate Majority Leader [Mitch McConnell](#) warning against the inclusion of border wall money in a government funding bill; McConnell said Tuesday he was "amused" by Schumer's stance.

But Schumer will have a major role to play next month, because the GOP will need at least eight Democratic votes to pass any funding legislation in the Senate. And Senate Republicans aren't yet fully committed to trying to jam through border funding if it can't pass.

Cornyn said he will support "whatever we can get 60 votes for. That's what it will take. I assume it will be a negotiated product."

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Subject: HSGAC Minority Report
Date: Tuesday, April 04, 2017 10:42:27 AM
Attachments: (b) (5)

C1/C2,

Attached is a draft copy of Ranking McCaskill's "wall report" which she intends to release today or tomorrow. Majority staff sent it to us close hold for review and feedback. We shared it with OLA as well as CBP OPA. When you review, you will see that there is inaccurate information throughout the document and the citations are not accurate as well. We went back to Chairman Johnson's staff with the below information for their use.

V/R

Kim

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From: LOWRY, KIM M
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Subject: RE: Need Assistance

(b) (6)

Follow up on the MVSS....the reason why we chose to use the funds from MVSS is b/c there were contract delays which allowed us to use this funding for the reprogramming. MVSS is a priority for us, per the FY 17 budget amendment, it includes a funding request.

Thanks!

Kim

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I don't know the specific reason why, however, we will confirm. Usually, when funds are reprogrammed from certain accounts, it is because we have funds in that particular account that can be obligated for other purposes b/c they won't be used in the near term for the original purpose. We have additional comments on the minority report for your background below. My appropriations team reviewed the report.

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I am including (b) (6) from OLA as he is aware of the report and may be able to check on the fourth bullet.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the report.
Kim

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Subject: RE: Need Assistance

Thanks for you call! If you can, please briefly explain the circumstances behind the decision to reprogram from the MVSS.

Please note that the minority report is close-hold until its release.

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Hi Kim,

As you know we are preparing for our forthcoming hearing on the border fencing. To do so, we are seeking

clarification on the exact source of DHS's reprogramming? We understand that it is being reprogramming from the BSFIT account, but wonder which technology program. Was it the RVSS, MSC or other technology program?

In addition, I am attaching a staff report from HSGAC minority. They plan to issue this report either tomorrow or later this week. Feel free to comment on this report and the information on RVSS.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Best,

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Kim - we need some help with some things before the fence hearing. Looping in (b) (6) to explain!

Sent from my iPhone