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# These Healthcare Protests Outside Mitch McConnell's Office Are Getting Intense

The proposed bill dropped this morning.



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Senate Republicans revealed their Double Secret Healthcare Plan today. So far, things are going swimmingly. Majority Leader Mitch McConnell engineered the bill with a [small group of all-male colleagues in complete secrecy](#), mostly because he knew no one would like the bill. (One Republican staffer [offered this impressively cynical rationale](#) for keeping all details under lock and key: "We're not stupid.") That's because, if the bill at all resembled the House Republican plan, it would [save health coverage for the less advantaged to finance tax cuts](#) for the wealthiest Americans. Eventually, though, McConnell would have to let the plan out of its cage.



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Huge protest inside and outside of Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell's office happening right now.

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4,670
8,311



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The protesters, many of them disabled and fearing their coverage was at risk, planted themselves in McConnell's office and in the hallway outside, chanting "No cuts to Medicaid!" Predictably,

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Protesters chanting "no cuts to Medicaid" outside McConnell's office. Capitol Police blocked the hallway & protesters are being removed

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Apparently, things turned ugly fast:



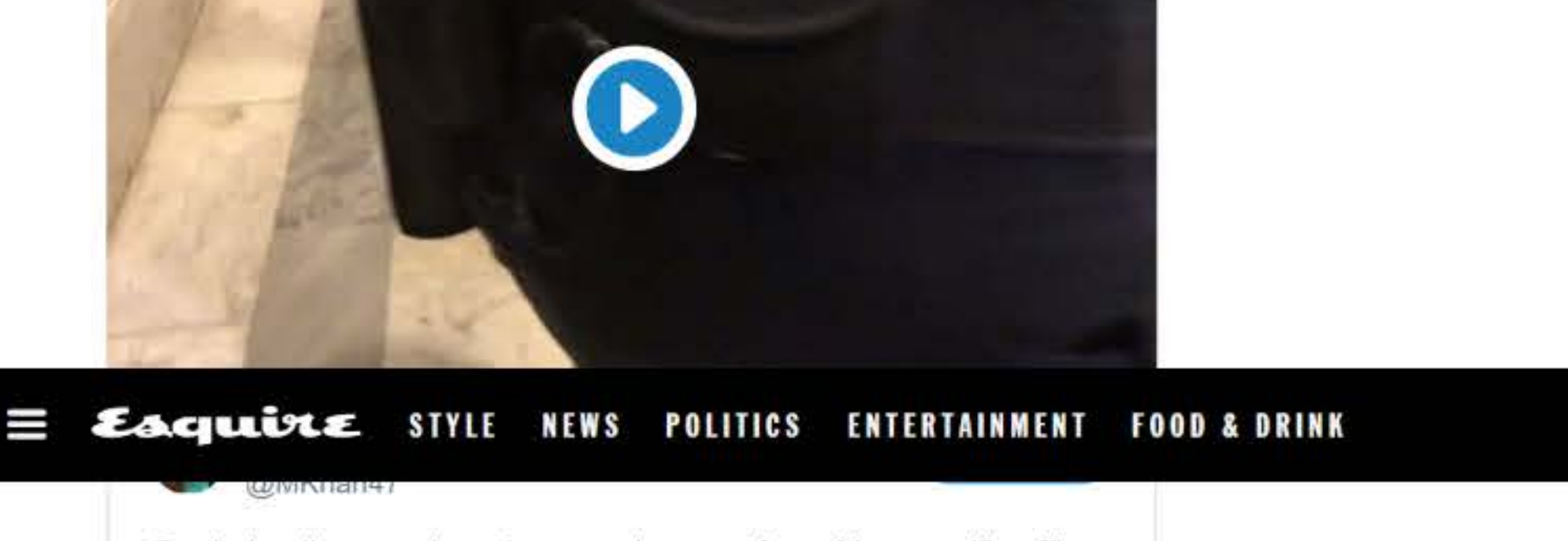
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Blood on the floor outside of Leader McConnell's office as protestors are physically being removed.

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1,792



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Capitol police are dragging people away from McConnell's office.

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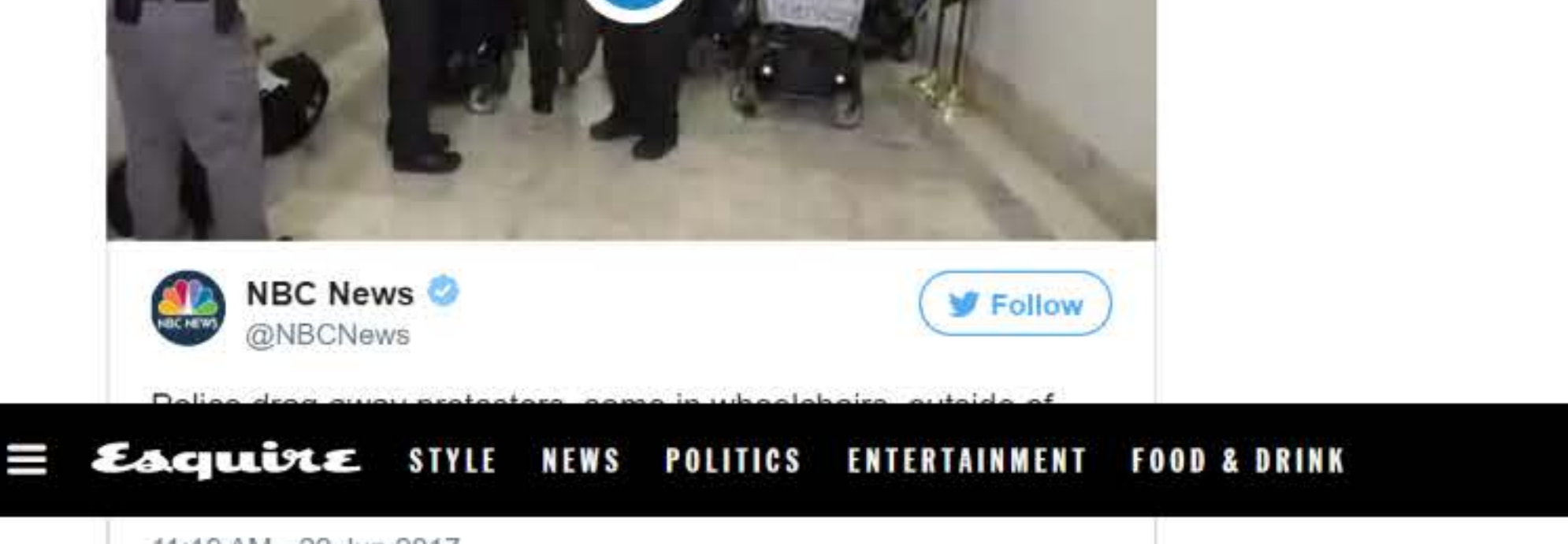
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Office on Capitol Hill after the release of the #SenateGOP Healthcare Bill.

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2,792
2,146



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9,007

Is this what democracy looks like? A concerned republic wants to know.

Meanwhile, Democrats have also started to weigh in:

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I read the bill. It's worse than the House bill.

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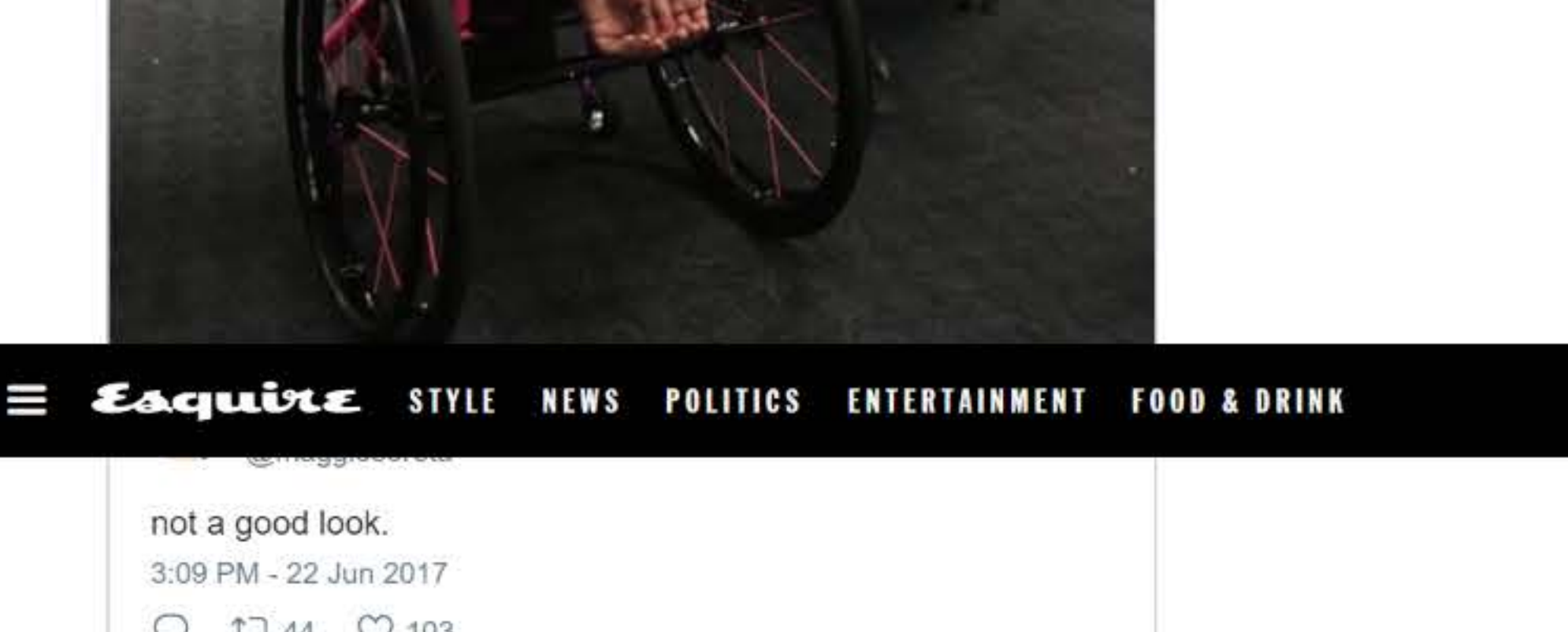
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So that's why they were hiding: the Senate bill cuts Medicaid by more than House and eliminates Planned Parenthood funding. #TrumpCare

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not a good look.

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But as [The Washington Post](#) reports, Paul Ryan helpfully assures us the Senate bill is a lot like the House bill—which, you might remember, [no one much likes](#):

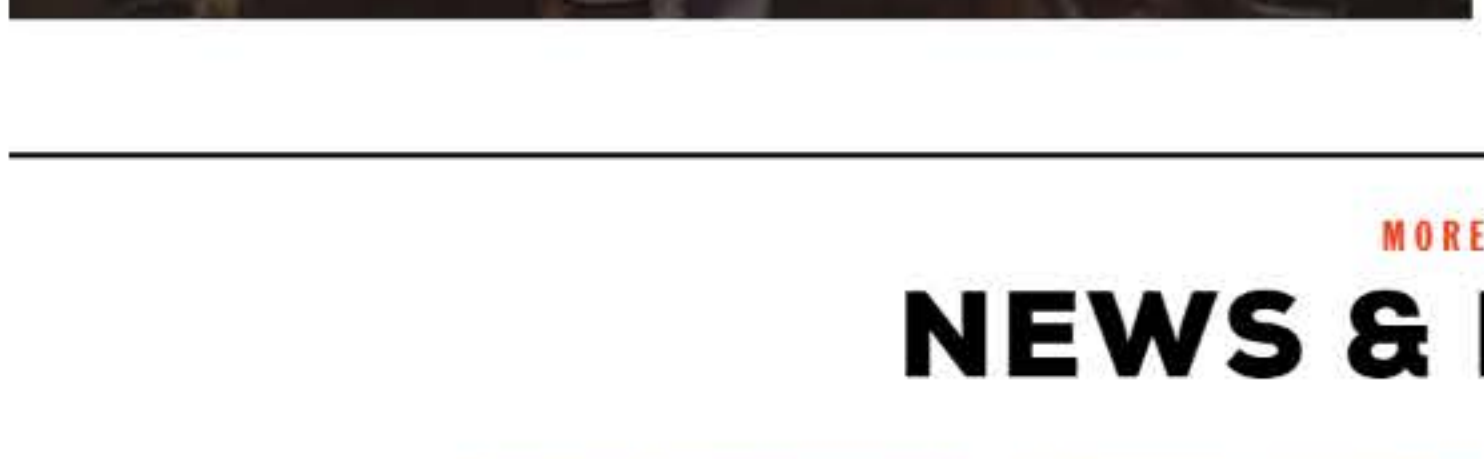
**Ryan said the revised bill "tracks in many ways along the lines of the House bill – I think that's very good." But he declined to say whether it was a bill the House could ultimately support. "They have a very lengthy process ahead of them," he said of the Senate.**

Oh, good.

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