



A Budget Too Far

The Senate Democrat Budget Is Toxic Even To Its Own Members

The Senate Democrat Budget, As Introduced By Sen. Patty Murray (D-WA), Will Seek To Raise \$1 Trillion In New Taxes Over The Next Decade. “Sen. Patty Murray’s new budget plan will raise tax revenues by nearly \$1 trillion while cutting spending by the same amount over the next decade, according to people familiar with the proposal.” (Manu Raju, “Patty Murray Budget: \$1 Trillion In New Revenue,” [Politico](#), 3/12/13)

The Senate Democrats’ Fiscal Blueprint “Would Never Bring The Budget Into Balance.” “Senate Democrats are drafting a federal budget blueprint that would raise nearly \$1 trillion in new taxes over the next decade and slice roughly \$1 trillion more from projected spending, according to Democratic aides familiar with the document. But the framework would never bring the budget into balance, potentially putting Democrats on the defensive as Washington enters a new phase in the ongoing battle over the swollen national debt.” (Lori Montgomery, “Senate Democrats Prepare To Roll Out Budget Blueprint,” [The Washington Post](#), 3/11/13)

SEN. MURRAY’S BUDGET IS SO TOXIC THAT THE DSCC WILL NOT ADVISE DEMOCRATS UP FOR RE-ELECTION IN 2014 ON WHETHER TO EMBRACE IT

The Democrat Senatorial Campaign Committee “Will Not Advise Vulnerable Incumbents How To Vote On The Senate Democrats’ Upcoming Budget Proposal.” “The executive director of the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee said Monday that he will not advise vulnerable incumbents how to vote on the Senate Democrats’ upcoming budget proposal, saying the politically consequential decisions will be left to individual members. ‘They’ll weigh the pros and cons and make that determination on their own,’ Guy Cecil, the committee’s top staffer, told reporters on a conference call on Monday. He added that he wouldn’t ‘presume to speak for individual members in their race.’” (Alex Roarty, “Vulnerable Senate Dems On The Own On Budget Vote,” [National Journal’s Hotline On Call](#), 3/11/13)

- **The Decision To Not Advise Democrats Vulnerable In 2014 “Amounts To A Tacit Admission That The Senate Democrats’ Spending Plan, Which Is Expected To Call For Higher Taxes On The Rich And Increased Spending On Transportation Infrastructure, Carries Its Own Risk.”** “But Cecil’s comment amounts to a tacit admission that the Senate Democrats’ spending plan, which is expected to call for higher taxes on the rich and increased spending on transportation infrastructure, carries its own risk, particularly for a sextet of red state incumbents up for reelection next year.” (Alex Roarty, “Vulnerable Senate Dems On The Own On Budget Vote,” [National Journal’s Hotline On Call](#), 3/11/13)

The Tax Hike “Could Present A Problem For A Handful Of Red-State Democrats Up For Reelection.”

“But the tax figure could present a problem for a handful of red-state Democrats up for reelection who Republicans will undoubtedly say are supporting a \$1 trillion tax hike if they back the plan.” (Manu Raju, “Patty Murray Budget: \$1 Trillion In New Revenue,” [Politico](#), 3/12/13)

A Senate Democrat Budget That Has More In Tax Increases Than Spending “Could Make It Harder For Moderate Democrats To Swallow.”

“But if Murray goes that route, the plan’s call for tax increases could be greater than its call for new spending cuts, which could make it harder for moderate Democrats to swallow.” (Manu Raju, “Patty Murray Tries To Unite Dems On Budget Plan,” [Politico](#), 3/4/13)

- **The Group Of Democrats Vulnerable In 2014 Includes Sens. Max Baucus (MT), Mark Begich (AK), Kay Hagan (N.C.), Tim Johnson (SD), Mary Landrieu (LA) and Mark Pryor (AR).** “Should Murray get her budget through committee, more stumbling blocks await on the floor. Democratic senators from red states who face reelection battles next year will have to be courted. This group includes Sens. Max Baucus (Mont.), Mark Begich (Alaska), Kay Hagan (N.C.), Tim Johnson (S.D.), Mary Landrieu (La.) and Mark Pryor (Ark.)” (Editorial, “Player Of The Week: Sen. Patty Murray (D-Wash.),” [The Hill](#), 3/11/13)
- **Sen. Mark Pryor (D-AR): “We Have To Do Tax Reform. ... We Have To Cut Our Discretionary Spending. ... We Have To Do Entitlement Reform.”** “Added Arkansas Sen. Mark Pryor, an at-risk Democrat in 2014: ‘We have to do tax reform. ... We have to cut our discretionary spending. ... We have to do entitlement reform.’” (Manu Raju, “Patty Murray Tries To Unite Dems On Budget Plan,” [Politico](#), 3/4/13)
- **Sen. Mark Begich (D-AK): “I Am Looking Very Carefully At Spending And I Want To See It Reduced.”** “Sen. Mark Begich (D-Alaska), another facing an election in 2014, said he has ‘made it very clear to the leadership that I am looking very carefully at spending and I want to see it reduced.’” (Erik Wasson and Bernie Becker, “Senate Dems Strain To Get Budget Over Finish Line By Easter Recess,” [The Hill’s On The Money](#), 3/11/13)
- **Sen. Claire McCaskill (D-MO): “I Know When I Speak For A Number Of Moderates In Our Caucus That We Are Very Aware That We Have A Responsibility To Continue To Shrink The Size And Scope Of Our Government.”** “‘I know when I speak for a number of moderates in our caucus that we are very aware that we have a responsibility to continue to shrink the size and scope of our government,’ Sen. Claire McCaskill (D-Mo.) said when asked about the budget plan.” (Manu Raju, “Patty Murray Tries To Unite Dems On Budget Plan,” [Politico](#), 3/4/13)