

House Joint Memorial 9

Sponsored by Representative EVANS

SUMMARY

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Urges Congress to pass legislation to prevent future shutdown of federal government from lasting more than 50 days in event of impasse between Congress and President of United States.

JOINT MEMORIAL

To the President of the United States and the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled:

We, your memorialists, the Eightieth Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon, in legislative session assembled, respectfully represent as follows:

Whereas the most recent shutdown of the federal government began on December 22, 2018, and it became the longest shutdown in the history of the United States, lasting 35 days; and

Whereas the shutdown finally ended on January 25, 2019, when the President of the United States and Congressional leaders agreed to a stop-gap spending bill; and

Whereas federal government shutdowns are increasing in frequency and duration, and the most recent shutdown was preceded by shutdowns in 2018 and 2013; and

Whereas during the latest shutdown, hundreds of thousands of federal employees were sent home without pay and many critical employees were forced to continue working without pay; and

Whereas during the shutdown, many government services and benefits were reduced or delayed, and some federal departments and agencies were shut down altogether; and

Whereas the ripple effects of the shutdown spread widely throughout the entire U.S. economy, dramatically affecting state and local governments, businesses of every size and millions of Americans; and

Whereas the shutdown reduced U.S. gross domestic product by an estimated \$11 billion; and

Whereas the possibility exists that a future shutdown could last months, paralyzing the federal government and wreaking havoc on every aspect of our economy and society; and

Whereas there is currently no formal mechanism that would end a government shutdown in the absence of a compromise between the President of the United States and Congress; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:

That we, the members of the Eightieth Legislative Assembly, respectfully urge the Congress of the United States to pass legislation mandating that, after 50 days of a federal government shutdown, the government would automatically default to the most recent continuing resolution, thus providing funding to federal agencies until a permanent agreement is reached; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this memorial be sent to the President of the United States, to the Senate Majority Leader, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and to each member of the Oregon Congressional Delegation.

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