

# Legislation to End Shutdown Sparks Partisan Debate

### **Description**

The proposed legislation aims to sustain current agency funding levels until March 28, with House Republicans leading the charge to prevent a partial government shutdown at month's end. This measure seeks to extend funding into late March, allowing the incoming president and Congress for fiscal year 2025 to determine final agency spending and priorities.

The Republican initiative introduces a contentious immigration requirement into the bill, mandating states to demand proof of citizenship, such as birth certificates or passports, during voter registration. This contentious addition challenges the bill's passage in the Senate, creating uncertainty surrounding its approval.

Following a conventional August recess, lawmakers will reconvene in Washington next week with unfinished business on the 12 annual appropriations bills essential for agency funding in the upcoming fiscal year. The pending stopgap measure aims to avert a shutdown come October 1.

House Speaker Mike Johnson emphasized the importance of federal funding and election integrity, emphasizing the responsibility of Congress to secure American elections. Conversely, Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer and Committee Chair Patty Murray stressed the need for bipartisan cooperation to steer clear of a shutdown.

The introduction of the citizenship proof requirement in response to the House Freedom Caucus' stance highlights the bill's conservative backing, aiming to extend government funding until early the next year. This strategy intends to allow Republicans to advance their legislative agenda with the support of a potential Republican president.

The debate surrounding proof of citizenship centers on election integrity, with Republicans advocating for exclusivity to American citizens to bolster confidence in the electoral process. Nonetheless, opponents argue against disenfranchising millions of Americans lacking immediate access to requisite documentation for voter registration.

The bill's fate hinges on Senate reception, with provisions set to fund agencies at existing levels until March 28, including allocations for increased security during Inauguration Day and \$10 billion for FEMA's disaster relief fund.

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# **Vocabulary List:**



- 1. **Legislation** / legis'leifən/ (noun): Laws or legal provisions enacted by a governing body.
- 2. Mandating /'mæn.deɪ.tɪn/ (verb): To command or require something officially.
- 3. Controversial /,kpn.trə'v3:.[əl/ (adjective): Giving rise or likely to give rise to public disagreement.
- 4. Integrity /In'tegrIti/ (noun): The quality of being honest and having strong moral principles.
- 5. **Disenfranchising** /,dis.in'fræn.tʃaiz.in/ (verb): Depriving someone of the rights of citizenship especially the right to vote.
- 6. Appropriations /ə,proʊpri'eɪʃənz/ (noun): Funds set aside for a specific purpose often in a budget.

# **Comprehension Questions**

#### **Multiple Choice**

1. What is the purpose of the proposed legislation mentioned in the text?

Option: To sustain current agency funding levels until March 28

Option: To increase government funding indefinitely

Option: To reduce agency funding levels

Option: To delay funding decisions until after the next election

2. What contentious requirement does the Republican initiative introduce into the bill?

Option: Proof of residency
Option: Proof of employment
Option: Proof of citizenship
Option: Proof of income

3. What is the primary focus of the debate surrounding proof of citizenship?

Option: Security concerns
Option: Election integrity
Option: Voter turnout

Option: Fiscal responsibility

4. What does the House Speaker emphasize in relation to federal funding and election integrity?

Option: The importance of bipartisanship Option: The need for increased funding

Option: The responsibility of Congress to secure American elections

Option: The role of the President in budget allocation



5. What is the aim of the strategy to extend government funding until early the next year?

Option: To delay elections

Option: To allow more time for budget negotiations

Option: To advance the legislative agenda of Republicans

Option: To increase funding for FEMA

6. What key provisions are included in the bill to fund agencies at existing levels until March 28?

Option: Increased security during Inauguration Day and funding for FEMA

Option: Allocation for infrastructure projects only

Option: Reduction in healthcare funding Option: No specific provisions mentioned

### Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. To sustain current agency funding levels until March 28 2. Proof of citizenship 3. Election integrity 4. The responsibility of Congress to secure American elections 5. To advance the legislative agenda of Republicans 6. Increased security during Inauguration Day and funding for FEMA

# Vocabulary quizzes

#### Multiple Choice (Select the Correct answer for each question.)

1. What type of change aims to make a significant impact or alteration?

Option: A. Gradual
Option: B. Consistent
Option: C. Transformative

Option: D. Moderate

2. Which term refers to the process of making or enacting laws?

Option: A. Amendment Option: B. Legislation Option: C. Policy Option: D. Regulation

3. What term is used to describe events that interrupt normal proceedings?

Option: A. Enhancements Option: B. Innovations Option: C. Disruptions Option: D. Improvements



4. Which word describes the character and atmosphere of a place?

Option: A. Efficiency Option: B. Ambiance Option: C. Rigidity Option: D. Uniformity

5. Which term relates to or is characteristic of a company or business?

Option: A. Public Option: B. Enterprise Option: C. Corporate Option: D. Personal

6. What word describes a sudden and large increase in something?

Option: A. Decline Option: B. Standstill Option: C. Dormancy Option: D. Surge

7. Which term refers to the quality of being honest and having strong moral principles? ESL-NEW

Option: A. Duplicity Option: B. Deception Option: C. Integrity

Option: D. Fraudulence

8. What term describes something that evokes interest attention or admiration?

Option: A. Mediocre Option: B. Compelling

Option: C. Dull

Option: D. Apathetic

9. What does the term "unprecedented" mean in the context of an event or situation?

Option: A. Familiar Option: B. Routine Option: C. Unparalleled Option: D. Ordinary

10. Which term describes the process of giving new life or energy to something?

Option: A. Deteriorating Option: B. Revitalizing Option: C. Stagnating Option: D. Decaying



## Gap-Fill (Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list.)



- 27. Fans collect autographed jerseys and other sports-related as cherished mementos.
- 28. The cozy lighting and elegant decor create a sophisticated in the restaurant.
- 29. The company's sustainability aim to reduce carbon emissions and waste production.
- 30. After hours of negotiation the two sides reached an with no resolution in sight.

#### **Answer**

Multiple Choice: 1. C. Transformative 2. B. Legislation 3. C. Disruptions 4. B. Ambiance 5. C. Corporate 6. D. Surge 7. C. Integrity 8. B. Compelling 9. C. Unparalleled 10. B. Revitalizing

Gap-Fill: 11. Interconnectedness 12. mandating 13. negotiations 14. safeguard 15. activating 16. acquisition 17. initiatives 18. compelling 19. repercussions 20. controversial

Matching sentence: 1. immersive 2. influencer 3. collectible 4. arbitration 5. integrative 6. patient-centric ESL-NEWS.COM 7. memorabilia 8. ambiance 9. initiatives 10. impasse

#### **CATEGORY**

1. Business - LEVEL5

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