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## The billionaires' president



With little public debate or attention from the oligarchic media, the lower chamber of Parliament gave final legislative approval on Sept. 10 to a [change to the income-tax law](#) for entirely exempting sales of companies from taxation. Only [five MPs](#) voted against the bill: The four Pirates and Chair Josef Bernard (STAN) of the budget committee, who isn't running for re-election. Petr Fiala, Marek Výborný, Vít Rakušan, [Andrej Babiš](#) and Tomio Okamura were conveniently absent for the vote. [MP Olga Richterová](#) of the Pirates said that it's a 0% tax for a few dozen super-rich people every year. In his [New Year's address](#) this year, Pres. Petr Pavel said that he of course sees that not everyone in the country is doing well. "There are households that struggle on a daily basis to overcome life's obstacles," he said. He vowed to use all his constitutional powers to help these people. As if to emphasize this, he visited with [children](#) in a [hard-hit area](#) of the Pardubice region yesterday. Now he'll sign the billionaires' bill.

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