

No breakthrough in shutdown talks

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WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump stood by his demands for funding for a border wall Sunday as another round of shutdown talks failed to break an impasse, while newly empowered House Democrats planned to step up the pressure on Trump and Republican lawmakers by passing legislation this week to reopen parts of the government.

Trump, who spent part of the day at Camp David for staff meetings, showed no signs of budging on his demand of more than \$5 billion for a wall along the U.S.-Mexico border. White House officials affirmed that request in a letter to Capitol Hill after a meeting with senior congressional aides led by Vice President Mike Pence at the White House complex yielded little progress.

The letter from Office of Management and Budget Acting Director Russell Vought also formalized Trump's declaration that the wall would be built from steel, rather than concrete, asking for funding for a "steel barrier on the South-



A TSA agent directs passengers through a security checkpoint at New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport. Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., suggested Sunday that the partial government shutdown is disrupting Transportation Security Administration operations.

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west border."

The White House said the letter, as well as details provided during the meeting, sought to answer Democrats' questions about the funding request. Democrats, though, said the administration failed in both the meeting and the letter to provide a full budget of how it would spend the billions requested on the wall, money the president wants from Congress.

The letter includes a request for \$800 million for "urgent humanitarian needs," a reflection of the growing anxiety over migrants traveling to the border — which the White House said Democrats raised in the meetings. And it repeats some existing funding requests for detention beds and security officers, which have already been

panned by Congress and would likely find resistance among House Democrats.

Still, the request makes clear a wall is a top priority. Vought writes that a "physical barrier — wall — creates an enduring capability that helps field personnel stop, slow down and/or contain illegal entries."

Trump sought to frame a steel barrier as progress as he returned from the presidential retreat in Maryland,

saying Democrats "don't like concrete, so we'll give them steel." The president has already suggested his definition of the wall is flexible, but Democrats have made clear they see a wall as immoral and ineffective and prefer other types of border security funded at already agreed upon levels.

With the partial shutdown in its third week, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said she intends to begin passing individual bills to reopen agencies in the coming days, starting with the Treasury Department to ensure people receive their tax refunds. That effort is designed to squeeze Senate Republicans, some of whom are growing increasingly anxious about the extended shutdown.

The seemingly intractable budget showdown marks the first clash for Trump and Democrats, who now control the House. It pits Trump's unpredictable negotiating stylings against a largely united Democratic front, as many Republicans watch nervously from the sidelines and hundreds of thousands of federal workers go without pay.

Although Trump tweeted that the Sunday session had been "productive," two Democrats familiar with

the meeting gave a different take, saying the White House had not provided the budget details they had requested and again declined to re-open government. One of the officials — neither was authorized to speak publicly — said no additional meetings were scheduled.

Trump said earlier in the day that he was hoping for "some very serious talks come Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday." While insisting he wanted to make a deal, he also declared he would not give an inch in his fight for funding for a border barrier, saying: "There's not going to be any bend right here."

Among the Republicans expressing concerns was Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine, who said Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell should take up bills from the Democratic-led House.

"Let's get those reopened while the negotiations continue," Collins said on NBC's "Meet the Press." Democrats criticized McConnell for waiting on Trump's support, but Collins said she was sympathetic to McConnell's opposition to moving legislation without agreement from the president.

WORLD IN BRIEF

Associated Press

US, Turkey set for negotiations on fate of Kurds

ANKARA, Turkey — U.S. National Security Adviser John Bolton is set to press Turkey for assurances that it won't attack the Kurdish fighters in Syria, which he said is now a condition for the withdrawal of American troops from northeastern Syria.

Bolton arrived today for negotiations with the NATO ally about the safety of the Kurds, who have fought alongside American forces against the Islamic State in Syria, and fear a military assault from Turkey should the U.S. pull out.

The talks are likely to be contentious, as Turkey considers the Syrian Kurdish People's Protection Units, or YPG, a terrorist group linked to an insurgency within its borders, and has threatened to mount a campaign against the groups. Bolton, who is expected to meet Tuesday with Turkish officials including President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, said the U.S. would oppose any such move against its allies in the fight against IS.

Turkish Defense Minister Hulusi Akar hit out at Bolton today, saying on Twitter that Turkey's fight isn't against Kurds but against Kurdish rebels and Islamic States militants who pose a threat to all ethnic groups.

Ginsburg missing Supreme Court arguments for 1st time

WASHINGTON — Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg is missing arguments for the first time in more than 25 years as she recuperates from cancer surgery last month, the Supreme Court said.

Ginsburg was not on the bench as the court met today to hear arguments. It was not clear when she would return to the court, which will hear more cases on Tuesday and Wednesday, and again next week.

Court spokeswoman Kathy Arberg said the 85-year-old justice is continuing to recuperate and work from home

after doctors removed two cancerous growths from her left lung on Dec. 21.

Chief Justice John Roberts said in the courtroom today that Ginsburg would participate in deciding the argued cases "on the basis of the briefs and transcripts of oral arguments."

Uber driver pleads guilty to 6 murders in 2016

KALAMAZOO, Mich. — A man charged with killing six strangers between picking up rides for Uber pleaded guilty to murder today in Michigan.

Jason Dalton's surprise move occurred as lawyers and a judge planned to pick a jury in Kalamazoo County court. There was no deal: He pleaded guilty to murder and attempted murder, and he faces a mandatory sentence of life in prison with no chance for parole.

"I've wanted to do this for quite a while," Dalton told a judge.

He answered "yes" to a series of questions, admitting that he shot eight people at three locations in the Kalamazoo area in 2016. Four women, a man and a 17-year-old boy were killed.

After Dalton's arrest, police quoted him as saying a "devil figure" on Uber's app was controlling him on the day of the shootings. He was found competent to stand trial and last week dropped an insanity defense.

Michigan family of 5 killed in wrong-way crash in Kentucky

LEXINGTON, Ky. — A suspected drunken driver heading the wrong way on Interstate 75 in Kentucky struck a vehicle carrying five family members from Michigan early Sunday, killing all six people, authorities said.

The southbound pickup truck being driven in the northbound lanes struck the family's sport utility vehicle at 2:30 a.m. in Lexington. The SUV caught fire and all five

occupants of that vehicle died, along with the pickup's driver, police said.

The family from Northville, Michigan, was returning from a vacation in Florida. They were identified as Issam Abbas, 42 and Rima Abbas, 38, along with their children, a boy Ali Abbas, 14; and girls Isabella Abbas, 13, and Giselle Abbas, 7.

The driver of the white pickup was identified as 41-year-old Joey Lee Bailey of Georgetown. Authorities believe Bailey was driving under the influence and that toxicology tests were planned. The interstate was shut for hours as the accident investigation opened.

It was the second crash in three days involving multiple deaths on Interstate 75, a bustling north-south corridor crossing the nation's midsection from South Florida to the U.S. border with Canada. Near Gainesville, Florida, an accident Thursday on a relatively flat stretch of the interstate that started between two tractor-trailers killed seven people, including five children on a trip to Walt Disney World in a church van from Louisiana. The truck drivers also were killed and at least eight others were injured.



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TV SCHEDULE

Evening listings MONDAY

MONDAY EVENING		A - Charter Astoria/ Seaside - L - Charter Long Beach										JANUARY 7	
A	L	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
2	KATU	(2) KATU News at 6 (N)		Jeopardy! (N)	Wheel Fortune (N)	The Bachelor	Meet the women who look to capture Colton's heart. (SP) (N)					News (N)	(35) Jimmy Kimmel
4	KOMO	(4) KOMO 4 News (N)		Wheel Fortune (N)	Jeopardy! (N)	The Bachelor	Meet the women who look to capture Colton's heart. (SP) (N)					KOMO 4 News (N)	(35) Jimmy Kimmel
5	KING	(5) NBC News (N)	KING 5 News	KING 5 News	Evening	America-Talent Acts	from past seasons and around the globe compete. (SP) (N)	Manifest				KING 5 News (N)	(35) Tonight Show
6	KOIN	(7) KOIN Local 6 (N)	Evening News (N)	Extra	Ent. Tonight	Big Bang Theory	H.Together (N)	Young Sheldon	The Neighborhood	Bull "Grey Areas"		News (N)	(35) Colbert
7	KIRO	(7) KIRO 7 News (N)	Evening News (N)	KIRO 7 News (N)	Ent. Tonight	Big Bang Theory	H.Together (N)	Young Sheldon	The Neighborhood	Bull "Grey Areas"		KIRO 7 News (N)	(35) Colbert
8	KGW	(3) KGW News at 6:00 p.m. (N)		Tonight Cassidy	Inside Edition	America-Talent Acts	from past seasons and around the globe compete. (SP) (N)	Manifest				News (N)	(35) Tonight Show
9	KRCW	(3) Modern Family 1/2	Modern Family 2/2	The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	The Flash "Elseworlds, Part One" 1/3	Arrow "Elseworlds, Part Two" Pt. 2 of 3	News (N)	Friends			Two and a Half	Two and a Half
10	KOPB	(10) This Old House	Business (N)	PBS NewsHour (N)		Antiques Roadshow (N)	Ore. Experience	Ore. Experience	Antiques Rd. "Chicago (Hour One)"			Independent L. "My Country No More"	
12	KPTV	(12) 6 O'Clock News (N)		Family Feud	Family Feud	The Resident		9-1-1	10 O'Clock News (N)			News (N)	Page Six TV
13	KPDx	(13) Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Prime News (N)		Prime News (N)	Big Bang Theory	Family Guy		American Dad!	The Game
14	KCPQ	(13) Modern Family 1/2	Modern Family 2/2	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	The Resident		9-1-1	Q13 NEWS AT 10 (N)			News (N)	The Simpsons
20	TBS	(20) Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	American Dad!	American Dad!	Seinfeld	Seinfeld
22	KZJO	(22) Black-ish	Black-ish	Mom	Modern Family 1/2	Mom	Modern Family 2/2	Q13 News at 9 (N)				Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory
23	ESPN	(29) (5:00) NCAA Football	CFP National Championship Site: Levi's Stadium -- Santa Clara, Calif. (L)	(45) Football Bowl	(55) SportsCenter (N)			SportsCenter (N)				SportsCenter (N)	
29	ESPN2	(30) (5:00) NCAA Football	CFP National Championship Site: Levi's Stadium -- Santa Clara, Calif. (L)	College Football Scoreboard (L)	NFL Live							College Football Scoreboard	
31	NICK	(31) The Loud House	The Loud House	The Loud House	The Loud House	Double Dare	Double Dare	To Be Announced				Friends	(35) Friends
32	DISN	(32) Movie	(50) Raven's Home	(15) Raven's Home	(40) Raven's Home	Coop & Cami	Raven's Home	Raven's Home	Good Luck Charlie	Good Luck Charlie		Raven's Home	Raven's Home
34	FAM	(34) *** Home Alone 2: Lost in New York	(1992, Comedy) Joe Pesci, Daniel Stern, Macaulay Culkin.	*** Sweet Home Alabama	(2002, Comedy) Candice Bergen, Josh Lucas, Reese Witherspoon.							The 700 Club	
35	FMC	(35) (4:20) Dawn of the Planet of the Apes	*** Dawn of the Planet of the Apes	(2014, Sci-Fi) Jason Clarke, Andy Serkis, Gary Oldman.	(40) *** The Maze Runner	(2014, Sci-Fi) Thomas Brodie-Sangster, Will Poulter, Dylan O'Brien.							
38	LIPE	(38) The First 48 "Road Hazard/ Cold"	First 48 "In Harm's Way/ Jealous Rage"	The First 48 "Marked for Death"	The First 48 "Ultimate Price"				(05) The First 48			(05) The First 48	
39	ROOT	(38) Mark Few (N)	Mariners Access	Mariners Mondays "Opening Day" (N)					In Depth	Focused		Mariners Mondays "Opening Day"	
39	FS1	(39) Boxing Classics Premier Champions	PBC Countdown	PBC Face to Face	Speak for Yourself			TMZ Sports (N)	Fair Game			PBC Countdown	PBC Face to Face
43	SPIKE	(43) Mom	Mom	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops (N)			Cops	Cops
44	COM	(44) The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office		The Daily Show	The Office
45	HIST	(45) American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers	(05) American Pickers			(05) Brothers in Arms	
45	A&E	(46) First 48 "Endless Love and Out of Time"	Gangland "Silent Slaughter"						Gangland "Blood Oath"			(05) Gangland "Basic Training"	
47	TLC	(47) Say Yes-Dress	Love Yes-Dress	Hoarding "This House Killed Her"	Hoarding "Just Tear It Down"	Hoarding "As Bad As It Gets"	Hoarding "As Bad As It Gets"	Hoarding "Holding Mom Hostage"	Hoarding "Buried Alive "Full of Rats"			Hoarding "Buried Alive "Full of Rats"	
48	DISC	(48) To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced			To Be Announced	
49	NGEO	(49) Human Towers (N)		Detroit Gang Squad		Outlaw Bikers "Hell's Angels"	The Manson Cult	Charles Manson and his gang of loyal followers.				Outlaw Bikers "Hell's Angels"	
50	TNT	(50) (5:30) *** War of the Worlds '05	Dakota Fanning, Justin Chatwin, Tom Cruise.	*** Edge of Tomorrow	(2014, Sci-Fi) Emily Blunt, Noah Taylor, Tom Cruise.				*** Shooter	(2007, Action) Michael Peña, Mark Wahlberg.			
51	AMC	(51) (5:30) *** Jaws 2 (1978, Horror)	Lorraine Gary, Murray Hamilton, Roy Scheider.	*** Uncle Tom (1989, Comedy)	Amy Madigan, Jean Louisa Kelly, John Candy.	(20) *** Revenge of the Nerds	(84) Anthony Edwards, Robert Carradine.						
52	USA	(52) NCIS "See No Evil"	NCIS "The Good Wives Club"			WWE Monday Night Raw						Modern Family	Modern Family
53	FOOD	(53) Kids Baking "You're in the Ballpark"	Kids Baking "Bite-Sized Birthday Party"			Kids Baking "Winning Colors"	Kids Baking "Bakin' with Bacon" (N)	WinCake "It's a Bubby Birthday" (P) (N)	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters (N)		Chopped "Sweets: Chocolate Obsession"	
54	HGTV	(54) Love It or List It "New Kid on the Block"	Love It or List It			Love It or List It "One Last Renovation"	Love/List "All Work and No Play" (N)	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters (N)			House Hunters	House Hunters
56	FX	(56) **** Rio 2 (2014, Animated)	Anne Hathaway, Rodrigo Santoro, Jesse Eisenberg.	The Croods (2013, Animated)	Emma Stone, Ryan Reynolds, Nicolas Cage.				The Croods (2013, Animated)	Emma Stone, Ryan Reynolds, Nicolas Cage.			
57	CNN	(57) Cuomo Prime Time	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon			CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	Anderson Cooper 360		Cuomo Prime Time			CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	
58	FNC	(58) Hannity	The Ingraham Angle			Fox News @ Night	Hard news and analysis of the most compelling stories.		Hannity			Fox News @ Night	
61	CNBC	(61) American Greed: Scam	American Greed: Scam			American Greed: Scam	American Greed: Scam		American Greed: Scam			Paid Program	Paid Program
63	BRAV	(63) Vanderpump R. "Reunion Part II" 2/2	Vanderpump Rules "Either Him or Me"	Vanderpump Rules "Lisa's Dilemma"	Vanderpump Rules "Ice Queens" (N)							Watch What (N)	Vanderpump Rules
64	TCM	(64) (1:15) *** Way Out West '37	Oliver Hardy, Stan Laurel.	Sons of the Desert	(33) Stan Laurel.	(45) Tit For Tat	(15) ★ Swiss Miss (1938, Comedy)	Oliver Hardy, Stan Laurel.	(45) ★ Pack Up Your Troubles	(32) Stan Laurel.			
65	SYFY	(65) (5:05) *** Iron Man 3 '13	(Act) Gwyneth Paltrow, Guy Pearce, Robert Downey Jr..	*** Need for Speed	(2014, Action) Imogen Poots, Dominic Cooper, Aaron Paul.				(55) Futurama 1/4	(25) Futurama 2/4			
162	RFD	(162) American Rancher	Red Steagall	Red Steagall	Horse of the West	Craig Cameron	Rural Eve. News	I Am Angus	American Rancher	Red Steagall		Product Showcase	