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House Approves Short-term Funding to Avoid Shutdown

The House of Representatives [voted 320-99](#) today [approving a short-term funding bill](#) to avoid a partial government shutdown. The bill will extend funding into March, allowing Congress more time to negotiate differences on spending bills.

Republicans were split on the vote, with 113 voting to approve the funding and almost half voting against it.

House Speaker Mike Johnson (R-La.) [posted a joint statement on X](#):

“We are in agreement that Congress must work in a bipartisan manner to fund our government.

“Negotiators have come to an agreement on six bills: Agriculture-FDA, Commerce-Justice and Science, Energy and Water Development, Interior, Military Construction-VA, and Transportation-HUD. After preparing final text, this package of six full year Appropriations bills will be voted on and enacted prior to March 8. These bills will adhere to the Fiscal Responsibility Act discretionary spending limits and January’s topline spending agreement.

“The remaining six Appropriations bills — Defense, Financial Services and General Government, Homeland Security, Labor-HHS, Legislative Branch, and State and Foreign Operations — will be finalized, voted on, and enacted prior to March 22.

“To give the House and Senate Appropriations Committee adequate time to execute on this deal in principle, including drafting, preparing report language, scoring and other technical matters, and to allow



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members 72 hours to review, a short-term continuing resolution to fund agencies through March 8 and ... 22 will be necessary, and voted on by the House and Senate this week.”

After the bipartisan funding bill passed, Representative Juan Vargas (D-Calif.) said House Democrats stepped up to extend funding, [stating on X](#), “House Democrats have worked time and time again to keep government open and critical services up and running. This week, we are once again stepping up to lead in a bipartisan manner to extend government funding and pass responsible funding legislation.”

Representative Chip Roy (R-Texas) stated his opposition to the spending bill, [stating on X](#), “This spending bill is “going to continue to fund the OPEN BORDERS that have led to the DEATH of Americans!”



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