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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Town Hall Tension]

CRAIG MELVIN: Town hall tension.

CONGRESSMAN MIKE FLOOD (R-NE): [T]he Republican Party now more than ever represents the heart and soul of the working class. [BOOS]

MELVIN: A rowdy crowd pressing a GOP lawmaker on President Trump's agenda and its impact on the economy.

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Tensions Erupt at Town Hall]

MELVIN: Meanwhile this morning, voters are expressing new concerns about the state of the economy and President Trump's trade war just days before the next round of tariffs take effect. Some of the frustrations now spilling over at town halls with Republican lawmakers. NBC's chief White House correspondent Peter Alexander has that story for us. Peter, good morning.

PETER ALEXANDER: Good morning. So much of the political debate right now, the fireworks have moved from here in Washington to the home districts where they are coming face to face with constituents pressing for answers on all sorts of topics. High among them, the President's policies and its impacts on their wallet. It comes as the President has set steep new tariffs. This morning, voters raising concerns about the economy. At a town hall overnight for Republican Mike Flood of Nebraska, anger erupting over a range of Trump administration moves, including the President's economic agenda.

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ALEXANDER: Voters protesting the congressman's support for the President's massive tax cut and spending bill. A new AP poll this morning shows that Americans are concerned about the economy and rising prices. About half those polled consider the cost of groceries to be a major source of stress and almost 20 percent of those people have used deferred payment services to

fund groceries at some point.

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: News at 8; Tensions Erupt at Town Hall]

LAURA JARRETT: Now to these growing concerns over the state of the economy and President Trump's trade war. Frustrations erupting at town halls with Republican lawmakers. NBC's chief White House correspondent Peter Alexander joins us with more on all of this. Peter, good morning.

ALEXANDER: Laura, good morning. This political debate, all the fireworks, they've now moved from here in Washington to lawmakers' home districts where they're coming face-to-face with constituents who are all pressing for answers on a series of topics. High among them, the President's policies and its impact on their wallets. There was one town hall overnight in particular, the Republican Mike Flood of Nebraska was confronted with tough questions on this very issue. Listen.

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ALEXANDER: You hear the boos in that room. One big take-away here? Americans are anxious about the economy right now and about rising prices. There's a new Associated Press poll that shows half of those polled consider the cost of groceries to be a major source of stress.