A vote the House Republicans will come to regret

President Trump speaks while flanked by House Republicans after they passed legislation aimed at repealing and replacing Obamacare at the White House on May 4 in Washington. (Mark Wilson/Getty Images)

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Regarding the May 5 front-page article “House approves health-care bill”:
Shame on House Republicans who voted to repeal Obamacare. A heavy political price might be paid; in the words of Rep. Steny H. Hoyer (D-Md.), Republicans “will rue the day.” While in the short run Republicans can declare a Pyrrhic victory, boasting that the Republican-controlled Congress was able to pass a bill, in 2018, voters in their districts will remember that they voted for what several Republicans, most nonpartisan analysts and nearly every major health organization believe is a bad policy that will seriously hurt their constituents — and it’s legislation that likely won’t survive in the Senate. Ironically, House Speaker Paul D. Ryan (R-Wis.) in 2009 criticized Democrats for trying to push through health-care legislation to meet an “artificial deadline.” House Republicans haven’t learned a lesson from what happened to President Barack Obama in the off-year election. A Democratic-controlled House in 2018 now seems more probable.

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