



Bridget Casey, 40, (left), mother of Nathan Casey, 16, (second left), Marion Casey, 14, (far right) and Bridget's father-in-law, Craig Casey, stand outside her damaged home after a tornado swept through the area in Woodridge, Ill., Monday, June 21, 2021. (AP)

'Passing legislation not made-for-TV movie'

Biden, Congress face summer grind

WASHINGTON, June 21, (AP) — Until recently, the act of governing seemed to happen at the speed of presidential tweets. But now President Joe Biden is settling in for what appears will be a long, summer slog of legislating.

Congress is hunkered down, the House and Senate grinding through a monthslong stretch, lawmakers trying to draft Biden's big infrastructure ideas into bills that could actually be signed into law. Perhaps not since the drafting of the Affordable Care Act more than a decade ago has Washington tried a legislative lift as heavy.

It's going to take a while. "Passing legislation is not a made-for-TV movie," said Phil Schilliro, a former legislative affairs director at the Obama White House and veteran of congressional battles, including over the health care law.

Biden appears comfortable in this space, embarked on an agenda in Congress that's rooted in his top legislative priority — the \$4 trillion "build back better" investments now being shaped as his American Jobs and American Families plans.

To land the bills on his desk, the president is relying on an old-school legislative process that can feel out of step with today's fast-moving political cycles and hopes for quick payoffs. Democrats are anxious it is taking too long and he is wasting precious time negotiating with Republicans, but Biden seems to like the laborious art of legislating.

On Monday, Biden is expected to launch another week of engagement with members of both parties, and the White House is likely at some point to hear from a bipartisan group of senators working on a scaled-back \$1 trillion plan as an alternative.

At the same time, the administration is pushing ahead with the president's own, more sweeping proposals being developed in the House and Senate budget committees, tallying as much as \$6 trillion, under a process that could enable Democrats to pass it on their own. Initial votes are being eyed for late July.

"This is how negotiations work," White House

deputy press secretary Andrew Bates said during last week's twists and turns of the infrastructure negotiations.

"We continue to work closely with Democrats of all views — as well as Republicans — on the path forward. There are many possible avenues to getting this done, and we are optimistic about our chances," Bates said.

During his administration, President Donald Trump had the full sweep of Republican control of the House and Senate for the first two years of his tenure, but the limits of legislating quickly became clear.

Policy

Trump tended to govern by tweet, rather than the more traditional legislative process, bursting out with policy ideas and official administrative positions often at odds with his party in Congress.

The Trump-era results were mixed, and Republicans were unable to clinch their top legislative priority, repealing and replacing the Affordable Care Act. But they went on to secure a sizable achievement when Trump signed the GOP tax cuts into law at the end of 2017.

Sen. Rob Portman, R-Ohio, who is a leader of today's bipartisan negotiations, said Sunday on NBC's "Meet the Press" that Trump, too, proposed an infrastructure package. If Biden sticks with the bipartisan talks he could not only fulfill a campaign promise but "keep his pledge of doing things across the aisle and getting something done," Portman said.

"Everybody wants to do infrastructure," he said.

Even as Biden reaches for a bipartisan deal, skeptical Democrats are wary of a repeat of 2009, when Barack Obama was president and they spent months negotiating the details of the Affordable Care Act with Republicans. Eventually Democrats passed the package that became known as "Obamacare" on their own.

Lawmakers also have been energized by the speed at which Congress was able to approve COVID-19 relief — the massive CARES Act at the

start of the pandemic in 2020 and more recently Biden's American Rescue Plan in February. They are eager for swift action on these next proposals.

The Senate has set a procedural vote Tuesday on the For the People Act, a significant rewrite of voting and election law that the White House has called a "cause" for the president. Democrats are working on changes that could win moderate Democrat Joe Manchin's support, but they'd still need 60 votes to advance the bill.

"I wouldn't say we expect there to be 10 magical votes to appear from the Republicans in the Senate, they've been pretty clear that they don't want to make it easier to vote, they don't want to make it more accessible to vote," White House press secretary Jen Psaki told "CBS This Morning" on Monday. "So this is just a first step, we'll see where it goes. We'll see what happens over the next couple of days."

Biden's strategy this time is a two-part approach. He is trying to secure a bipartisan deal on roads, bridges and broadband — the more traditional types of infrastructure — while also pursuing the broader Democratic priorities package.

The budget committees are preparing some \$6 trillion in spending on what the White House calls the human infrastructure of Americans' lives with child care centers, community colleges and elder care in Biden's plans, adding in Democrats' other long-running ideas. Among them, expanding Medicare for seniors with vision, hearing and dental services, and lowering the eligibility age to 60.

Regardless of whether Biden succeeds or fails in the on-again-off-again talks with Republicans, Democrats will press on with their own massive package, the president at least having showed he tried.

"There are two kinds of negotiation," said Democrat Barney Frank, the former congressman and committee chairman from Massachusetts who was central to many Obama-era legislative battles. "One that will be successful and give you a good bill," he said, and the other that will be unsuccessful, but will at least "take away any stigma of being partisan."

Houses damaged, 5 injured

Tornado sweeps through Chicago

CHICAGO, June 21, (AP) — A radar-confirmed tornado swept through communities in heavily populated suburban Chicago, damaging more than 100 homes, toppling trees, knocking out power and causing multiple injuries, officials said.

At least five people, including a woman who was listed in critical condition, were hospitalized in Naperville, where 16 homes were left "uninhabitable" and dozens of other homes were damaged when a reported tornado touched down after 11 p.m. Sunday, said city spokeswoman Linda LaCloche.

More than 120 other reports of property damage had been received by 5 a.m. Monday in the city about 25 miles (40 kilometers) west of Chicago and those were expected to grow as residents surveyed the storm damage, she said. About 450 power outages were reported.

"We're lucky that it wasn't worse," LaCloche said Monday morning. "We have a lot of utility poles and electrical wires down, and tree damage."

Video showed several large trees downed and damage to homes and vehicles in the path of the storm. Some gas leaks were reported in Naperville, and crews went door to door shutting off lines, she said.

Officials in the nearby village of

Woodridge said a tornado touched down late Sunday and a damage assessment was underway.

There were no reports of significant injuries in the community, but people were urged to avoid the area due to downed power lines and trees.

The storm destroyed the second floor of Bridget Casey's Woodridge home. She sat in a lawn chair in the driveway before sunrise Monday. Her son, Nate Casey, 16, said he was watching TV when the storm swept through and he raced to help his mother get his three younger siblings to the basement.

"I just heard a loud crash and I'm thinking, 'Oh, what are my brothers up to?' I go look and I see the sky, and then I hear my brothers screaming from the room," he told the Chicago Sun-Times.

Matt Friedlein, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Romeoville, Illinois, said a team from the weather service would be surveying storm damage Monday to determine the reported tornado's strength and its path.

He said the same storm is believed to have rolled through Naperville, Woodridge and Darien, and may have also caused damage in Burr Ridge, about 20 miles (32 kilometers) southwest of Chicago.

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KAICO (AL SHAYA & AL SAGAR) SIGNED A BUSINESS PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT WITH PORTARAGE ROADSIDE ASSISTANCE



Kuwait Automotive Imports Co.W.L.L. (Alshaya & Alsagar) exclusive authorized distributors of Michelin Tyres & Mobil lubes in Kuwait for over 71 years, recently signed a business partnership agreement with Portarage Roadside assistance. The top two prominent automotive solution providers sharing equal vision & motive took this initiative to serve customers of Kuwait 24X7 with superior Door to Door services, by offering premium Michelin tyres & Mobil oil.

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Mr.Yousef Al-Shaya CEO of KAICO Expressed during the meet "We are very positive

about our partnership with Portarage roadside assistance, we look ahead to achieve great success and business growth opportunities from this partnership"

Mr. Ashish Tandon General Manager of KAICO AlShaya AlSagar added "We are glad to tie-up with Portarage Roadside assistance. He also stated that, this collaboration allows us to reach customers 24X7 by providing quality products & services also by ensuring the safety, comfort & convenience of customers"

Mr Sadiq Ali, Divisional Manager of Tyres and Lubricants at KAICO AlShaya AlSagar said "It's a great initiative taken to expand tyres & oil business through Portarage. We have executed through a clearly defined vision and mission and we look forward for a potential outcome.

Underscoring its keenness to support young national cadres and provide them with suitable job opportunities

NBK Participates in GUST Career Fair

As part of its keenness to support young national cadres and provide them with suitable job opportunities, as one of the largest private sector employers of national labor, National Bank of Kuwait (NBK) participated in the Career Fair organized by Gulf University of Science and Technology (GUST), which was held on 22nd and 23rd of this June.

The fair was held virtually in cooperation with the Khebra platform, which is the first platform in the Middle East connecting different employers, private universities and young talents in Kuwait.

During the fair, the bank provided many job opportunities for the Kuwaiti youth of both genders, in line with its consistent efforts to solicit young national cadres, help them develop their skills and provide a work environment that suits their aspirations and future goals.

On this occasion, Mubarak Al-Enezi, Senior Officer - Recruitment at National Bank of Kuwait, said: "NBK's Group Human Resources staff conducted interviews



Mubarak Al-Enezi

with the available training opportunities to develop their skills, he added.

Al-Enezi noted that the bank's participation in this fair is an important opportunity for the youth and fresh graduates seeking to navigate their career paths, as it provides them with an opportunity to learn about the needs and characteristics of the labor market, and helps them choose the suitable job for their qualifications and aspirations.

NBK is committed to provide training programs for young Kuwaiti fresh graduates and students, to equip them with the expertise, professional knowledge, and on-job training, as professional preparation for them to navigate the labor market, manifesting NBK's role as one of the leading local private sector institutions in supporting the youth.

NBK's efforts in soliciting national talents go in line with its development and training plans aimed to invest in national cadres and prepare a promising banking generation. The bank is also keen to offer a series of training courses and professional academic programs, being one of the leading banking institutions in Kuwait in organizing training programs for youth.

Al-Enezi:
The fair is a great opportunity to help graduates choose the suitable job for their aspirations and ambitions