



Speaker Nancy Pelosi Casts Doubts on USMCA Passage in 2019

Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) and House Ways and Means Chairman Richard Neal (D-MA) recently met with U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer for high-level negotiations on the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA). Despite the talks, the Trump Administration and House Democrats have yet to come to an agreement on the final legislative text.

Pelosi told reporters that it is unlikely there will be enough time remaining in 2019 for Congress to vote on a final deal. Chairman Neal said that out of the five outstanding issues, they had reached agreement on roughly half of them. The biggest hurdle in the negotiations are Democrats' concerns over the strength of USMCA's labor enforcement provisions.