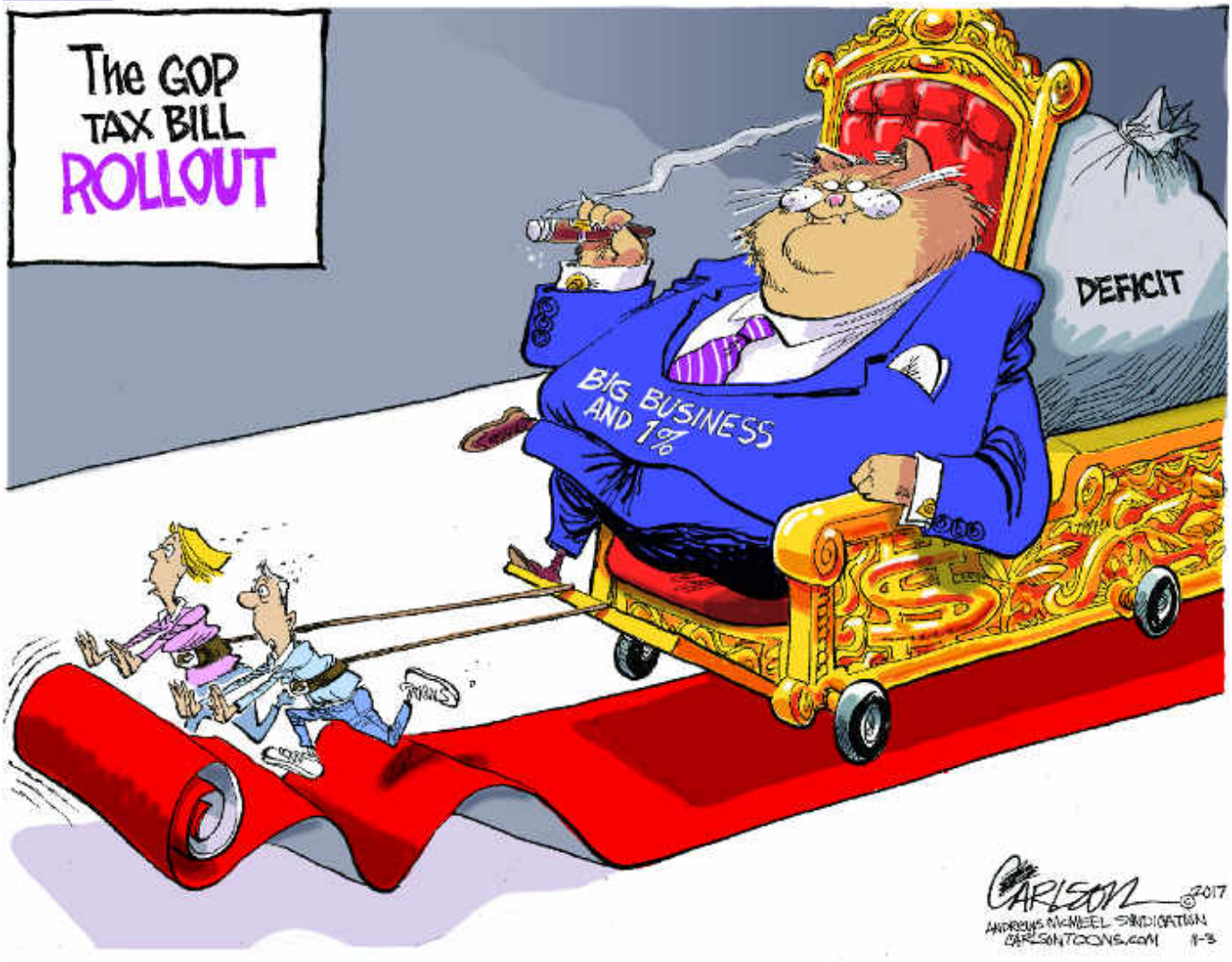
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- **House passes GOP tax bill, upping pressure on struggling Senate effort**
- **Senate panel approves GOP tax plan** So far, Sen. Ron Johnson (R-Wis.) is the only GOP senator who has come out against the bill.
- **What impact will eliminating individual mandate have on uninsured, deficit?**
- Commonweal editorial: **The Rich Keep Themselves Rich** And It’s Just the Way the World Works?

NCR Today blogger Mario T. Garcia is **Questioning the motives, morality of Washington's Republicans**

Tea Party Gov. Scott Walker won fame for breaking public sector unions. This is what he wrought: **Here's what happened to teachers after Wisconsin gutted its unions** Teachers have seen lower pay, reduced pension and health insurance benefits and higher turnover as educators hop from one district to another in search of raises.

Speaking of schools, look what's happening in Arizona: The Libre Initiatve — an advocacy group funded by the billionaire conservative Koch Brothers — **is launching an education effort in Arizona aimed at Hispanics.** The aim? To lure families away from neighborhood public schools and into for-profit, private school voucher schemes or is it to empower families with the ability to select the best options for their children."

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