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## House leaders strike a deal on climate change bill

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After struggling to reach a compromise late last week, it appears that House Energy and Commerce Committee Chairman Henry Waxman and House Agriculture Committee Chairman Collin Peterson have finally struck a deal on sweeping new climate change legislation and a vote will be scheduled for Friday.

Late last night, Speaker Nancy Pelosi's spokesman Drew Hammill said:

"The bill has been filed tonight with the Rules Committee. There are some issues still under discussion, but we are confident we can resolve them by the time the bill goes to the floor on Friday. The Speaker, Leader Hoyer and Chairmen Waxman and Peterson have all agreed on this approach for moving this historic climate change and clean energy jobs bill."

It's still unclear whether there are enough Democrats willing to vote in favor of the comprehensive bill to ensure passage. Several lawmakers tell us they still don't know enough about the deal to comment.

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