

# THE BG TOP 3

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## #1 PRESIDENT CALLS ON SENATE TO END FILIBUSTER

President Trump has called on Republicans in the Senate to end the filibuster, which is widely regarded as the "nuclear option" in the world of Senate rules. Republicans recently adjusted the rules to allow for many nominees to be considered together, which has dramatically increased the number of nominees confirmed. Republicans have pushed back on eliminating the filibuster altogether, which is unlikely to change in the near term.

“Get rid of the filibuster, and get rid of it, NOW!”  
- President Trump

## #2 A BLITZ OF TRADE NEGOTIATIONS DEFINES PRESIDENT'S ASIA TRIP

President Trump had several stops in Asia this week to help solidify trade agreements, especially around tariffs. So far, the White House has announced agreements with Cambodia and Malaysia and frameworks for Vietnam, Thailand, and China. Agreements with Korea and India are also reported to be in process.

“I expect we will exchange signatures possibly as soon as next week. ”

- Secretary Bessent (on trade agreement with China)

## #3 SHUTDOWN PASSES ONE MONTH...SIGNS OF HOPE?

The government has now been shut down for more than 30 days, and both sides seem to be publicly positioning for the shutdown to continue well into November. The Senate is likely to hold their 14th vote on the continuing resolution on Monday when they return to DC. But, there does seem to be more frustration among rank-and-file policymakers on both sides of the aisle, especially with increasing impacts on the horizon, including risk to SNAP benefits, the start of open enrollment, federal pay periods, etc. Some of these may be an incentive for leaders to come to the negotiating table next week.

## BRUMIDI GROUP RESOURCES

- [Appropriations Update | October 27th, 2025](#)
- [Rural Report | October 28th, 2025](#)
- [DOE Directive Signals a New Era for FERC](#)
- [What Could be Left Behind in a Shutdown?](#)