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At the Harvard of the _____ Region of the Country _____, Washington University in St. Louis, humans between the ages of _____ Number _____ and _____ Number _____ gather to drink from the fount of knowledge. Some of them want to be doctors when they grow up. Markets were down sharply on Friday after Speaker John A. Boehner's tax plan failed to reach a vote in the House on Thursday evening. No Democrats were prepared to support the bill, and Mr. Boehner told reporters that his plan also lacked sufficient votes among Republicans.

A variety of smart _____ Adjective _____ observers have suggested that the markets are misreading the situation. Instead, they say, the failure of Mr. Boehner's bill makes a deal to avert the so-called fiscal cliff more likely because it has now become clear that any deal will need to rely upon the support of at least some Democrats, which could ease passage through the Democratic-controlled Senate.

Perhaps this is correct. Mr. Boehner has said that the White House and Senator Harry Reid, the majority leader, will now have to take the lead in negotiations. The chance that a fiscal deal will be secured on terms that Democrats find favorable may have increased.

But the chance that there will not be a deal at all may also have increased, or at least not one before protracted negotiations that could harm the economy. The difficulty is in finding any winning coalition of votes in the House of Representatives.

