

House Joint Memorial 8

Sponsored by Representative EVANS (Pre-session filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: Urges Congress to pass a law about budgets. (Flesch Readability Score: 71.8).

Urges Congress to pass legislation to prevent a future shutdown of the federal government from lasting more than 50 days in the event of an impasse between Congress and the President.

JOINT MEMORIAL

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2 To the President of the United States and the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United
3 States of America, in Congress assembled:

4 We, your memorialists, the Eighty-third Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon, in legisla-
5 tive session assembled, respectfully represent as follows:

6 Whereas the most recent shutdown of the federal government began on December 22, 2018, and
7 it became the longest shutdown in the history of the United States, lasting 35 days; and

8 Whereas the shutdown finally ended on January 25, 2019, when the President of the United
9 States and Congressional leaders agreed to a stop-gap spending bill; and

10 Whereas federal government shutdowns are increasing in frequency and duration, and the most
11 recent shutdown was preceded by shutdowns in 2018 and 2013; and

12 Whereas during the latest shutdown, hundreds of thousands of federal employees were sent home
13 without pay and many critical employees were forced to continue working without pay; and

14 Whereas during the shutdown, many government services and benefits were reduced or delayed,
15 and some federal departments and agencies were shut down altogether; and

16 Whereas the ripple effects of the shutdown spread widely throughout the entire U.S. economy,
17 dramatically affecting state and local governments, businesses of every size and millions of Ameri-
18 cans; and

19 Whereas the shutdown reduced U.S. gross domestic product by an estimated \$11 billion; and

20 Whereas the possibility exists that a future shutdown could last months, paralyzing the federal
21 government and wreaking havoc on every aspect of our economy and society; and

22 Whereas there is currently no formal mechanism that would end a government shutdown in the
23 absence of a compromise between the President of the United States and Congress; now, therefore,

24 **Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:**

25 That we, the members of the Eighty-third Legislative Assembly, respectfully urge the Congress
26 of the United States to pass legislation mandating that, after 50 days of a federal government shut-
27 down, the government would automatically default to the most recent continuing resolution, thus
28 providing funding to federal agencies until a permanent agreement is reached; and be it further

29 Resolved, That a copy of this memorial shall be sent to the President of the United States, the
30 Senate Majority Leader, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and each member of the

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 Oregon Congressional Delegation.

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