

GOP Hypocrisy Watch: That Was Fast

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The new Congress hasn't even been sworn in yet, and already Republicans are going back on one of their signature promises: Guaranteeing that all bills are paid for with off-setting cuts in spending. You will recall that the non-partisan Congressional Budget Office concluded that the health care law passed last year will knock \$143 billion of the deficit by 2019. In their rush to pass a bill that repeals the health care law, [House Republicans now say](#) [1]they will suspend the budgetary requirement that they find the money to offset the \$143 billion.

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You will also recall that Republicans in the Senate objected to extending unemployment benefits because those benefits were not off-set. They caved when they got tax cuts for zillionaires.

So, budgetary vigilance is called for, except when the GOP wants something. If this ain't hypocrisy, I don't know what is.

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