

# Children separated from parents spur action

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Republicans on Capitol Hill frantically searched on Tuesday for ways to end the Trump administration's policy of separating families after illegal border crossings, with the focus shifting

on a new plan to keep children in detention longer than now permitted — but with their parents. House GOP leaders are revising their legislation amid a public outcry over President Donald Trump's

"zero tolerance" approach to illegal crossings. The change would loosen rules that now limit the amount of time minors can be held to 20 days, according to a GOP source familiar with the measure. Instead, the children could be detained with their parents for extended periods.

The revised bill would also give Department of Homeland Security the authority to use \$7 billion in

border technology funding to pay for family detention centers, the person said. Expanded facilities could be key, as migrant children separated from their parents are currently housed by a different department, Health and Human Services.

More than 2,300 minors were separated from their children at the border from May 5 through June 9, according to the Department

of Homeland Security.

The national outcry over the separations has roiled midterm election campaigns, emboldening Democrats while putting Republicans on the defensive.

Top conservatives, including key Trump allies, have introduced bills to keep the migrant families together. Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas introduced legislation that the White House said it was reviewing, and Rep. Mark Meadows of North Carolina, a leader of the conservative Freedom Caucus, also introduced a measure.

In the Senate, Republicans are rallying behind narrow legislation that would allow detained families to stay together while expediting their deportation proceedings.

The second-ranking Republican, John Cornyn of

Texas, said they're proposing a "humane, safe and secure family facility" where parents and minor children could be detained together. He said families would move to the head of the line for processing.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., told reporters all Senate Republicans are supporting the plan. He said he's reaching out to Democrats for bipartisan backing, since the proposal would need to reach a 60-vote threshold for approval in the Senate.

But Senate Democratic leader Chuck Schumer of New York signaled that no such support would be coming, saying it's already in Trump's power to keep the families together.

"There's no need for legislation. There's no need for anything else. You can do it. Mr. President you started it, you can stop it."

MIDDLE TENNESSEE UTILITY DISTRICT BALANCE SHEET	
Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 2018	
ASSETS and DEFERRED OUTFLOWS of RESOURCES	
(in thousands)	
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>	
Cash and certificates of deposit	\$ 42,156
Accounts receivable and unbilled revenue	10,494
Materials, supplies and gas in storage	6,641
Deferred gas cost	0
Other current assets	213
	<u>59,504</u>
<b>RESTRICTED ASSETS</b>	
Cash - customer deposits	657
Cash - contributions from customers	272
	<u>928</u>
<b>UTILITY PLANT</b>	
Utility plant in service	218,894
Less accumulated depreciation	(87,120)
	<u>131,774</u>
Construction in progress	2,076
	<u>133,851</u>
<b>OTHER LONG TERM ASSETS</b>	
	<u>39</u>
<b>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>	
	<u>1,795</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS and DEFERRED OUTFLOWS of RESOURCES</b>	<b>\$ 196,117</b>
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS of RESOURCES and NET POSITION	
(in thousands)	
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	
Accounts payable	\$ 4,523
Payroll and sales tax payable	662
Deferred gas cost	1,967
Other current liabilities	0
	<u>7,152</u>
<b>LIABILITIES PAYABLE FROM RESTRICTED ASSETS</b>	
Current maturities of long term debt	126
Interest payable	0
Customer deposits	657
	<u>782</u>
<b>LONG-TERM DEBT, less current maturities</b>	
	<u>5,803</u>
<b>POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OBLIGATION</b>	
	<u>3,467</u>
<b>NET POSITION</b>	
Net Investment in capital assets,	127,817
Restricted for debt service	0
Restricted for community contributions	177
Unrestricted	50,880
	<u>178,873</u>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>	
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<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS of RESOURCES, and NET POSITION</b>	<b>\$ 196,117</b>

MIDDLE TENNESSEE UTILITY DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION	
Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 2018	
(in thousands)	
<b>OPERATING REVENUES</b>	
Sale of Natural Gas	
Residential	\$ 30,318
Commercial	13,375
Industrial	17,420
Sale of merchandise & jobbing	2,000
Other operating revenues	920
Uncollectible accounts	(38)
	<u>63,994</u>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	
Cost of sales	40,487
Operations, maintenance & engineering	5,934
Customer accounting and collection	3,329
Communication and promotion	248
Administrative and general	3,270
Depreciation and amortization	3,792
	<u>57,059</u>
<b>OPERATING INCOME</b>	<b>6,935</b>
<b>NONOPERATING REVENUE (EXPENSES)</b>	
Interest income	341
Interest expense	(225)
Other	13
	<u>129</u>
<b>INCOME BEFORE CONTRIBUTIONS</b>	<b>7,064</b>
<b>CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS</b>	<b>72</b>
<b>CHANGE IN NET ASSETS</b>	<b>7,135</b>
<b>NET POSITION, beginning of year</b>	<b>171,738</b>
<b>NET POSITION, end of year</b>	<b>\$ 178,873</b>
Travel costs/expenses associated with members of the Board of Commissioners	
	\$ 9
Travel costs/expenses associated with members of Management	
	121
Travel costs/expenses associated with other employees	
	46
	<u>\$ 176</u>

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