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LEGISLATIVE ACTION ALERT

Senate rejects proposal to repeal and replace Obamacare

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Washington (CNN) Senate Republicans voted Tuesday afternoon to advance to floor debate on their efforts to re-write health care policy, with Vice President Mike Pence breaking the tie.

But hours later, the Senate decisively rejected a Republican proposal to repeal-and-replace Obamacare, a sign of the chaos expected to envelop Capitol Hill as GOP leaders work to find a plan their conference can agree to. Republicans needed 60 votes to keep the amendment alive. It died on a 43 to 57 vote.

See complete article at: <http://www.cnn.com/2017/07/25/politics/senate-health-care-vote/index.html>

THE POINT

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Former Speaker of the House John Boehner doesn't think Republicans stand a chance of passing health care

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"Here we are, seven months into this year, and yet they've not passed this bill," Boehner told a private audience in Las Vegas last week, [according to video footage obtained by The Washington Post](#). "Now, they're never — they're not going to repeal and replace Obamacare. It's been around too long. And the American people have gotten accustomed to it. Governors have gotten accustomed to this Medicaid expansion, and so trying to pull it back is really not going to work." CNN has not independently confirmed the veracity of the video.

This isn't the first time that the former speaker of the House has expressed his deep skepticism about his former

colleagues' chances of making good on their seven-plus-year promise to repeal and replace Obamacare.

At a health care conference back in February, [Boehner said](#) that "in the 25 years that I served in the United States Congress, Republicans never, ever one time agreed on what a healthcare proposal should look like. Not once." He added: "All this happy talk that went on in November and December and January about repeal, repeal, repeal -- yeah we'll do replace, replace -- I started laughing because if you pass repeal without replace, first, anything that happens is your fault. You broke it."

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