

As Congress goes back and forth about whether
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But top
Democrats, led by Pelosi, have largely rejected efforts to pass piecemeal legislation. On
Sunday, Pelosi said she and Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin needed to reach an
agreement within 48 hours if they want to pass a coronavirus stimulus relief bill before Election
Day.

◆The 48 only relates to if we want to get it done before the election, which we
do, ◆ Pelosi said in an interview on ABC◆s ◆This Week. ◆

But that 48-hour
deadline came and passed Tuesday with no deal.

Pelosi is putting pressure on the
Trump administration to cut a deal soon because the legislative process in the House and
Senate will take time ahead of the election. Democrats and Republicans generally agree the
country needs a stimulus bill for the economy, but the two sides differ on the scope and size of
the bill.

Democratic House leadership insists that any legislation needs to contain
\$500 billion in aid for states. But Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell dismissed the idea of
allowing states to use federal funds to help them make up for budget shortfalls.

On
Saturday, McConnell announced there would be voting on stimulus measures, including a
stand-alone Paycheck Protection Program bill to help small businesses, on Tuesday and
Wednesday. But Democrats are expected to block his effort.

In a call with reporters
on Sunday, Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer assailed McConnell◆s plan.

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