

care can be summed up pretty simply: two steps forward, one step back. After reviving what seemed like a dead health care package, President Donald Trump's White House and House Republicans' efforts to try to pass a compromise package are once again on life support. Speaker Paul Ryan and House leaders decided to postpone a vote on the package to next week at the earliest, but it is unclear if they'll be able to find enough votes. Republicans can lose roughly 22 votes. There are 15 House Republicans who solidly oppose the measure and another 20 that are leaning against voting for it. **See *Rachael Bade and John Bresnahan*** <http://politi.co/2oSopFY>

IT'S ALSO IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER -- Whatever the House does with Obamacare is only an opening salvo. Senate Republicans haven't been engaged in the effort and they would make major changes to whatever the House passes.

THE NEW REALITY -- Here's a pretty stark dynamic that's emerged over the last few weeks: there is a big chunk of the House Republican Conference that simply does not want to repeal Obamacare. About 10 percent of the conference sees this effort as a political loser. People have gotten accustomed to the law and changing benefits is only going to hurt some Republicans in 2018, according to several lawmakers we spoke to. The failed repeal efforts now risk demoralizing the base. There is safe ground for the GOP: cutting taxes, which most every Republican agrees with.

******* A message from JPMorgan Chase & Co.:** "Creating greater economic opportunity must be a responsibility and imperative for all of us," writes Peter Scher, head of Corporate Responsibility at JPMorgan Chase. What are the key inputs for creating lasting impact in our communities? Learn more about driving inclusive economic growth in the JPMorgan Chase Corporate Responsibility Report <http://politi.co/2ouiWI5> *****

THE MOST INTERVIEW FRIENDLY PRESIDENT IN RECENT MEMORY -- DONALD TRUMP sat down with the Washington Post and Reuters for interviews yesterday as part of his first 100-day press tour.

REUTERS -- LOTS OF NEWS HERE -- "Exclusive: Trump says 'major, major' conflict with North Korea possible, but seeks diplomacy," by Stephen Adler, Steve Holland and Jeff Mason: **"In other highlights of the 42-minute interview,** Trump was cool to speaking again with Taiwan's president after an earlier telephone call with her angered China. He also said he wants South Korea to pay the cost of the U.S. THAAD anti-missile defense system, which he estimated at \$1 billion, and intends to

renegotiate or terminate a U.S. free trade pact with South Korea because of a deep trade deficit with Seoul. Asked when he would announce his intention to renegotiate the pact, Trump said: 'Very soon. I'm announcing it now.'

"Trump also said he was considering adding stops to Israel and Saudi Arabia to a Europe trip next month, emphasizing that he wanted to see an Israeli-Palestinian peace. He complained that Saudi Arabia was not paying its fair share for U.S. defense."

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-- WAPO: "'I was all set to terminate': Inside Trump's sudden shift on NAFTA," by Ashley Parker, Phil Rucker, Damian Paletta and Karen DeYoung: "President Trump was set to announce Saturday, on the 100th day of his presidency, that he was withdrawing from the North American Free Trade Agreement -- the sort of disruptive proclamation that would upend both global and domestic politics and signal to his base that he was keeping his campaign promise to terminate what he once called 'a total disaster' and 'one of the worst deals ever.'

"'I was all set to terminate,' Trump said in an Oval Office interview Thursday night . 'I looked forward to terminating. I was going to do it.' There was just one problem: Trump's team -- like on so many issues -- was deeply divided. As news of the president's plan reached Ottawa and Mexico City in the middle of the week and rattled the markets and Congress, Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross, Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue and others huddled in meetings with Trump, urging him not to sign a document triggering a U.S. withdrawal from NAFTA.

"Perdue even brought along a prop to the Oval Office : A map of the United States that illustrated the areas that would be hardest hit, particularly from agriculture and manufacturing losses, and highlighting that many of those states and counties were 'Trump country' communities that had voted for the president in November. 'It shows that I do have a very big farmer base, which is good,' Trump recalled. 'They like Trump, but I like them, and I'm going to help them.'" <http://wapo.st/2psfWj6>

-- BY THE NUMBERS -- "What Trump's Done -- or Undone -- for Business in 100 Days," by Bloomberg's Shannon Pettypiece and David Ingold:

<https://bloom.bg/2oSgNWW>

-- CHARLES KOCH in WaPo on Trump's 100 Days, "Trump's policies must not benefit only big businesses like mine": <http://wapo.st/2psmv53>