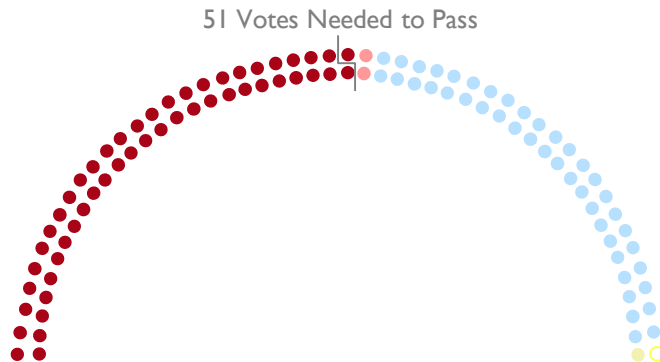


Senate GOP Votes to Repeal Most of ACA Using Reconciliation

Senate Vote: Restoring Americans' Healthcare Freedom Reconciliation Act of 2015 (H.R. 3762)



Votes by Party	Yea	Nay	Not Voting
Republicans	● 52	● 2	○ 0
Democrats	● 0	● 44	○ 0
Independents	● 0	● 1	○ 1
Total	52	47	1



Key Amendments

Three moderate Republicans – Senators Susan Collins (R-ME), Mark Kirk (R-IL), and Lisa Murkowski (R-AK) hoped to remove language stripping funding from Planned Parenthood, but the amendment failed. Senators Kirk and Collins subsequently voted against the overall bill, and were the only Republicans to do so.



Senate GOP leadership allowed amendments expanding the scope of the appeal, including an amendment to permanently end the so-called “Cadillac Tax,” to secure the votes of Senators Ted Cruz (R-TX), Mike Lee (R-UT), and Marco Rubio (R-FL), who were initially reluctant to pass what they considered an incomplete repeal

Analysis

- On Thursday, December 3, the Senate voted 52-47 to repeal most of the Affordable Care Act (ACA), also known as “Obamacare”
- Because the bill was passed under budget reconciliation rules, Senate Democrats were unable to filibuster the bill
- In order to secure the votes of conservative Republicans, GOP leadership allowed amendments that increased the scope of the repeal
- Although the bill was previously passed by the House, the addition of Senate amendments mean that the House will need to pass the bill again before the legislation is sent to the White House (which has promised to veto the legislation)