

APPROPRIATIONS UPDATE

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FY27 Appropriations Process Remains Stalled Despite House Progress

The House is expected to resume consideration of fiscal year 2027 appropriations legislation this week, but as of Monday, the bills have not yet been included on Majority Leader Steve Scalise's official floor schedule, underscoring continued uncertainty about the chamber's agenda. Republican leaders are still working to resolve internal disputes that derailed floor action before the July recess, when a bloc of conservatives blocked a procedural rule in an effort to pressure leadership to advance the SAVE Act. While Speaker Mike Johnson has indicated he intends to move appropriations bills as soon as procedural issues are resolved, the ongoing standoff over election legislation continues to complicate scheduling and further compresses the already tight timeline before the September 30 funding deadline. As a result, expectations remain high that Congress will ultimately need a continuing resolution (CR) to prevent a government shutdown while negotiations continue.

Senate Republicans Face New Challenges with Appropriations Negotiations

The Senate's appropriations process faces an additional hurdle this week following the passing of Sen. Lindsey Graham and the continued absence of Sen. Mitch McConnell – both Republican members of the Senate Appropriations Committee. Graham's death leaves a vacancy on the panel, while McConnell remains away from the Senate as he recovers from recent health issues, reducing Republican participation on a committee that has yet to begin marking up any of its fiscal year 2027 spending bills. Their absence comes at a particularly challenging moment, as Senate appropriators are already working through disagreements over topline spending levels and defense funding. With the September 30 deadline approaching, diminished Republican membership on the committee could further complicate efforts to negotiate bipartisan funding bills and reinforce expectations that Congress will ultimately need a continuing resolution to keep the government funded.