

News**World News Briefs****Republican Says He'll Push Health Deal, Trump Keeps Distance**

WASHINGTON (AP) — The authors of a bipartisan plan to calm health insurance markets said Wednesday they'll push the proposal forward, even as President Donald Trump's stance ricocheted from supportive to disdainful to arm's-length and the plan's fate teetered.

"If something can happen, that's fine," Trump told reporters at the White House. "But I won't do anything to enrich the insurance companies because right now the insurance companies are being enriched. They've

been enriched by Obamacare like nothing anybody has ever seen before."

The agreement by Sens. Lamar Alexander, R-Tenn., and Patty Murray, D-Wash., on a two-year extension of the federal subsidies to insurers that Trump has blocked gained an important new foe on Wednesday. The anti-abortion National Right to Life said it opposed the measure because it lacked language barring people from using their federally subsidized coverage to buy policies covering abortion, said Jennifer Popik, the group's top lobbyist.

Corporations to Keep Tax Break Lost by Millions of Americans

WASHINGTON (AP) — Millions of Americans

would lose a prized tax break under President Donald Trump's sweeping revamp of the tax code, but corporations would get to keep it.

The Republican proposal would eliminate the federal deduction for state and local taxes, a widely popular break used by some 44 million Americans, especially in high-tax, Democratic-leaning states like New York, New Jersey, California and Illinois.

But corporations, which pay billions in local property levies and state income taxes, wouldn't be affected.

Republicans are determined to overhaul the nation's tax system by year's end, offering a plan that lowers the corporate tax rate from 36 percent to 20 percent and reduces the number of tax brackets. Trump and the GOP cast the plan as a boon to the middle class.

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odist ministers in Mississippi who later followed their work to Georgia, Abrams' family struggled to fight off poverty, relying at times on government assistance."

As a student at Avondale High School, Abrams was hired as a typist for a congressional campaign in high school, where her tweaks to a campaign speech she was typing up were deemed so good she ended up being hired as a speechwriter at 17, The Guardian reported.

And, as she seeks to become the first female Black governor in history, Abrams has already accomplished a series of firsts including being the first person in her immediate family to buy a house and the first to become a lawyer. She also earned the distinction of being the youngest deputy city attorney in Atlanta's history.

When she ascended to the position of house minority leader, it was the first time that a person of color or a woman had held that job in more than 200 years, according to The Guardian.

Incidentally, her sister, Leslie Abrams, is the first Black woman to become a federal judge in Georgia.

"Georgia is a fast-changing state

with demographic parity," Abrams said. "But, I'm running to be the governor of all Georgians, because all Americans deserve leaders who care about them and who don't work only for the privileged, but for justice."

That's important, because "Poor doesn't care what color you are," Abrams said.

With vast experience in the public, private and nonprofit sector, Abrams said she's poised to lead her state. Abrams said that she has created several small businesses, published eight novels and, one of her latest ventures, was to make sure Black-owned small businesses had access to capital.

Her campaign is based, in part, on a vision that every Georgia resident deserves the freedom and opportunity to thrive, but Abrams said that too many people are being left behind or left out.

Abrams has also pledged to expand pre-kindergarten programs and make technical college education free.

Her vision for Georgia is one she said fosters prosperity where everyone has the opportunity to succeed, not just survive.

"We have the ability to build a stronger, brighter Georgia," Abrams said. "It is time for transformative leadership, powered by all of us."

OBITUARY: LaFarrest Cleophus Gay

December 23, 1952 - September 27, 2017

LaFarrest Cleophus Gay was born to Q.T. and Ella Mae Gay on December 23, 1952 in Tullahasse, Oklahoma. He was the 9th child born to Q.T. and Ella in a family of 13. LaFarrest attended Carter G. Woodson grade school in Tullahasse until 1965 when the family moved to Portland, Oregon. LaFarrest attended Benson High School where he played basketball. He had a mean jumper -- ask anyone. He graduated from Benson with honors and was heavily recruited to work for Xerox, where he stayed for a number of years.

LA met Diahanna Roach in 1969. In 1971 they had their first child DeMika Gay, and 14 years later they had their son, D'Wan Gay.

LA was raised by a mother who loved and served the Lord. The house motto was "As long as you live under my roof, attending church is mandatory." LA attended Pinkard Chapel C.M.E. Church in Oklahoma, where he sang in the church choir, which consisted of all his sisters and brothers. The family united with Allen



LaFarrest Cleophus Gay

Temple C.M.E. Church in Portland, Oregon. He later became a member of Bethel A.M.E. Church, Portland, Oregon, where he proudly served as head usher.


We all affectionately called him LA. He was a loveable and giving person, people gravitated toward him. LA had a protective spirit. He protected those he loved with his life. He once went to his daughters' school to defend her honor, how admirable.

LA started a new career later in life as an over the road truck driver, and bought his own truck. He drove for many years before he retired. LA was an avid fisherman, he could find spots to fish where there were none. He was also a pool shark, domino wizard


and an exceptional cook. LA lost his life doing what he loved-fishing.

LA leaves to celebrate his life: mother Ella Mae Gay, Portland, Or.; daughter DeMika Gay; son D'Wan Gay; grandson Ricardo Elie, and mother of his children, Diahanna Gay, all in Atlanta, GA. His sisters were Vivian Snoddy (Bill), Tulsa, Oklahoma; Gloria Buggs (Q.L. deceased), Portland, Oregon; Glenda Johnson (Mark), Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Beverly Sails, Portland, Oregon; Torsha McKinney (Leonard), Seattle, Washington; Marina Butler (Raymond), Tacoma, Washington; Sonja Freeman, Portland, Oregon; Wende Gay, Portland, Oregon; Latanya Jenkins, Portland, Oregon. His brothers were Calvin Gay (Shara, fiancé), Portland, Oregon; Nehoma Gay, Portland, Oregon; Lionel Gay, Portland, Oregon; L.C. Gay (Bev), Portland, Oregon. He is also survived by Lexoni Downing, who affectionately called him "dad," and a host of nieces and nephews.


A memorial service was held 11 a.m. Oct. 14, at Bethel AME, 5828 NE 8th.



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