

Washington D.C. – Congressman Kevin McCarthy gave the following remarks at the House Republican leadership press conference regarding House Republican legislation that will tackle the debt:

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TRANSCRIPT:

Last night when you listened to the President—it was a pretty political speech. You watched the leadership from Republicans sit down hour after hour trying to get to a bipartisan agreement. It's difficult to ever have any agreement with someone, if you're buying a house, you're buying a car, and you make an offer and no one ever counters—no one ever tells you what they want. So what happened is the President lost in the perspective because he couldn't produce a plan and couldn't make an agreement. As the Founding Fathers set down, the House and the Senate have to get together and make a decision. That's exactly what transpired over the weekend. From those talks we put together a bill, a bill that had provisions that the House Republicans were looking for, a bill that had provisions that Leader Harry Reid and Leader McConnell were looking for. This is what the American people have been asking for. This is the opportunity to move this country forward. We look forward to moving this bill off the floor of the House, on to the Senate and to the President's desk. Remember what the President did not say last night, he did not say he'd veto it.