

# APPROPRIATIONS UPDATE

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## House Begins FY27 Budget Hearings

This week, the House Appropriations Committee will begin its first major push to inform its fiscal year 2027 funding bills. The week will kick off with a four-part hearing to gather information from Tribal representatives, who will testify on the funding needs of Tribes from across the country. The Committee will also hold two Member Day hearings to allow Representatives and staff to share legislative branch and defense requests. The full schedule includes:

- American Indian and Alaska Native – Tuesday 3/17 and Wednesday 3/18 @ 9:00am and 1:00pm
- U.S. Capitol Police – Tuesday 3/17 @ 10:15am
- National Institutes of Health – Tuesday 3/17 @ 10:30am
- Member Day – Tuesday 3/17 (Legislative) @ 11:30am and Thursday 3/19 (Defense) @ 9:30am
- Legislative Branch – Tuesday 3/17 @ 2:00pm
- GAO and CBO – Wednesday 3/18 @ 9:00am
- Architect of the Capitol – Wednesday 3/18 @ 11:00am

## Republicans Mull Spending Package for Iran, Farmers, and Wildfire

Nearly a month after funding for the Department of Homeland Security lapsed, negotiations between congressional leaders and the White House remain at a standstill, with little progress toward ending the shutdown. The White House presented its latest proposal to restore DHS operations and reform immigration enforcement tactics two weeks ago, but Democratic leaders have not yet issued a formal counteroffer.

The dispute has become an increasingly political standoff. Republicans argue that growing disruptions will increase public pressure on Democrats to return to the negotiating table. As delays mount and DHS employees continue to face furloughs or work without pay, both parties are using the shutdown's consequences to bolster their bargaining positions.