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The House Rules Committee has delayed a hearing scheduled for today on a bill reauthorizing the National Flood Insurance Program amid questions about whether the legislation had enough support to move forward this week.

A spokesman for House Majority Whip Steve Scalise (R-La.) declined to discuss how vote counting for the bill had gone but said "we are doing the work to have a good vote on this legislation."

Several Republicans from coastal districts have pushed back against the package since the House Financial Services Committee approved it this summer.

Scalise was once in the camp fighting the bill but last week resolved his issues in a deal with Financial Services Chairman Jeb Hensarling (R-Texas). They had hoped for a House vote on passage this week.

It was unclear how many of the other Republicans with concerns were coming around to support it. Financial Services ranking member Maxine Waters (D-Calif.) and Rep. Cedric Richmond (D-La.) are trying to rally opposition.

"It's not unusual for some members to answer 'undecided' to an initial whip check, and usually that means they have some questions about the legislation they want to talk over with the chairman or whip," Scalise spokesman Chris Bond said. "The whip and the chairman are having productive conversations with members as we work toward a floor vote, and members understand how critical it is to reauthorize this program."

**WHAT'S NEXT:** The National Flood Insurance Program is set to expire Dec. 8.

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