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President Trump on the evening of March 18 signed the first two phases of the House's Coronavirus economic response package. Preliminary legislative text of the Senate's "much bolder," phase three measure, is expected to be unveiled any day.

Wolters Kluwer's Special Report Coronavirus Tax Relief Briefing can be located [here](#).

Phase Three Underway

"That legislation was hardly perfect. It imposes new costs and uncertainty on small businesses at precisely the most challenging moment for small businesses in living memory," Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., said from the Senate floor on March 19. "So the Senate is even more determined that our legislation cannot leave small business behind."

The phase three measure the Senate is currently finalizing will consist of four key components, according to McConnell. The Leader outlined the yet unveiled legislation as follows:

- New federally-guaranteed loans for small businesses,
- Direct financial help/emergency tax relief,
- Targeted lending to industries of national importance, and
- Health resources for those working on the front lines of combating Covid-19.

"The small business relief will help. And so will a number of additional tax relief measures, which will be designed to help employers maintain cash flow and keep making payroll," McConnell said.

Additionally, McConnell highlighted Republicans' focus of putting "cash in the hands of the American people... from the middle class on down."

To that end, Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin reportedly said on March 19 that the forthcoming economic stimulus package would deliver \$1,000 to every U.S. adult and \$500 for every child. Further a second round of checks in the same amount would go out to individuals six weeks later, Mnuchin added.

"Americans need cash now and the president wants to get cash now. And I mean now, in the next two weeks," Mnuchin said this week at the White House.

Meanwhile, Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., continued discussions with Senate Republicans and the Trump administration on March 19. It remains unclear how quickly Democrats and Republicans will reach consensus on the phase three measure.

"We don't want bailouts unless they are used for workers, unless the industries keep all their employees, unless they don't cut salaries of their employees, and unless they are not allowed to buy back their own stocks or raise corporate salaries," Schumer said in a March 19 tweet.

At press time on March 19, any outlines or legislative text of the phase three measure had not yet been released. However, it is expected on Capitol Hill to be unveiled any day.

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