

was considered on the Senate floor.

Over the past months, President <u>Barack Obama</u> and other Democratic leaders have ascribed the delay of the bill to Republican blocking tactics, saying it was simply a political ploy.

The bill will cut more taxes for small business and make available more loans. It includes \$55 billion in tax relief.

A similar bill passed the House in June. The President has promised to sign the measure if it reaches his desk.



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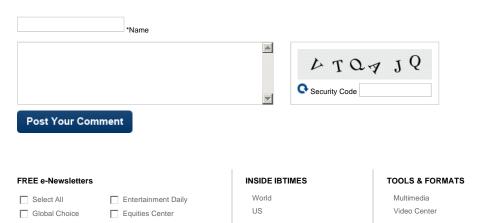
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