

Congress heading on vacation, putting off messy decisions

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WASHINGTON — Congress is heading out for a five-week summer recess in anything but a cheerful vacation mood...

Not long after they return in September, lawmakers must vote on President Barack Obama's nuclear deal with Iran...

And, as more videos emerge showing disturbing fetal tissue collection practices, Republicans are increasingly focused on cutting off funding for Planned Parenthood...

Later in the fall or winter, Congress will have to raise the federal debt limit, another issue ripe for brinkmanship, especially given

the presence in the Senate of several presidential candidates adamantly opposed to an increase.

The House wrapped up its summer session by approving only a three-month extension of highway and transit spending and authority...

Add in deadlines to renew authorities for the Federal Aviation Administration, child nutrition standards and pipeline safety...

Republican Rep. Mick Mulvaney of South Carolina, who leads a group of 18 conservatives vowing to oppose any spending bill that funds Planned Parenthood...

“We have to figure out a way to fund the government without giving any more money to this institution.”

The effort could prevent leaders from extending current spending levels come the new budget year Oct. 1, since Planned Parenthood now receives more than \$500 million in government assistance.

And that could leave Republicans who took control of Congress this year promising to avoid shut-downs and “fiscal cliffs” backed into a very uncomfortable corner.

“Democrats will unite against them,” says Chuck Schumer of New York, the No. 3 Senate Democrat.

While the House left town Wednesday, the Senate plans one more week before leaving, with a cybersecurity bill and a largely symbolic vote on defunding Planned Parenthood.

Along with Iran, the government

spending issue tops a long list of thorny disputes that threaten to have Republicans and Democrats at loggerheads for months.

The 12 annual spending bills that fund the government are hung up on a variety of disagreements, including a dust-up in the House over the Confederate flag and Democrats' demands to increase domestic spending.

On Iran, Republicans are largely united against the nuclear deal, while those Democrats who've not yet declared their position are under enormous pressure from both sides.

The White House is imploring them to back the president, while groups allied with the Israeli government are warning against the deal in apocalyptic terms.

would turn to whether opponents could muster the two-thirds vote in each chamber to override Obama's certain veto.

Republicans are entering their recess after a nasty spate of intra-party brawls laid bare the ongoing conflict between tea party-backed conservatives and more pragmatic party leaders on Capitol Hill.

Yet for now, nothing like that is under way.

“We're going to discuss how to fund the government after the August recess,” Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., said Thursday.

Television > Today's highlights



Stacy London hosts "Love, Lust or Run"

Defiance

Doc Yewll (Trenna Keating) investigates the victim of a ghastly murder in this new episode, while Nolan (Grant Bowler) and Irisa (Stephanie Leonidas) hunt the beast loose in Defiance.

Gotham

A killer is targeting unsuspecting people with serious phobias, and Dets. Bullock (Donal Logue) and Gordon (Ben McKenzie) do everything they can to hunt down the murderer.

Love, Lust or Run

Modern day fashion guru Stacy London guides women with questionable style. The participants shed their over-the-top looks so that London can perform a dramatic "makeunder" that will better reflect their personalities.

Redwood Kings

After the guys complete a junk picking mission, they head out on a road trip to Northern California in the hopes of reclaiming some huge fallen coastal redwoods.

Blue Bloods

Erin (Bridget Moynahan) must bring a protected mob informant back to New York City when a key witness in a double murder case drops out in this rebroadcast.

Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives

Guy Fieri invites viewers along as he checks out some killer cuisine spanning three different continents. In Denver, a unique eatery dishes out a creative take on Indian curry.

Dark Matter

The crew becomes suspicious of Six (Roger R. Cross) in a new episode of this sci-fi series. He makes clandestine use of transfer transit -- a station-to-station technology that allows the user to cross vast distances via subspace mind transmissions.

Talk shows

7:00 a.m. 19 KEPR KOIN CBS This Morning
25 KNDU KGW Today Show Kevin Kline on 'Ricki and the Flash.'
42 KVEW KATU Good Morning America
WPIX Maury
8:00 a.m. WPIX The Jerry Springer Show Jake wants his girlfriend, Kayla to break up with him, so he hooks up with Margarita.

19 KEPR KOIN The Talk
59 OPB Charlie Rose
WPIX The Steve Wilkos Show Joshua was there for pregnant Brandy though he knew he might not be the father.
2:00 p.m. KOIN 42 KVEW The Doctors
KGW The Dr. Oz Show Whether you smoke them or not, e-cigarettes may be more dangerous than you think.
KATU The Meredith Vieira Show Guests include 'The Night Shift' actor Scott Wolf and the cast of USA Network's 'The Dig'.

Friday Morning

Table with columns for Station, Time, and Program. Includes shows like AgDay, The Office, News, Today Show, Good Morning America, and Sesame Street.

AFTERNOON

Table with columns for Station, Time, and Program. Includes shows like Pat. Court, The Real, Wendy Williams, TMZ Live!, Judge Judy, and The Doctors.

EVENING

Table with columns for Station, Time, and Program. Includes shows like Modern Family, Family Feud, Masterchef, Gotham, and America's Got Talent.

Large table with columns for Station, Time, and Program. Includes a wide variety of shows such as Criminal Minds, The Mentalist, The Bachelor, and various news and entertainment programs.

NIGHT OWL

Table with columns for Station, Time, and Program. Includes shows like AngerM., TMZ, Dish, Raising Queens, King of H., and various late-night entertainment programs.