



APPROPRIATIONS

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Continuing Appropriations, Agriculture, Legislative Branch, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Extensions Act, 2026.

Reopening the Government, Returning Regular Order

After inflicting more than 40 days of needless hardship on families, workers, and communities, enough Senate Democrats finally did what Republicans, President Trump, and Americans have been asking from day one: pass a measure to reopen the government. The *Continuing Appropriations, Agriculture, Legislative Branch, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Extensions Act, 2026*, responsibly ends the Democrat-led shutdown by implementing our original offer of a clean, non-partisan funding extension, while also delivering three full-year appropriations bills.

Clean, Nonpartisan Funding Extension

- This clean and straightforward short-term CR — free of poison pills — simply extends funding until January 30.
- The bill represents our original position, underscoring that Democrats have gained nothing during this shutdown other than wreaking havoc on the American people.
- It reopens government and blocks any Democrat attempt of a bloated, last-minute mega-omnibus bill right before Christmas.
- It supports a return to regular order and continued work in advancing full-year FY26 bills.
- Importantly, it includes no partisan demands, including far-left attempts to restrict presidential authority.
- Republicans held the line and proved what we've been saying since the start of this shameful charade: the people's government is not a pawn for leverage or political extortion.

A Return to Regular Order

- There is no better way to end the cycle of shutdown threats than to pass and have President Trump sign into law full-year FY26 appropriations bills.
- Continuing progress on this front was the very purpose of the initial funding extension the House passed in September.
- We wanted to keep the government open to provide more time to pass full-year appropriations and allow for bipartisan, bicameral policy conversations.
- This reflects the Republican commitment to restoring a transparent, orderly approach to funding the government.

- Before Democrats forced this shutdown, we had made real, measurable progress on FY26 appropriations – and the House moved to conference with the Senate on the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, Agriculture, and Legislative Branch bills.
- This marked the first time since Fiscal Year 2019 that regular appropriations bills advanced to conference, demonstrating real progress in restoring regular order.
- Appropriators acted decisively and began a member-driven process to finalize those bills.
- This is a notable and important change from backroom, bloated omnibus deals that sideline rank-and-file members and ignore the will of the American people.
- Even though Democrat leadership undermined this legislative process and squandered time that should have been utilized on passing and conferencing more bills, Republican Appropriators refused to back down in their commitment to delivering full-year appropriations, restoring regular order, and ending the shutdown Democrats chose.

Making Appropriations Great Again

- Our regular order efforts and conference committee determination paid off.
- This legislation includes three bipartisan, bicameral full-year appropriations measures, covering the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs; Legislative Branch; and Agriculture, Rural Development, and Food and Drug Administration divisions.
- These three bills have been negotiated between the two chambers and reflect a final, full, and bipartisan agreement.
- They are products that implement Trump Administration priorities, reflect fiscal restraint, and implement stable funding for critical agencies.
- The Appropriations Committee proved that we can be disciplined and hold spending levels effectively flat while delivering for American taxpayers.
- As a united conference, we are upholding our Article I duties while executing the America First agenda.
- These bills represent more than 10% of discretionary spending — funding that can no longer be taken hostage if Democrats irresponsibly choose to shut down the government again.
- Taken as a whole, these bills support America’s veterans, farmers, and agriculture, and keep government working for our constituents.
- **For full bill summaries:**
 - [Agriculture](#)
 - [Legislative Branch](#)
 - [MilCon-VA](#)
- The House Appropriations Committee is resolute: we will continue moving full-year appropriations bills, end the Democrat shutdown chaos, and deliver responsible, conservative governance to President Trump’s desk.