



# Senate likely to advance small-business jobs bill

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The U.S. Senate is likely to vote in favor of ending debate over a long-stalled small business jobs incentive bill on Tuesday, a step closer to passing it, after one Republican senator broke ranks with his party colleagues to support it.



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U.S. President Barack Obama speaks to residents and small business owners after taking questions in the yard of a residential house in Fairfax, Virginia September 13, 2010.

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Tuesday morning's vote will include a motion to end debate on an amendment proposed by Sen. Mike Johanns, R-NE. That would repeal the expansion of information reporting requirements for payments of \$600 or more to corporations, one part of the recently passed health-care reform bill. That particular measure had been expected to generate \$19 billion over 10 years. Voinovich said he would vote for the Small Business bill if the Johanns measure

A cloture vote is expected in the Senate this morning.

Retiring Sen. George Voinovich, R-OH, said Friday that the time for sending a message through opposition needed to end.

Voinovich said he would vote in favor of the bill, saying Republican efforts to stop passage of the bill should cease.

"We don't have time for messaging," he told the Washington Post on Friday. "We don't have time anymore. This country is really hurting."

The call for passing the bill comes after months of failed attempts by Senate Democrats to do so. Voinovich's support will likely ensure the 60 votes - 57 democrats, 2 independents and Voinovich - necessary to avoid a filibuster and move the bill forward.

"He's saying that in an election year, instead of talking about what we'll do literally next year, we need to do something right now," said John Samples, a policy analyst with the Cato Institute.

"Essentially Republicans have believed for some time that not doing stuff will be good for them electorally," Samples said.

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was considered on the Senate floor.

Over the past months, President [Barack Obama](#) 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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