House Republicans slash Medicaid and food stamps to give tax cuts to the rich



Washington, May 19 (RHC)-- In the U.S., the House Budget Committee passed a bill to give tax breaks to the rich while slashing funding for Medicaid, food stamps and subsidies for clean energy.

One estimate shows nearly 14 million people could lose health coverage under the plan. In an earlier vote, on Friday, a group of far-right Republicans rejected the bill because they sought even bigger cuts.

Democratic Senator Chris Murphy of Connecticut appeared on NBC's "Meet the Press" on Sunday. Sen. Murphy: "Well, what we're standing in the way of is the most massive transfer of wealth from the poor and the middle class to the rich in the history of the country. This budget bill is an absolute disaster. It is going to kick over 10 million people off of their healthcare — Medicaid covers about a quarter of all Americans — in order to pass along a new trillion-dollar tax cut for the richest 1%. Nobody in this country is asking for that."

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