

### **Southport Speech Smackdown: Broadcasting (BRO) News Program**

**Rounds 1 and 2-News Program (5 minutes):** Students will select at least three (3) news stories (international, national, local) with music selection and commercial prompt to create a 5 minute News Program. Weather is optional. You may cut portions, or even all, of a story, but you may not update or paraphrase the news copy. Your edited newscast should consume about 3 to 3.5 minutes of your 5-minute News Program. The material below is the only allowable subject matter for the tournament.

**Round 3-Breaking News (2 minutes):** Students will have 2 minutes to sight-read a news story that they will be “breaking news live.” Students are encouraged to have an intro/outro that results in no more than 30 seconds. The total performance target time is 2 minutes. Students will prep on the day of the tournament.

**Round 4/Final-Editorial (2 minutes) with 30 minutes prep.** Topic released on the day of the tournament.

### **News Program – Music Genres & Artists**

Choose one of the music genres below and use the artists listed to write your original music lead-in and lead-out segments. Your original music lead-in and lead-out should consume about 30 seconds-1 minute (total) of your 5-minute News Program. The options below are the only allowable subject matter for the invitational. *Note: All musicians are nominated in some way for the 2026 Grammy Awards (2/1/26)*

#### **Música Urbana**

Bad Bunny  
Feid

#### **Pop**

Lady Gaga  
Sabrina Carpenter

#### **K-Pop**

Rosé  
KPop Demon Hunters

#### **Rap**

Doechii  
Kendrick Lamar

**News Program – Original Commercial** Use the information below to create your original commercial. Your original commercial should consume about 1 minute of your 5-minute News Program. Please follow the guidelines for the invitational.

#### ***Prompt: Snickers (Candy)***

- Slogans
  - You’re not you when you’re hungry.
  - Snickers satisfies.
- Ingredients
  - Peanuts
  - Caramel
  - Nougat
  - Milk Chocolate
- Products
  - Snickers
  - Snicker Almond
- Snickers Peanut Butter
- Snickers White Chocolate
- Snickers Peanut Brownie
- Snickers Dark Chocolate Almond
- Snickers Ice Cream Bar
- Various Sizes
  - Single Size (1.86 oz.)
  - Sharing Size (3.29)
  - 100 Calories Chocolate Candy Bar (0.76 oz)
  - Fun Size (10.59 oz. per bag)
- Miscellaneous Information
  - Manufactured by Mars Wrigley
  - Official Chocolate Sponsor of the NFL
  - History
    - Allegedly named after a horse
    - First manufactured and sold in Chicago for 5 cents

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## News Program – News Copy Selection

### **International**

**BERLIN (AP)** — The eight European countries targeted by U.S. President Donald Trump for a 10% tariff for opposing American control of Greenland blasted the move Sunday, warning that his threats “undermine transatlantic relations and risk a dangerous downward spiral.”

The joint statement by some of America’s closest allies signaled a possible turning point in the recent tensions over sovereignty and security nearly 24 hours after Trump’s threat.

It was also the most forceful rebuke of Trump from the European allies since he returned to the White House almost a year ago. In recent months, Europeans have mostly opted for diplomacy and flattery around him, even when seeking an end to the war in Ukraine. Sunday’s statement, as well as some European countries sending troops to Greenland for a Danish military training exercise, appeared to be a step away from that strategy.

The unusually strong joint statement from Denmark, Norway, Sweden, France, Germany, the United Kingdom, the Netherlands and Finland said troops sent to Greenland for operation “Arctic Endurance” pose “no threat to anyone.”

Danish Foreign Minister Lars Løkke Rasmussen told reporters in Oslo that a dialogue was opened with the U.S. last week and “we will not give up on that. ... So we will stay on track — unless [the] U.S. decides differently.”

Added Norwegian Foreign Minister Espen Barth Eide at the same news conference: “We will not allow ourselves to be put under pressure, and those types of threats (of U.S. tariffs) are unacceptable between close allies.”

Six of the countries targeted are part of the 27-member European Union, which operates as a single economic zone in terms of trade.

Following emergency talks among the EU’s national envoys Sunday, EU Council President Antonio Costa said the bloc’s leaders agree “that tariffs would undermine transatlantic relations and are incompatible with the EU-U.S. trade agreement.”

They expressed “readiness to defend ourselves against any form of coercion,” Costa said in a statement. He is expected to convene a summit of the bloc’s leaders later this week.

**VIENNA (AP)** — Three avalanches across Austria killed eight skiers, authorities said.

A female skier was fatally buried by an avalanche in the Bad Hofgastein area in western Austria, at an altitude of about 2,200 meters (7,200 feet), around 12:30 p.m. Saturday, according to the Pongau mountain rescue service.

Roughly 90 minutes later, an avalanche in nearby Gastein Valley, south of the city of Salzburg, swept away seven people. Four were killed, two seriously injured and one escaped unharmed.

In the town of Pusterwald in central Austria, three Czech skiers were killed in an avalanche shortly before 4:30 p.m., police said. Four of their companions were evacuated to safety.

“This tragedy painfully demonstrates how serious the current avalanche situation is,” said Gerhard Kremser, district head of the Pongau mountain rescue service, noting the “clear and repeated warnings” about avalanche risk.

**RAQQA, Syria (AP)** — The Syrian government Sunday announced a ceasefire with the Syrian Democratic Forces, taking almost full control of the country and dismantling the Kurdish-led forces that controlled the northeast for over a decade.

The announcement comes as tensions between government forces and the SDF boiled over earlier this month, eventually resulting in a major push by government forces toward the east. The SDF appeared to have largely retreated after initial clashes on a tense front line area in eastern Aleppo province.

Hours after the government announced the deal, SDF leader Mazloum Abdi confirmed it in a video statement, saying the group had accepted the agreement, which stipulates their withdrawal from Raqqa and Deir el-Zour provinces “to stop the bloodshed.” “We will explain the terms of the agreement to our people in the coming days,” he said.

Syria’s Defense Ministry said it ordered the fighting to halt on the front lines after the agreement was announced.

**KYIV, Ukraine (AP)** — Ukrainian drone strikes damaged energy networks in Russia-occupied parts of southern Ukraine, leaving hundreds of thousands of people without power on Sunday, according to Kremlin-installed authorities there.

Meanwhile, Moscow has kept up its hammering of Ukraine’s energy grid in overnight attacks that killed at least two people, according to Ukrainian officials.

More than 200,000 households in the Russia-held part of Ukraine’s southern Zaporizhzhia region had no electricity on Sunday, according to the Kremlin-installed local governor.

In a Telegram post, Yevgeny Balitsky said that nearly 400 settlements have had their supply cut, because of damage to power networks from Ukrainian drone strikes.

Russia has hammered Ukraine’s power grid, especially in winter, throughout the nearly four-year war. The strikes aim to weaken Ukrainians’ will to resist in a strategy that Kyiv officials call “weaponizing winter.”

Russia targeted energy infrastructure in Odesa region overnight on Sunday, according to Ukraine’s Emergency Service. A fire broke out and was promptly extinguished.

At least six people were wounded in the Dnipropetrovsk region from Russian attacks, the emergency service said.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said in a Telegram post that repairing the country's energy system remains challenging, "but we are doing everything we can to restore everything as quickly as possible." He said that two people were killed in overnight attacks across the country that struck Sumy, Kharkiv, Dnipro, Zaporizhzhia, Khmelnytskyi and Odesa.

In total, more than 1,300 attack drones, 1,050 guided aerial bombs and 29 missiles of various types were used by Russia to strike Ukraine this week, Zelenskyy said.

**DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP)** — A U.S.-based activist agency said Sunday it has verified at least 3,919 deaths during a wave of protests that swept Iran and led to a bloody crackdown, and fears the number could be significantly higher.

The Human Rights Activists News Agency posted the revised figure, up from the previous toll of 3,308. The death toll exceeds that of any other round of protest or unrest in Iran in decades, and recalls the chaos surrounding the 1979 revolution.

The agency has been accurate throughout the years of demonstrations in Iran, relying on a network of activists inside the country that confirms all reported fatalities. The Associated Press has been unable to independently confirm the toll.

Iranian officials have not given a clear death toll, although on Saturday, the country's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei said the protests had left "several thousand" people dead — and blamed the United States for the deaths. It was the first indication from an Iranian leader of the extent of the casualties from the wave of protests that began Dec. 28 over Iran's ailing economy.

The Human Rights Activists News Agency says 24,669 protesters have been arrested in the crackdown.

Iranian officials have repeatedly accused the United States and Israel of fomenting unrest in the country.

Tension with the United States has been high, with U.S. President Donald Trump repeatedly threatening Tehran with military action if his administration found the Islamic Republic was using deadly force against anti-government protesters.

Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian, in a post Sunday on X, blamed "longstanding enmity and inhumane sanctions" imposed by the U.S. and its allies for any hardships the Iranian people might be facing. "Any aggression against the Supreme Leader of our country is tantamount to all-out war against the Iranian nation," he wrote.

During the protests, Trump had told demonstrators that "help is on the way" and that his administration would "act accordingly" if the killing of demonstrators continued or if Iranian authorities executed detained protesters.

But he later struck a conciliatory tone, saying that Iranian officials had “canceled the hanging of over 800 people” and that “I greatly respect the fact that they canceled.”

On Saturday, Khamenei branded Trump a “criminal” for supporting the rallies and blamed the U.S. for the casualties, describing the protesters as “foot soldiers” of the United States. Trump, in an interview with Politico on Saturday, called for an end to Khamenei’s nearly 40-year reign, calling him “a sick man who should run his country properly and stop killing people.”

No protests have been reported for days in Iran, where the streets have returned to an uneasy calm. Instead, some Iranians chanted anti-Khamenei slogans from the windows of their homes on Saturday night, the chants reverberating around neighborhoods in Tehran, Shiraz and Isfahan, witnesses said.

Authorities have also blocked access to the internet since Jan. 8. On Saturday, very limited internet services functioned again briefly. Access to some online services such as Google began working again on Sunday, although users said they could access only domestic websites, and email services continued to be blocked.

### **National**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The Pentagon has ordered about 1,500 active duty soldiers to be ready in case of a possible deployment to Minnesota, where federal authorities have been conducting a massive immigration enforcement operation, two defense officials said Sunday.

The officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss sensitive military plans, said two infantry battalions of the Army’s 11th Airborne Division have been given prepare-to-deploy orders. The unit is based in Alaska and specializes in operating in arctic conditions.

One defense official said the troops are standing by to deploy to Minnesota should President Donald Trump invoke the Insurrection Act, a rarely used 19th century law that would allow him to employ active duty troops as law enforcement.

The move comes just days after Trump threatened to do just that to quell protests against his administration’s immigration crackdown.

In an emailed statement, Pentagon chief spokesman Sean Parnell did not deny the orders were issued and said the military “is always prepared to execute the orders of the Commander-in-Chief if called upon.”

ABC News was the first to report the development. On Thursday, Trump said in a social media post that he would invoke the 1807 law “if the corrupt politicians of Minnesota don’t obey the law and stop the professional agitators and insurrectionists from attacking the Patriots of I.C.E., who are only trying to do their job.”

He appeared to walk back the threat a day later, telling reporters at the White House that there wasn’t a reason to use it “right now.” “If I needed it, I’d use it,” Trump said. “It’s very powerful.”

Trump has repeatedly threatened to invoke the Insurrection Act throughout both of his terms. In 2020 he threatened to use it to quell protests after George Floyd was killed by Minneapolis police, and in recent months he threatened to use it for immigration protests.

The law was most recently invoked by President George H.W. Bush in 1992 to end unrest in Los Angeles after the acquittal of four white police officers in the beating of Rodney King.

Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz, a Democrat and frequent target of Trump, has urged the president to refrain from sending in more troops: “I’m making a direct appeal to the President: Let’s turn the temperature down. Stop this campaign of retribution. This is not who we are,” Walz said last week on social media.

**MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (AP)** — College football leaders gave every indication Sunday that they remain stuck in a yearlong debate about expanding the playoff from 12 teams to 16 or beyond.

Commissioners and school presidents met on the eve of the College Football Playoff title game, facing a Friday deadline from ESPN — the \$7.8 billion bankroller of the postseason — to decide on changing or staying at the current 12-team model.

The debate boils down to two conferences, the Big Ten and Southeastern Conference, that both want to expand but have widely different visions of how far expansion should go.

“I think that’s up to two people,” American Conference Commissioner Tim Perneti said. He was speaking of Tony Petitti of the Big Ten and Greg Sankey of the SEC, who did not reach any agreement during the last scheduled meeting before Friday’s deadline.

“Still more work to do,” Pettiti said as he quickly made his way toward an escalator at the Miami Beach hotel where the meeting was held. “One-hundred percent, we’re still working.”

The Miami-Indiana final Monday night will mark the end of the current contract, and a six-year deal worth \$1.3 billion a year kicks in next season. Its revenue-distribution model doles out more to the SEC and Big Ten than the Atlantic Coast and Big 12, among the power conferences. Just as importantly, it leaves the two biggest leagues squarely in charge of what comes next.

The SEC is pushing for an expansion to 16 teams, with an emphasis on at-large bids — a format favored by the Power Four leagues other than the Big Ten and most of the smaller conferences that are hoping for access into whatever comes next.

The Big Ten has pushed for a bracket of up to 24 teams with multiple automatic qualifiers from each conference. It could do away with the need for conference title games and replace them with seeding games to determine, say, two or three of the automatic spots.

If the commissioners can’t agree on a new number, the tournament would automatically stay at 12, with a deadline of Dec. 1, 2026, to make any changes for the following season.

**PENSACOLA, Fla. (AP)** — A small part of Florida is the Snowy State for the second year in a row.

Snow briefly covered the grass and rooftops in parts of the western Florida Panhandle on Sunday morning as just enough frigid air rushed in behind a cold front to turn the last rain showers into snowflakes in the Sunshine State.

Elsewhere, the winter weather promised to interfere with playoff football in places — Boston and Chicago — more accustomed to it, although the visiting teams come from warmer climes. And in the upper Midwest, residents braced for blizzard conditions.

The southern snow wasn't a once-in-a-lifetime thing. Less than a year ago, on Jan. 21, 2025, some of the same areas of Florida that briefly saw frosty lawns received up to 8 inches of snow in what was the most significant snowfall in many places since the late 1800s. Snow photos flooded social media. There were a few flakes on the beach and snow nestled into palm fronds. It was too warm to stick to the roads, but a dusting of snow sat on the grass for a little while before mostly melting.

The rare snow in the South wasn't just in Florida. Southeastern Alabama and southern Georgia also reported snow in some areas as they also celebrated a second winter wonderland in less than a year.

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — A few thousand demonstrators gathered Sunday in Los Angeles in support of protesters in Iran.

Marchers, some waving the flag of Iran before the Islamic Revolution, rallied downtown near Los Angeles City Hall. The police department estimated the "Solidarity with the People of Iran" event drew about 4,000 demonstrators. The rally was peaceful and there were no arrests, the department said.

Activists say a crackdown on nationwide protests against the theocracy in Iran has killed thousands of people. Protesters have flooded the streets in Iran's capital of Tehran and its second-largest city. Los Angeles is home to the largest Iranian community outside of Iran.

### **Local**

**HOWARD COUNTY (WRTV.com)** — A Howard County father is turning personal tragedy into a warning for others after his teenage son died from carbon monoxide poisoning last year.

Steve Ford lost his 16-year-old son, Joe, in January while Joe was ice fishing in Russiaville. Now, Ford is sharing his story in hopes it will save someone else's life.

"There's a lot to miss there. He was a great kid," Ford said. Ford said Joe always had a way of uplifting people. "If there was a bad day, you could count on Joe to make you laugh," he said. Ford clings to photos and videos of his son, especially those showing Joe doing what he loved most.

"Joe was a huge outdoorsman, loved to fish and hunt," Ford said. "All kinds of pictures of him holding salmon, holding bass and duck hunting," Ford said. That love for the outdoors is what led Joe to ice fishing last winter, and to the moment Ford says changed his life forever.

“Just finding out that your child's gone...it makes you sick to your stomach. You think about all these things that could happen, you know, he was 16, did he get in a car accident?...the last thing on my mind was carbon monoxide,” Ford said.

Howard County officials determined Joe died from carbon monoxide poisoning while using a propane heater inside a tent. “It didn't have any type of sensor or anything on it for the CO and, at some point, the levels just rose too high...,” Ford told WRTV.

Fire officials say monoxide deaths tend to increase during colder months due to the increased use of heating sources such as propane heaters, improper use of gas stoves, blocked vents, or warming vehicles in garages, even when garage doors are open.

“It's produced when we have incomplete burning of any type of fuel,” said Indianapolis Fire Department Battalion Chief of Public Safety Brian McPherson. “CDC data, which we know is correct, from 2023, you had over 100,000 people visit the emergency department for CO. There were over 430 deaths,” officials said. Battalion Chief Brian McPherson said carbon monoxide is especially dangerous because it is impossible to detect without an alarm. The gas is tasteless, odorless, and colorless and does not always come with immediate warning signs. “You'll have that headache, you'll have that nausea, you'll have that feeling of tiredness,” McPherson said. “They call it the silent killer,” Ford added.

Now, Ford is working to spread awareness on the importance of having carbon monoxide detectors, not just in homes and businesses, but also during outdoor activities like hunting and fishing.

“We're just hoping that that can help one person,” Ford said.

The Joe Ford Legacy Fund is still in need of donations to help meet its goal. Ford plans to distribute the free carbon monoxide detectors in Kokomo on Valentine's Day, Feb. 14. The detectors will include flyers sharing Joe's story and information about carbon monoxide safety.

**INDIANAPOLIS (WRTV.com)** — The cost of utilities continues to be a concern for Hoosiers, especially during this stretch of frigid cold. When temperatures drop, many residents turn their thermostats up a few degrees, but not everyone can afford to do that. A bill moving through the Indiana Statehouse aims to help low-income households struggling to pay their utility bills.

“It requires that electric utilities provide assistance programs no later than July 1, 2026, to low-income households, which is extremely important,” said Kerwin Olson, executive director of Citizens Action Coalition.

House Bill 1002 is a priority measure for Gov. Mike Braun and House Republicans. The proposed assistance program would be available for households that qualify for the Low Income Heating and Energy Assistance Program, with each utility company required to dedicate roughly \$1.5 million annually. The measure stipulates that electricity suppliers must fund their program at an amount equal to at least 0.2% of jurisdictional revenues from residential customers, plus any contributions from governmental agencies, other programs or third parties.

“We are getting multiple phone calls a day saying, 'We can't afford our light bill. We can't afford our gas bill.' So just an increase in numbers and this new way of doing lights is hurting our seniors,” said Joyce Beaven, senior service director for Catholic Charities in Indianapolis.

Beaven, who has worked for Catholic Charities for 13 years, said the organization has seen a 200% increase in seniors needing utility assistance. She said many income-based apartment complexes have switched to shared

lighting plans, triggering steep bill increases for low-income seniors. “We are seeing 500 and 600 dollars bills for one-bedroom apartments,” Beaven said.

The bill could ease some of the burden for nonprofits, while also requiring publicly traded utility companies to file quarterly reports on disconnection numbers, a step Citizens Action Coalition believes is crucial for effective policy-making.

“Some utility companies, we are seeing one in two customers receive disconnect notices on a monthly basis,” Olson said. “That sort of screams we've got an issue. But we need that data over a long period of time so we can examine trends as they arise and assure that utility service is, in fact, affordable.”

Olson added that some utilities have shared this data voluntarily since the COVID-19 pandemic, but making it a state mandate would ensure accuracy.

Another part of the bill would apply to all customers, automatically enrolling them in budget billing, a payment plan that averages bills over the year. Critics note that at the end of the billing cycle, customers sometimes still owe a large sum.

The legislation would require customers to opt out if they do not want to participate. None of the previous would apply to Co-op utilities or Rural Electric Membership Cooperatives. Only utilities that are regulated by the IURC.

House Bill 1002 has passed the House and now heads to the Senate for consideration.

**INDIANAPOLIS ([WRTV.com](http://WRTV.com))** — Efforts continue to keep the public and council members informed about the rapid demands of data centers in Marion County.

On Wednesday, the Environmental Sustainability Committee held a meeting to discuss the facts behind the impacts and longevity of data centers. Neighbors in attendance spoke out about possible data center policies for Indianapolis. “That is why we have to fight,” a man who spoke during public comment said.

“Please stop data centers from entering our communities and harming our people,” a woman who spoke during public comment said.

“Data centers might be a complicated issue, but the public sentiments about them are pretty straightforward,” a man who spoke during public comment said.

Wednesday, dozens who attended a meeting of the City-County Council's Environmental Sustainability Committee held signs and turned up the pressure for councilors to do more to stop data centers from coming to their communities.

“This body can pass policies involving the definition of a data center. Policies related to setbacks. Decibel restrictions, plans for power consumption, and offsetting the increased costs passed on to the consumer,” a man who spoke during public comment said.

During the meeting, the Office of Sustainability brought in three national organizations that have been working closely with the city about this issue. “With the rate of improvement in technology, is the need for these large centers, will the need continue to be as big in the near future? Meaning, are we oversaturating ourselves with the amount of data centers that we are building?” Councilor John Barth said. “The obsession with growth has gotten so out of control. What good is growth when there is no environment to support that growth?” asked a woman during public comment.

A big concern from residents is the lack of transparency from companies seeking to build data centers. “We're seeing this time and time again where we're last to find out about data centers, rate increases, 25 million gallons of water leaving Eagle Creek, and being dumped back. We're the last ones to know,” a woman who spoke during public comment said.

"I'm going to sit with Councilor Jesse Brown in calling a six-month moratorium on all data centers effective immediately," a man who spoke during public comment said.

"Lots of perspectives out there and people are really taking this seriously," Barth said. Councilor Barth says there are still a lot of things councilors will need to consider before introducing any possible restrictions on data centers. On Monday, east side residents will have a chance to hear more about plans for a data center from the company behind it. Metrobloks wants to build a 154-thousand square foot data center at the site of the former Sherman Drive-In. A zoning hearing on the plan was pushed to next month.

The group "Protect Martindale-Brightwood" has set up a meeting with Metrobloks where residents can ask questions and share their concerns. It's happening on Monday at 6 p.m. at the Frederick Douglass Park Family Center.

INDIANAPOLIS ([WFYI.org](http://WFYI.org)) - A bill that would have authorized a firing squad to carry out the death penalty in Indiana failed to pass out of the House this week.

Democrats and Republicans joined together to oppose the legislation.

Lawmakers in the House and Senate have introduced bills allowing the death penalty to be carried out by firing squad, in part because of the difficulty of obtaining the drug the state currently uses - pentobarbital. It is also expensive and has a limited shelf life.

Some states have moved to allow death by firing squads, including South Carolina, but those executions haven't been without problems. Last year, a man executed by firing squad may have suffered before dying after the shooters missed his heart.

"Just because lethal injection has been problematic doesn't mean Indiana or any other state is going to perform flawlessly when it comes to things like firing squad," said Robert Dunham, Director of the Death Penalty Policy Project.

Dunham has been watching as the bill moved through the legislature and even came to testify against the Senate version of the measure.

"One of the questions you have to ask before Indiana talks about changing its method of carrying out executions is whether Indiana should be carrying on executions at all," Dunham said.

Lawmakers appear to be asking the same question.

Rep. Matt Pierce (D-Bloomington) said he opposes the death penalty altogether - not just the manner in which it is carried out.

"Do we really think that the government and our criminal justice system is infallible?" Pierce asked. "That we can actually perform an execution and not risk killing an innocent person?"

Lawmakers' concerns with the death penalty took center stage throughout Wednesday's session. Another bill makes changes to evaluations of whether the defendant in a death penalty case has an intellectual disability. That bill passed shortly before the firing squad bill failed.

Speaking on the intellectual disability bill, Rep. Robert Morris (R-Fort Wayne), said he was happy with the work done by author Rep. Garrett Bascom (R-Lawrenceburg) on the issue.

“I look forward to continued discussion with him to actually abolish the death penalty as a whole,” Morris said.

Lawmakers had added provisions to the bill around media representation at executions and a requirement that a licensed psychologist would need to be in attendance to provide mental health services for executioners with any issues related to their participation.

Representative Jim Lucas (R-Seymour) seemed frustrated that many lawmakers rose to voice their opposition, not just to the bill, but to the death penalty altogether.

“I respect and truly appreciate everyone’s passion and emotion on this issue. But the actual issue is not the death penalty,” he said. “That’s been decided, over 200 years ago.”

The bill failed by not having a constitutional majority, which means it could come up for a vote again before Monday’s deadline.

A Senate version of the bill is effectively dead.

## **WEATHER**

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