

S 3012

Shutdown Fairness Act

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Government Operations and Politics

Introduced: Oct 15, 2025

Current Status: Upon reconsideration, cloture on the motion to proceed to the measure not invoked in Senate by Yea-N

Latest Action: Upon reconsideration, cloture on the motion to proceed to the measure not invoked in Senate by Yea-Nay
Vote. 53 - 43. Record Vote Number: 609. (Nov 7, 2025)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/119th-congress/senate-bill/3012>

Sponsor

Name: Sen. Johnson, Ron [R-WI]

Party: Republican • State: WI • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (13 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Budd, Ted [R-NC]	R · NC		Oct 15, 2025
Sen. Cassidy, Bill [R-LA]	R · LA		Oct 15, 2025
Sen. Cotton, Tom [R-AR]	R · AR		Oct 15, 2025
Sen. Crapo, Mike [R-ID]	R · ID		Oct 15, 2025
Sen. Risch, James E. [R-ID]	R · ID		Oct 15, 2025
Sen. Sullivan, Dan [R-AK]	R · AK		Oct 15, 2025
Sen. Young, Todd [R-IN]	R · IN		Oct 15, 2025
Sen. Barrasso, John [R-WY]	R · WY		Oct 20, 2025
Sen. Hoeven, John [R-ND]	R · ND		Oct 20, 2025
Sen. Lee, Mike [R-UT]	R · UT		Oct 20, 2025
Sen. McCormick, David [R-PA]	R · PA		Oct 20, 2025
Sen. Scott, Rick [R-FL]	R · FL		Oct 21, 2025
Sen. Lankford, James [R-OK]	R · OK		Oct 22, 2025

Committee Activity

No committee referrals or activity are recorded for this bill.

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
119 HR 5801	Identical bill	Oct 21, 2025: Referred to the House Committee on Appropriations.
119 S 3001	Related bill	Oct 9, 2025: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Summary (as of Oct 15, 2025)

Shutdown Fairness Act

This bill provides appropriations to pay federal employees who work during a government shutdown.

Specifically, the bill provides appropriations for federal agencies to provide standard rates of pay, allowances, pay differentials, benefits, and other payments to excepted employees for work performed during any period in which interim continuing appropriations or full-year appropriations are not in effect for a fiscal year (i.e., a government shutdown). An excepted employee is an employee who is required to work during a government shutdown.

Under current law, excepted employees are not paid until the government shutdown is over. This bill provides appropriations to pay excepted employees during a government shutdown. The bill also specifies that the term *excepted employee* includes certain contractors who support federal employees during a government shutdown and members of the Armed Forces who are on active duty.

A federal agency may not use the funds provided by this bill during any period in which continuing appropriations are in effect for the purpose of paying excepted employees of the agency.

The bill must take effect as if it had been enacted on September 30, 2025.

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Oct 21, 2025: Motion to proceed to consideration of measure made in Senate. (CR S7184-7185)

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Time.

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