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## **Top Senators Say Judge's Ruling Won't Stall Talks on 'Dreamers'**

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Two senior senators said that immigration negotiations in Congress wouldn't be stalled by <u>an injunction temporarily barring the cancellation</u> of the Obama-era program that shielded hundreds of thousands of young undocumented immigrants from deportation.

Sen. John Cornyn of Texas, the No. 2 Senate Republican, said Wednesday that the Tuesday court ruling didn't lessen the urgency of reaching an immigration deal on Capitol Hill.

Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer (D., N.Y.) agreed. "The ruling last night in no way diminishes the urgency of resolving the DACA issue. On this we agree with the White House," he said on the Senate floor, referring to the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program. "The iron is hot. We should strike now."

President Donald Trump said in September <u>he was ending the DACA program</u>, which many Republicans had criticized as executive overreach by his predecessor, President Barack Obama. Mr. Trump said he hoped the move would spur Congress to take more action on immigration.

Late Tuesday, San Francisco-based U.S. District Judge William Alsup temporarily blocked the ending of the program, ruling that until the cases challenging Mr. Trump's move were resolved, the administration must consider renewal applications from the young immigrants known as Dreamers enrolled in the program when Mr. Trump announced its ending on Sept. 5.

Mr. Trump on Wednesday tweeted: "It just shows everyone how broken and unfair our Court System is when the opposing side in a case (such as DACA) always runs to the 9th Circuit and almost always wins before being reversed by higher courts."

Mr. Trump also reiterated on Wednesday that he wouldn't sign an immigration deal involving DACA that didn't include funding for a border wall: "It's got to include the wall," he said.

Trump Calls Immigration Bill 'Bill of Love'

President Donald Trump suggested Tuesday that an immigration deal could be reached in two phases: addressing young immigrants and border security and later making comprehensive changes. Photo: AP

Lawmakers and Mr. Trump agreed at a Tuesday White House meeting to focus their negotiations on four areas: new limits on family-based immigration, the diversity visa lottery that admits immigrants from underrepresented countries, the fate of the Dreamers, and border security.

On Wednesday, new clusters of lawmakers dove into the negotiations, raising questions over which group might produce the sought-after deal.

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In addition to a bipartisan Senate group that has been meeting for months, a quartet of House Republicans unveiled a new immigration bill and a group of the No. 2 leaders of both parties in both chambers began a new set of discussions.

Meanwhile, the business community is again urging lawmakers to pass a bill to allow some young immigrants a legal path to stay and work in the U.S.

Leaders of more than 100 corporations, including <u>International Business</u> <u>Machines</u>Corp., <u>General Motors</u> Co., <u>Intel</u> Corp. and <u>Facebook</u> Inc., signed on to the letter to congressional leaders, including House Speaker Paul Ryan (R., Wisc.), Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R., Ky.), House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (D., Calif.) and Mr. Schumer.

The companies said delaying a bill or failing to pass legislation "will cause a significant negative impact to businesses." They cited an estimate by economists with the Cato Institute that failing to act could cost the economy about \$215 billion.

California Attorney General Xavier Becerra on Wednesday praised the court ruling, but said it was time for Congress to act and create "a lasting solution that will leave no doubt that the Dreamers are Americans and they are here to stay."