GOP Vacation Playlist As They Tune Out Responsibilities During Two-Week Recess



In response to MAGA Mike and House GOP leadership's Miami vacation, **DNC Rapid Response Director Alex Floyd released the following statement:**

"Instead of actually doing his job, MAGA Mike Johnson was too busy moonlighting as Mr. 305 this past weekend after failing to secure the border or provide critical aid for our allies. As part of their two-week vacation, Johnson and House Republican leadership jetted off to Miami for a retreat and fundraiser at luxury waterfront hotels after leaving Washington without a single accomplishment. Since the House GOP is going to tune out their responsibilities, we hope this playlist keeps them entertained — and will remind them of better times when they all lose their majority in November."

Since MAGA Mike and House Republicans want to tune out work, we made them a <u>vacat</u> <u>ion playlist</u> for their two-week recess.



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Instead of working to secure the border and support our allies, House Republican leadership spent the weekend... at a "luxury waterside" hotel?

<u>Punchbowl News</u>: "The House Republican leadership has been holed up at the luxury waterside Mandarin Oriental in Miami for its annual Elected Leadership Committee retreat. This session followed an NRCC donor event at the Ritz-Carlton in Key Biscayne, Fla., over the weekend."

According to Republicans themselves, it doesn't even sound like the retreat was helpful.

<u>Punchbowl News</u> : "General takeaway: To a person, nearly every attendee we spoke to — and we spoke to a lot of them — said that **Johnson didn't present a vision, but** rather lectured his colleagues. One source compared his performance to a political science professor."

The House GOP is wasting time getting lectured in Miami on a two-week recess instead of working on border security or aiding our allies.

<u>The Hill</u>: "House GOP leadership canceled votes for Friday, and the House will return to Washington on Feb. 28 after the President's Day recess. Johnson on Friday issued a statement saying Putin was 'likely directly responsible' for Navalny's death, but he did not give any indication the incident had immediately changed his calculus on bringing Ukraine aid to the floor for a vote. ... Now, the House GOP's inaction on Ukraine coincides with comments from Trump that he would not protect NATO allies from a Russian attack if they had not contributed enough money toward defense spending."

Punchbowl News: "This is the most chaotic, inefficient and ineffective majority we'veseen in decades covering Congress. It started this way under former Speaker KevinMcCarthy and has gotten worse under Johnson.And things aren'tgoing to get easier. The House is leaving town today by 2:30 p.m. for the 13-day PresidentsDay recess. When members return on Feb. 28, there will be only three days to fund a hugeswath of the federal government or face a partial shutdown. There's another full shutdown

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deadline a week later. ... By Wednesday afternoon, with Rules in a recess, Johnson pulled the plug and the leadership announced that they were cutting the week short."

And House Republicans decided to go after Secretary of Homeland Security Mayorkas with a silly impeachment sham instead of supporting bipartisan border security legislation.

<u>HuffPost</u> : "House GOP Impeaches DHS Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas — Just To Help Trump"

<u>Politico</u> : "As Republicans accuse Mayorkas of grossly mishandling the border, **Johnson is** actively refusing to consider the Senate's bipartisan deal to ramp up border security."

<u>CNN</u>: "The border compromise would represent a dramatic change of immigration law on lines many Republicans have long supported. ... The Mayorkas impeachment effort ... will have zero practical impact on the crisis at the southern border."

New York Times : "Republicans Against Border Enforcement"

<u>Rolling Stone</u> : "Border Patrol Supports 'Strong' Immigration Deal. Republicans Don't Care"

<u>CNN</u>: "Trump, who is hoping to make immigration a key plank of his presidential campaign, has suggested on Truth Social that approving additional resources for the border would make Republicans 'look bad."

<u>Vox</u>: "Trump made this clear when he reportedly urged Republicans in Congress to turn against the bipartisan Senate border security bill scheduled for a vote Wednesday so that he could **keep the issue alive through the presidential election.** His supporters have largely fallen in line."

Trump : "I think [Republicans] are making a terrible mistake if they vote for the bill."

Trump : "Please blame it on me."

Johnson might be out of office, but his hypocrisy never takes a break — he used to rail against "single-party impeachment" and didn't support bipartisan border security legislation despite calling it a "job for Congress."

<u>Speaker Mike Johnson</u> : "The founders of this country warned us against a single-party impeachment because they feared that it would bitterly and perhaps irreparably divide our nation."

Johnson : "I hope and pray that future congresses can and will exercise greater restraint."

<u>Johnson</u> : "Our immigration system is broken. Reforming that system is a job for Congress."

<u>Johnson</u> : "The crisis at our southern border has deteriorated to such an extent that **significan t action can wait no longer.**"

Johnson : "We must insist — must insist — that the border be the top priority."

Johnson : "I do think it's past time to secure the border."

Johnson : "I have said that very clearly from day one, we have to solve the [border] problem."