





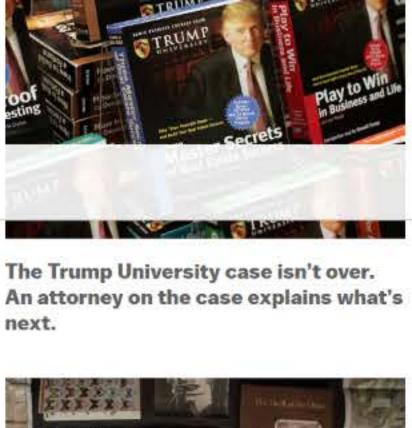
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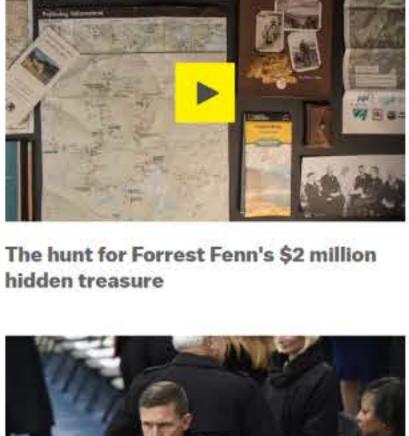
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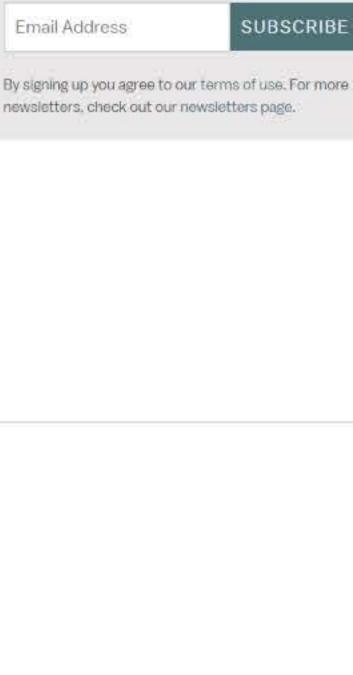












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Capitol Police remove a woman from a protest in front of Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell's office | Photo by Mark

About 50 disabled people, many in wheelchairs, were arrested at Senate Majority Leader

bill, according to a spokesperson with a disability rights group.

Mitch McConnell's office in the Capitol on Thursday for protesting Republicans' health care

The members of ADAPT, a disability rights group, are now being held by Capitol Police after

Video captured by Mic's Will Drabold and other reporters shows protesters screaming, "No

The Senate's proposed health care bill not only rolls back the Medicaid expansion in place

under Obamacare but also makes deep cuts to the original program - all while enacting

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cuts to Medicaid!" as they were dragged out by Capitol Police. Capitol Police did not

This man is blind. pic.twitter.com/NpJwJveaNU

staging a protest to decry the Medicaid overhaul proposed in the bill made public by

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McConnell on Thursday.

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immediately confirm a report of the number of arrests.

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More screaming "no cuts to Medicaid!"

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"The government wants to kill me," this protester said as she

The demonstration is just one part of the left's game plan to try to sink the health bill by

David M. Perry, a freelance journalist who has covered disability issues and activism, said

Thursday's demonstration is just the tip of iceberg in terms of the activism to expect from

people with disabilities. "These are issues of life and death. Freedom or incarceration. And

shockingly low approval ratings given enough time and media attention, but worry that

"Activists are doing everything they can possibly think of to show how scared and concerned

Eric Von Schmetterling, 65, of Philadelphia, came to Washington with ADAPT but did not get

"Trump doesn't know our rights or care," Von Schmetterling said. "But when you're disabled,

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arrested. He said members of the organization came from as far away as New York, Texas,

McConnell's condensed schedule will prevent them from doing so. Republicans are

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bringing as much possible attention to it as they can.

disabilities advocates are rising to the challenge" he said

reportedly seeking a vote on the bill before their July 4 recess.

your medical care is important, and you have to fight for it."

they are," said Claire McAndrew, campaign director with Families USA.

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and Colorado to join the demonstration.

Additional reporting from Liz Plank.

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