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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: House Passes Trump Spending Cuts Package]

CRAIG MELVIN: Ryan, while we have you here, let's talk about another headline out of Washington overnight. The House passing those major spending cuts for foreign aid and public media. What more can you tell us about that?

RYAN NOBLES: Yeah. This vote went in – into the night – past midnight, Craig. The House approving a package to roll back \$8 billion in already approved funding for foreign aid programs and then an additional \$1.1 billion to cuts to public media. That includes PBS and NPR. Now, while Republicans are selling this as a slash to wasteful spending, Democrats are slamming the cuts as cruel. NPR also responding that millions of Americans, particularly in rural areas who rely on local public radio and TV, will be impacted. This now heads to President Trump's desk, who celebrated the passage overnight, saying the public media cuts had been 40 years in the making, Craig.