

President Trump is done trusting Speaker of the House Paul Ryan

By **James Williams** - March 24, 2017



President Trump got burned trusting Speaker Ryan on healthcare

President Donald Trump trusted Speaker of the House Paul Ryan (R-Wisc.) when he told him that he could deliver a healthcare bill that would pass the House without problems.

President Trump got a bill that was total mess with opposition from both the Conservative Freedom Caucus as well as Centrists who come from the swing states that the president won by slim margins.

FILE – In this Saturday, Jan. 28, 2017 file photo, President Donald Trump speaks on the telephone with Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull in the Oval Office of the White House in Washington. In the background is a portrait of former President Andrew Jackson which Trump had installed in the first few days of his administration. Jon Meacham, who wrote a 2008 biography of Jackson titled "American Lion," said Trump has echoed Jackson's outsider message to rural America by pledging to be a voice for "forgotten men and women." But he says it's "not the cleanest analogy." (AP Photo/Alex Brandon, File)

After spending most of the week doing all he could save Ryan's plan last night President Trump had enough. The man who wrote *The Art of the Deal*, knows when to walk away from a bad one.

So, the White House told Congress they wanted a vote that make-or-break vote on health care legislation in the House, threatening to leave Obamacare in place and move on to other issues if Friday's vote fails.

The risky move, part gamble and part threat, was presented to GOP lawmakers behind closed doors Thursday night after a long and intense day that saw a planned vote on the health care bill scrapped as the legislation remained short of votes amid cascading negotiations among conservative lawmakers, moderates and others.

For seven years now, House Republicans and their wealthy donors have been desperate to repeal the Affordable Care Act, which established the principle of universal coverage, and came with new taxes that hit the country's top earners. To the likes of Ryan and Tom Price, who is now President Trump's Secretary of Health and Human Services, the A.C.A. amounted to a new entitlement program, one that, over the years, was likely to get bigger and bigger.

After President Trump won the election, there were still some reasons to doubt whether Ryan and Price would get what they wanted—or, at least, whether they would get it this quickly. To be sure, Trump promised to repeal the A.C.A. during his campaign. But he also promised to renegotiate trade agreements, rebuild America's decaying infrastructure, construct a wall across the southern border, crack down on Wall Street, and reduce taxes for corporations and the middle class.

This was always Ryan's healthcare bill and now it totally belongs to him as President Trump is bailing on a bill that does not meet his campaign promises. Speaker Ryan can't count on the support from President Trump because he betrayed his trust.

James Williams

Jim Williams is the Washington Bureau Chief, Digital Director as well as the Director of Special Projects for Genesis Communications. He is starting his third year as part of the team. This is Williams 40th year in the media business, and in that time he has served in a number of capacities. He is a seven time Emmy Award winning television producer, director, writer and executive. He has developed four regional sports networks, directed over 2,000 live sporting events including basketball, football, baseball hockey, soccer and even polo to name a few sports. Major events include three Olympic Games, two World Cups, two World Series, six NBA Playoffs, four Stanley Cup Playoffs, four NCAA Men's National Basketball Championship Tournaments (March Madness), two Super Bowl and over a dozen college bowl games. On the entertainment side Williams was involved with Berman Concerts and directed over 500 concerts for Showtime, Pay Per View and MTV Networks.

