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**Thirteen Senators in a Room**

The House GOP health care bill is unofficially dead. After it passed, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell said the Senate was not going to vote on the House bill. They were writing their own bill and the House would either have to pass the Senate bill or go to conference committee. Later, news sources reported that the Senate had already been working for a month to write a bill.

McConnell has set up a 13-man working group on health care, which includes staunch conservatives Senators Mike Lee and Ted Cruz. Meanwhile, North Dakota Senator Mike Rounds suggests the Senate will spend at least two months working on a bill. So, don’t expect action soon, perhaps not until September, after their August recess.