

House GOP Divided by Party Leadership's Budget Proposal

Key Aspects of House Budget Chairman Price's Budget Proposal



Topline Numbers Consistent with Budget Deal

House Budget Committee Chairman Tom Price (R-GA) unveiled a budget proposal that adheres to the discretionary spending numbers agreed to in the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2015, negotiated by President Obama (D) and House Speaker Paul Ryan (R-WI). Some conservatives are unhappy with the lack of further spending cuts, while others are hoping that additional military spending will be included



Separate Votes to Cut Mandatory Spending

Republicans leadership suggested that fiscal hawks' demands could be met by holding a separate vote to cut funding on mandatory programs such as Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, and SNAP (Food Stamp Program). Fiscal hawks are unhappy with the proposal and have suggested that they are unwilling to support higher numbers now in return for a promise to cut spending later.

Source: National Journal Research, 2016; Lauren French, "House Leadership Budget Panned by Conservatives," Politico, March 3, 2016; Russell Berman, "Can House Republicans Pass Their Budget?" The Atlantic, March 4, 2015.