

## Donald Trump at center of immigration debate

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In a speech to congressional Republicans at the Greenbrier resort in White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia, on Thursday, Trump recognized the party's leadership and then rified on his election.

A fight over funding last month led to a three-day government shutdown, resolved in part by a promise by Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell to hold a vote on a plan to extend protections for Dreamers - young immigrants brought to the country illegally when they were children.

And Democrats said they were very disturbed by the lack of pushback from Republicans over the White House decision not to impose new sanctions against Russian Federation despite Congress past year overwhelmingly approving the punishment with the support of all but a few members of the House and Senate.

Riley Walters, Asia research associate at the Heritage Foundation, said President Trump declared to continue his campaign of maximum pressure to deter the DPRK's use of nuclear weapons. Yet President Trump may have sketched a way toward an immigration compromise last week: Everyone gets something they like by accepting something they don't.

Why the shift? For one thing, the effects of the GOP tax plan are starting to kick in, and while the stock market (which roots against America as often as it roots for it) had a huge course correction on profit-taking last week, the other economic indices are soaring, including employment, bonuses, repatriation of capital, and infrastructure investment.

Sitting in front of doors that appeared to show the U.S. Capitol in the background, and an American flag and books behind her, she noted that Trump talked about medicine costs in his State of the Union speech Tuesday night, and that Democrats have introduced proposals to push the prices down. "We hope the president will turn over a new leaf when it comes to working with Democrats in Congress".

Many of these members of her so-called "Common Sense Caucus" have joined the immigration group, which Collins is continuing to host.

"If we win more, we don't have to compromise so much", he added.

In just four words, a president not known for his eloquence turned years of Democratic branding and messaging against them.

The conservative-leaning Cato Institute has called Trump's proposals "draconian restrictions on legal immigrants" that would exclude almost 500,000 legal immigrants annually, cutting their numbers by almost 50 percent. Democrats boasted more than 250,000 first-time donors online, a sign of enthusiasm among the party's core supporters. And Trump carried 10 of those

Democratic-race states in the 2016 election. "Either they come on board or we're going to have to work really hard to get" more Republicans elected.

House Speaker Paul Ryan said that while both sides were "making progress" on a budget agreement, a temporary spending bill was necessary to keep the lights on in Washington. March 5th is rapidly approaching and the Dems seem not to care about DACA.

On Thursday, Trump also urged voters to send more Republicans to Congress this year. In the meantime, Trump has pressured Democrats in Congress to support an immigration proposal they say is a non-starter. Senate Democrats have already expressed opposition to Trump's immigration blueprint, which essentially trades the legalization of 1.8 million Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals recipients for a cut in legal immigration, more authority for Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents, and a \$25 billion infusion for a wall on the southern border.

"The president's trying to take the focus off the dreamers and he's also trying to conflate murderers from gangs like MS-13 with young immigrants seeking asylum in this country".

Mr. Trump announced previous year that he was phasing out the Obama-era deportation amnesty that's protecting almost 700,000 illegal immigrant "Dreamers". We understand why parents would want to give their children the chance to live the American Dream and grow up in the land of opportunity. He's also promised to treat them "with heart". "Democrats are AWOL" on immigration, he told a GOP gathering. "We're going to solve the problem".