Schumer said on the call
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But top Democrats, led by Pelosi, have largely rejected efforts to pass piecemeal legislation. On Sunday, Pelosi said she and Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin needed to reach an agreement within 48 hours if they want to pass a coronavirus stimulus relief bill before Election Day.

The 48 only relates to if we want to get it done before the election, which we do, Pelosi said in an interview on ABC's This Week.

But that 48-hour deadline came and passed Tuesday with no deal.

Pelosi is putting pressure on the Trump administration to cut a deal soon because the legislative process in the House and Senate will take time ahead of the election. Democrats and Republicans generally agree the country needs a stimulus bill for the economy, but the two sides differ on the scope and size of the bill.

Democratic House leadership insists that any legislation needs to contain $500 billion in aid for states. But Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell dismissed the idea of allowing states to use federal funds to help them make up for budget shortfalls.

On Saturday, McConnell announced there would be voting on stimulus measures, including a stand-alone Paycheck Protection Program bill to help small businesses, on Tuesday and Wednesday. But Democrats are expected to block his effort.

In a call with reporters on Sunday, Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer assailed McConnell's plan.

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