

Trump signs executive action to pay TSA employees after Congress fails to agree on DHS funding

WASHINGTON (AP) President Donald Trump on Friday signed a promised executive action that will pay Transportation Security Administration employees, after a deal that sought to do the same stalled in Congress.

Trump signed the action with an eye toward easing long security lines at many of the nation's top airports.

"America's air travel system has reached its breaking point," Trump said in the memo authorizing the payments. He added, "I have determined that these circumstances constitute an emergency situation compromising the Nation's security."

Trump said his administration would use "funds that have a reasonable and logical nexus to TSA operations" for the payments.

In a statement Friday, Homeland Security Secretary Markwayne Mullin said TSA workers "should begin seeing paychecks as early as Monday."

On Thursday night, as lawmakers grappled with the issue, a senior administration official said the money would come from the tax bill Trump signed last year. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because they weren't authorized to discuss it publicly. They compared the move to actions Trump took during a past shutdown to pay troops.

House Republicans reject Senate deal

Trump's action came after House Republicans rejected a Senate-passed bill to fund most of the Department of Homeland Security, a revolt that risks delaying a resolution to the funding impasse now in its 42nd day that has created long lines at many of the nation's airports.

"This gambit that was done last night is a joke," House Speaker Mike Johnson said Friday.

Johnson said that instead House Republicans would seek to pass a bill that would fund the entire department at current levels until May 22. He also said he had spoken with Trump about the House Republican plan and the president "supports it."

House Republicans are angry that the bill passed early Friday by the Senate does not fund Immigration and Customs Enforcement and Border Patrol. Democrats refused to fund those departments without changes to immigration enforcement practices.



After a deal was approved to fund the Department of Homeland Security, except for immigration operations, members of the conservative House Freedom Caucus, including Rep. Andy Biggs, R-Ariz., left, and Rep. Andy Harris, R-Md., right, tell reporters that they won't vote in the House to pass it as is, at the Capitol in Washington, Friday.

"We're going to do something different," Johnson said, challenging the Senate to take up the House's continuing resolution on Monday, assuming it does pass the House, which is uncertain.

Senators have already left town after acting in the early morning hours to end the partial shutdown, so it would take time for them to return if the House ends up passing a different measure. and Senate Democratic leader Chuck Schumer said in a social media post that the 60-day stopgap measure being considered in the House would be "dead on arrival in the Senate, and Republicans know it."

That would mean the DHS shutdown that has jammed airports and imposed financial hardship on thousands of federal workers would continue for the foreseeable future.

With pressure mounting this week to resolve the stalemate, the endgame appeared to emerge just before TSA workers were set to miss another paycheck. Trump said Thursday he would sign an order to immediately pay the TSA agents, saying he wanted to quickly stop the "Chaos at the Airports."

A deal was subsequently reached hours later by senators.

"We can get at least a lot of the government opened up again, and then we'll go from there," said Senate Majority Leader John Thune, R-S.D. "Obviously, we'll still have some work ahead of us."

Schumer of New York said the outcome could have been reached weeks ago, and he vowed that his party would continue fighting to ensure Trump's "rogue" immigration operation "does not get more funding without serious reform."

What's in and out of the funding package

Senators worked through the night on the deal that would fund much of the rest of the department, including the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Coast Guard and TSA. While Democrats were successful in blocking more funding for ICE and the Border Patrol, they did not get the new limits on immigration enforcement they were demanding.

Immigration enforcement has remained largely uninterrupted by the shutdown because the GOP's big tax cuts bill that Trump signed into law last year funneled billions of dollars in extra funds to DHS, including \$7.5 billion for ICE operations.

Conservative Republicans have panned their own party's proposals, demanding full funding for immigration operations. Many have vowed to ensure ICE has the resources it needs in the next budget package to carry out Trump's agenda.

"We will fully fund ICE. That is what this fight is about," Sen. Eric Schmitt, R-Mo., said. "The border is closing. The next task is deportation."

On-again, off-again talks collapse

Earlier Thursday, Thune announced he had given a "last and final" offer to the Democrats. But as the day dragged on, action stalled out.

Democrats argued the GOP proposals have not gone far enough at putting guardrails on officers from ICE, Customs and Border Protection, and other federal agencies that are engaged in the immigration sweeps, particularly after the deaths of two Americans protesting the actions in Minneapolis.

Florida congresswoman Cherfilus-McCormick committed 25 ethics violations, House panel finds

WASHINGTON (AP) Democratic Rep. Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick of Florida committed numerous violations of House rules and ethics standards, the House Ethics Committee found Friday in a ruling that could add weight to Republicans' potential push to expel her from Congress.

After meeting into early Friday morning following a seven-hour hearing, the ethics panel of four Democrats and four Republicans found that Cherfilus-McCormick had committed 25 ethics violations, including breaking campaign finance laws. The panel said it would recommend a punishment in the coming weeks.

The allegations center around Cherfilus-McCormick's receipt of millions of dollars from her family's health care business after Florida made an overpayment of roughly \$5 million in disaster relief funds. Cherfilus-McCormick is accused of using that money to fund her 2022 congressional campaign through a network of businesses and family members.

The congresswoman, who is running for a fourth term representing a southeastern Florida district, has denied wrongdoing, and her attorney stridently criticized Thursday's public hearing — the first open proceeding in nearly 15 years. But the ruling from the Ethics Committee could fuel a potential vote on her expulsion and divide a Democratic caucus that is trying to make a comeback to power in the November midterm elections.

Cherfilus-McCormick also faces federal charges for allegedly stealing the \$5 million in COVID-19 disaster relief funds and using it for purchases like a 3-carat yellow diamond ring. Her brother, former chief of staff and accountant were also charged. She has pleaded not guilty to those charges, and her attorney indicated Thursday that the trial is expected to start in the coming months.

What did the Ethics panel find her guilty of?

The congresswoman declined to testify during Thursday's ethics hearing, citing her Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination. Her attorney, William Barzee, sparred with some of the lawmakers on the ethics panel and argued that they should have allowed a thorough ethics trial, where he could present witnesses and evidence to counter the conclusions of House investigators.

Barzee accused the panel of giving further momentum to the effort to "throw a woman out of Congress who was duly elected by her constituents" based primarily on bank records.

Committee investigators laid out 27 violations of House ethics standards and rules in a 242-page report. The report accused Cherfilus-McCormick of winning a 2022 special election by portraying her campaign as self-financed when it was actually funded through the \$5 million overpayment her family's company received from Florida for coronavirus vaccination services.

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**BOYD CIRCUIT COURT
DIVISION I
CIVIL ACTION NO. 25-CI-00756**

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC,
PLAINTIFF,
vs. ADVERTISEMENT

JAYSHREE L. PATEL;
COLUMBIA GAS OF KENTUCKY, INC.,
DEFENDANTS.

Pursuant to Judgment and Order of Sale entered on March 3, 2026, I shall sell the property described herein below at public auction in the lobby inside the front door of the old Boyd County Courthouse, Catlettsburg, Kentucky, on **Friday, April 17, 2026, at 11:10 a.m.**, to highest bidder on the following terms:

Full purchase price will be due at time of sale, payable by personal, business or official check. We do not accept cash. **IF the Master Commissioner has pre-approved the surety and collateral for a bidder's bond**, a down payment of ten-percent (10%) of the purchase price will be due at time of sale, and the unpaid balance with interest at the rate of **5.75% per annum** will be due within thirty (30) days from the date of sale.

Address of Property: 2224 High Street, Ashland
(For Legal Description, see LSOT: Deed Book D805, Page 24, Boyd County Clerk's Office)
Map/Parcel ID Number: 031-01-10-002.00

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**BOYD CIRCUIT COURT
CIVIL ACTION NO. 26-CI-00061**

DIXIE HIGHWAY TAX LIEN COMPANY, LLC
PLAINTIFF,
vs. ADVERTISEMENT

NOVA LENDING 401K PLAN,
UNKNOWN OCCUPANT,
COUNTY OF BOYD, KENTUCKY,
DEFENDANTS.

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Address of Property: 308 Iowa St, Ashland
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**BOYD CIRCUIT COURT
CIVIL ACTION NO. 25-CI-00882**

WRIGHT-PATT CREDIT UNION, INC.
PLAINTIFF,
vs. ADVERTISEMENT

CHARLES D. PACK-INDIVIDUALLY AND EXECUTOR
OF THE ESTATE OF SHARON PACK;
BRYAN D. PACK;
JEFFREY B. PACK;
CITY OF ASHLAND, KENTUCKY;
COUNTY OF BOYD, KENTUCKY,
DEFENDANTS.

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Address of Property: 4507 Valley View Drive, Ashland
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Map/Parcel ID Number: 032-01-00-101.00

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