

The Prevent Government Shutdowns Act of 2025

Automatic Continuing Resolution

Upon a lapse in government funding, the bill would install an auto-CR, on rolling 14-day periods, based on the most current spending levels enacted in the previous fiscal year.

- This prevents a shutdown, continues critical services and operations, and holds federal workers harmless while Congress negotiates a final spending agreement.
- The auto-CR is triggered if one or more spending bills is not signed into law.
- The bill does not preclude Congress' ability to pass a traditional CR prior to or after the auto-CR is triggered.

Travel and Floor Restrictions

During the covered period of the auto-CR, the following restrictions are put in place:

- No official office funds may be expended for official travel (except for one covered return trip back to Washington, DC). This restriction applies to the following:
 - White House Office of Management & Budget (OMB) officials;
 - Members of the House and Senate;
 - Committee and personal staff of the House and Senate;
 - This applies to DC and the home state/district staff;
 - *Note – official travel is permitted within the National Capital Region (DC Metro)*
- No official funds may be provided for CODEL or STAFFDEL delegation travel.
- No campaign funds can be used to supplement official travel expenses.
- No motions to recess or adjourn the Senate/House are in order for more than 23 hours.
- Mandatory quorum calls will be held each day at approximately noon in the House and Senate to confirm attendance, which keeps members in Washington for votes, seven days a week.
- No other matter can be considered on the floor of the Senate unless it relates to:
 - General appropriations measures (including a CR);
 - Daily mandatory quorum calls;
 - After 30 days under automatic continuing appropriations, certain expiring authorization bills and executive calendar nominations would be eligible for consideration on the Senate floor. These include:
 - A nomination for a Justice of the Supreme Court or a Cabinet Secretary;
 - Reauthorization legislation for programs operating under an authorization which has already expired or will expire within the next 30 days;
 - WAIVER – these restrictions can be waived by a two-thirds vote in either chamber, but not for a period longer than 7 days.

In order to hold Congress harmless after they've completed their job, the covered period with respect to the legislative branch ends after Congress enacts legislation to end the auto-CR.

- This ensures that Congress is not under floor and travel restrictions while awaiting the President's signature, however, should the President veto any appropriations legislation, a new covered period with respect to the legislative branch would begin, re-imposing the travel and floor restrictions.

The bill includes an effective date of September 30, 2025.