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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Overnight; President Trump & Vice President Vance]

GEORGE STEPHANOPOULOS: President Trump and Vice President Vance addressed the Republican midterm convention overnight as the President faces pushback for his promise to give every American adult \$5,000, even from some members of his own party.

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: President & VP Address Midterm Convention]

STEPHANOPOULOS: We're going to turn now to the Republican convention in Dallas. The President and Vice President spoke last night as Trump faces pushback to give every American \$5,000, but only if Republicans win. Even members of his own party are skeptical. Mary Bruce is in Dallas. Good morning, Mary.

MARY BRUCE: Good morning, George. President Trump closing out the night here after rallying his supporters for two days, hoping to energize his base amid high gas prices and the ongoing war with Iran. The President painting a dark picture of what could happen if Democrats win big in November and the President asking his supporters to raise their right hand and pledge to vote, or else. Overnight, President Trump with the final word at the Republican midterm convention.

[TRUMP/MIDTERMS PLEDGE]

BRUCE: Trump making the crowd pledge to him that they would vote come November.

TRUMP: You know what happens if you don't vote? You go to hell. You know that. Okay? You go to hell. And I don't want that to happen to you, so please go and vote.

BRUCE: The President, who has repeatedly accused Democrats without evidence of rigging elections, telling supporters this:

TRUMP: I don't care if I'm registered or not, I'm going to try to cheat like hell like they do.

BRUCE: For two days the administration making their pitch, touting their immigration policies, tax breaks, and the President making that unprecedented offer, to pay every American \$5,000 if Republicans win.

TRUMP: \$5,000 for every adult citizen in our country.

BRUCE: Earlier, Vice President JD Vance delivering the keynote address, taking the spotlight before his own potential 2028 run for the presidency.

VICE PRESIDENT JD VANCE: We're going to beat them back in November.

BRUCE: Vance making no mention of the \$5,000 payment, but Democrats say it's nothing more than a stunt. California Senator Alex Padilla saying, "Our tax dollars aren't a campaign slush fund and bribing Americans for their vote is illegal." Trump promised dividend checks before that never came.

CONGRESSMAN ROBERT GARCIA (D-CA); The dividend is not happening. He promised a dividend on tariffs, that didn't happen, a dividend on DOGE, that didn't happen.

BRUCE: Trump has not said how he would come up with the roughly \$1.3 trillion to pay every American, or how that would even work, and he's made no mention of how it would balloon the record-high national debt, which just hit a historic \$40 trillion. And now, some Republicans voicing concerns. Maine Senator Susan Collins, who is in a fierce reelection battle, calling the idea "extraordinarily costly," adding, "tax and spending decisions should not appear to be tied to election results." Even Senate Majority Leader John Thune sounding skeptical.

DANA PERINO [on FNC's *America's Newsroom*, 09/10/26]: Would you have enough votes to pass a \$5,000 dividend to every American?

HOUSE MAJORITY LEADER JOHN THUNE (R-SD) [on FNC's *America's Newsroom*, 09/10/26]: Well, that's a good question, Dana. We'll cross that bridge when we come to it.

BRUCE: And in other headlines from here last night as Republican senator Ted Cruz was talking he mentioned New York Mayor Zohran Mamdani, Michigan Senate nominee Abdul el-Sayed, and Texas Senate candidate James Talarico, and right after he named each one, someone in the crowd could be heard shouting, "he should be shot." Now, it's not clear if Ted Cruz heard this in the moment, but he did later posted video of this. And, it comes as many Republicans were here yesterday commemorating the death of conservative activist Charlie Kirk and condemning political violence.

STEPHANOPOULOS: And, Mary, also overnight new record fuel prices.

BRUCE: Yeah, George, oil and gas prices continue to rise, oil now hovering around \$104 a barrel, gas at \$4.29 a gallon, up \$1.35 since the war began. And diesel yesterday for the first time ever hit \$6 a gallon, George.

STEPHANOPOULOS: And that cascades through the economy. Okay, Mary, thanks very much.