

**Tax package would lower top tax rate for wealthy Americans**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congressional Republicans on Tuesday rushed toward a deal on a massive tax package that would reduce the top tax rate for wealthy Americans to 37 percent and slash the corporate rate to a level slightly higher than what businesses and conservatives wanted. In a flurry of last-minute changes that could profoundly affect the pocketbooks of millions of Americans, House and Senate negotiators agreed to expand a

deduction for state and local taxes to allow individuals to deduct income taxes as well as property taxes. The deduction is valuable to residents in high-tax states like New York, New Jersey and California. Negotiators also agreed to set the corporate income tax rate at 21 percent, said two congressional aides who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to publicly discuss private negotiations. Both the House bill and the Senate bill would have lowered the corporate rate from 35 percent to 20 percent. Business and conservative groups lobbied hard for the 20 percent corporate rate. Negotiators

agreed to bump it up to 21 percent to help offset revenue losses from other tax breaks, the aides said.

**Trump says female senator 'would do anything' for money**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Fending off the renewed focus on sexual harassment allegations against him, President Donald Trump lashed out at Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand on Tuesday, declaring the New York Democrat and frequent presidential critic had come to his office "begging" for campaign contributions and "would do

anything" to get them. A chorus of Democrats accused Trump of insinuations about Gillibrand that were unsavory at best. Nothing of the kind, retorted White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders. She said "there is no way that this is sexist at all," and she suggested the tweet could be considered sexually charged "only if your mind is in the gutter." Gillibrand, who had called for the president's resignation a day earlier because of allegations of sexual misconduct, called his attack a "sexist smear attempting to silence my voice." "I will not be silenced on this

issue," she said. "Neither will the women who stood up to the president yesterday," referring to those who have accused the president of sexual harassment. With nearly each week bringing new headlines about sexual misconduct forcing men from positions of power, the rising #MeToo movement has landed squarely at the front door of Trump's White House. A handful of Democratic senators have called for his resignation, nearly 60 lawmakers are urging a congressional probe into his behavior and some of the 16 women who have accused Trump of harassment have resurfaced their stories.



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- Renee Grace, Mid-Columbia Title Company
- Dora Reyna, Main Street Sinclair & Dino-mart
- Seth Whitmer, Columbia River Community Health Services
- Sarah Kimmel, Sam Boardman Elementary

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- Anna Browne, OSU Youth Extension
- Maria Richards, REB Enterprises (Boardman Hardware)
- David Rodgers, Portland General Electric, Coal-fired Plant
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