

# THE BG TOP 3

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## #1 GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN...BUT PROBABLY JUST FOR THE WEEKEND

The Senate has come to an agreement that will allow for the spending bills to advance, except the Department of Homeland Security bill, which will have a two weeks continuing resolution to allow for more time for negotiation. The House of Representatives, however, will need to vote for this (given changes from the original House version), which will happen on Monday. It is likely at this point that the bills move forward on Monday without much opposition.

“These are fiscally responsible bills that reflect months of hard work and deliberation from members of both parties and both sides of the Capitol.”

- Senate Appropriations Committee Chair Collins (R-ME)

## #2 THE PRESIDENT INTENDS TO NOMINATE WARSH AS FED CHAIR

President Trump announced on social media that Kevin Warsh would be his nominee to be the next Chairman of the Federal Reserve. Chairman Powell's term ends in May. Warsh previously served on the board from 2006 to 2011, including during the financial crisis. He was originally nominated by President George W. Bush.

“ I have known Kevin for a long period of time, and have no doubt that he will go down as one of the GREAT Fed Chairmen, maybe the best. ”

- President Trump

## #3 POLLS GIVE DEMOCRATS ADVANTAGE IN CONGRESS

Five polls focused on the 2026 generic congressional vote from this week all give a slight advantage to Democrats - ranging from 52% to 41%, with Republicans ranging from 37% to 43%. According to the Cook Political Report, there are currently 18 toss-up seats in the House and 4 toss-up seats in the Senate.

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