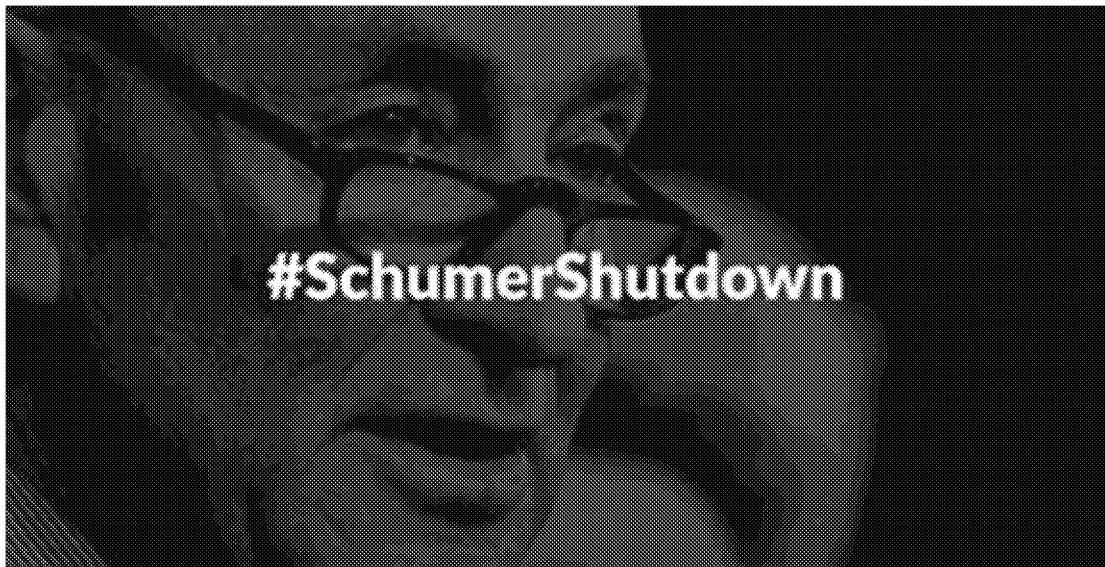


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**Week of 01.20.2018**

## **Senate Democrats Shut Down the Government**



Friday night, Senate Democrats shut down the government, putting partisan politics ahead of the needs of our troops and the American people. Members of the Western Caucus and the Administration have not been shy about placing the blame squarely where it belongs — Senate Democrats own this Shutdown.



**The White House** @WhiteHouse · 11h

Senate Democrats put politics above national security, military families, vulnerable children, and our country's ability to serve all Americans. We will not negotiate the status of unlawful immigrants while Democrats hold our lawful citizens hostage over their reckless demands.



**Brian Babin** @RepBrianBabin · 1h

.@SenSchumer & @SenateDems must end their politically motivated shutdown & pass bipartisan House bill that keeps government open. The #SchumerShutdown is harming our troops, blocking CHIP health care for children & obstructing relief for #Harvey victims in #TX36.



**Rep. Mia Love** @RepMiaLove · 1h

The NO vote from @SenateDems took health care from 9 million children who rely on the Children's Health Insurance Program every day. #SchumerShutdown #utpol



**Martha McCally** @RepMcCally · 52m

I'm disgusted that Democrats violated the will of the American people and shut down the government—choosing illegals over our American troops and 9 million children throughout this country relying on CHIP for healthcare.



**Raúl R. Labrador** @Raul\_Labrador · 10m

#ShumerShutdown seeks amnesty for illegal aliens, while denying gov't services to taxpaying citizens. Time for Democrats to work with us in good faith.



**Donald J. Trump** @realDonaldTrump · 2h

Democrats are holding our Military hostage over their desire to have unchecked illegal immigration. Can't let that happen!

## The House has Acted to Fund the Government

The House of Representatives passed legislation for all 12 appropriations bills necessary to fund the government in fiscal year 2018 and passed two short-term extensions to allow the Senate to try and get their work done and fund the government. Meanwhile, the Senate has passed one short-term extension and 0 of 12 appropriations bills. The Senate is currently comprised of 51 Republicans and needs 60 votes to fund the government and pass appropriations bills. Unfortunately, Senate Democrats refuse to work for the American people and reach across the aisle.

# Appropriations Status Table: FY2018

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## BILLS PASSED

- + HOUSE (12 OF 12)
- + SENATE (0 OF 12)
- + BOTH CHAMBERS (0 OF 12)
- + VETOED (0 OF 12)
- + SIGNED BY PRESIDENT (0 OF 12)

Source: The Nonpartisan Congressional Research Service


## America Continues to Reap Benefits of Tax Reform



**Paul Ryan** @SpeakerRyan · Jan 17

This is great news for the American economy and for America's workers.

**CNBC** @CNBC

**BREAKING:**  says it will contribute more than \$350 billion over the next five years to the US economy through investments, will add "over 20,000 new jobs through hiring at existing campuses and opening a new one"

More than two million workers have already benefited directly from the historic tax cuts enacted in December. To see a full list of companies taking action to invest in America and reward their employees as a direct result of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act click [HERE](#).



**Brian Babin** @RepBrianBabin · Jan 17

GREAT NEWS: Treasury has announced new withholding tables that will mean hardworking #Americans see boosts in their #paychecks as early as February (in just a few weeks). This is a huge win for vast majority of Americans who are working paycheck-to-paycheck. #TaxCutsandJobsAct



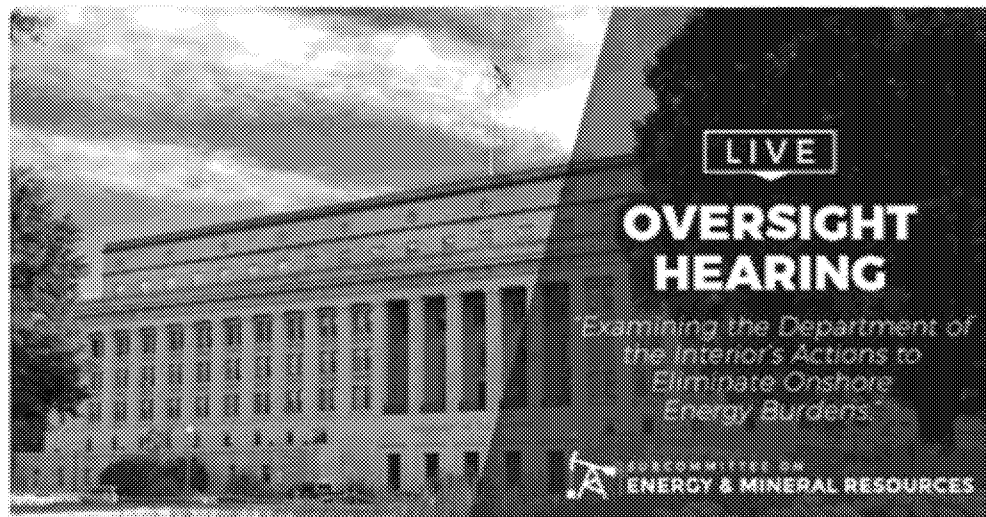
## Resources Reviews Actions to Reduce Energy Barriers



**Natural Resources** @NatResources · Jan 18

.@RepGosar chair's hearing to address @Interior's actions to reduce costly barriers to energy development on federal lands.

LIVE: [bit.ly/OversightHeari...](https://bit.ly/OversightHeari...)



On Thursday, House Committee on Natural Resources Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources **Chairman Paul Gosar (AZ-04)** held an oversight hearing to examine Department of

the Interior actions to eliminate energy burdens on federal lands.

“Under Secretary Zinke’s leadership we are reviewing, revising and creating new oil and gas program policies, procedures and guidelines to help secure American energy dominance, create jobs and build a strong economy,” **Deputy Director of Policy and Programs at the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Brian Steed** stated.

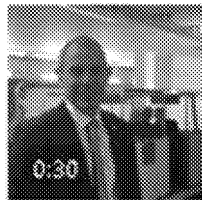
Read the full Natural Resources Committee press release [HERE](#).

## Curtis Introduces Bill to Boost Rural Broadband



**Western Caucus** @westerncaucus · Jan 18

We love what Rep. Curtis is doing to help boost rural infrastructure by streamlining the federal process. Let's get your bill passed, Congressman!



**Rep. John Curtis** @RepJohnCurtis

Today I introduced a bill to help economic development in rural communities and make it cheaper to install broadband. #AccessForAll  
Read all about it: [goo.gl/wTR5u7](http://goo.gl/wTR5u7) #utpol

On Thursday, **Rep. John Curtis (UT-03)**, introduced the Rural Broadband Permitting Efficiency Act. This legislation streamlines the permitting process and spurs economic development in rural communities.

**Vice-Chairman Scott Tipton (CO-03)** stated, “Having access to reliable and fast broadband is critical to the success of every American family, student and small business. Unfortunately, the digital divide between rural and urban America is significant, and we must take action to make sure rural America is keeping up,” said Tipton. “Redundant permitting laws and regulations often hold up broadband projects, especially in rural areas, which in turn discourage providers from pursuing these projects. That’s why I am proud to cosponsor critical legislation that will streamline broadband projects in highway rights-of-way and ultimately increase broadband access across Colorado and the entire country.”

**Chairman Paul Gosar (AZ-04)** said, "The last Presidential election showed us that, more and more, there are two Americas – and rural America feels left behind. Basic services like broadband internet represent the minimum of what is necessary to participate in the 21st century American Dream, but too often rural communities are boxed out of reliable internet access by our own government’s convoluted, crawling approvals process for deploying broadband infrastructure. Congressman Curtis’ Rural Broadband Permitting Efficiency Act solves many of these problems. Rural America deserves to be on equal footing with the rest of the country, and I thank Mr. Curtis for working to bridge that infrastructure gap,” said Gosar.

## Trump Administration Making America Great for a Year



Natural Resources @NatResources · 3h

One year of Making America Great Again! Thank you @realDonaldTrump #MAGA

[bit.ly/TrumpsFirstYear](https://bit.ly/TrumpsFirstYear)



Its been over a year now since the Trump Administration started making American great again. The President and his team had enormous success during that period and business is booming. A few of the highlights from the first year include:

- 1.7 million new jobs were created
- Unemployment fell to 4.1 percent, the lowest rate in nearly 17 years
- The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act cut taxes by \$5.5 trillion
- 60 percent of these tax cuts went directly to hard-working families
- U.S. GDP increased 3 percent or more for two quarters in a row for the first time in three years
- The Dow Jones Industrial Average index hit record highs more than 60 times and closed higher than 24,000 points for the first time in history

To read more click [HERE](#).

***POST OF THE WEEK..***



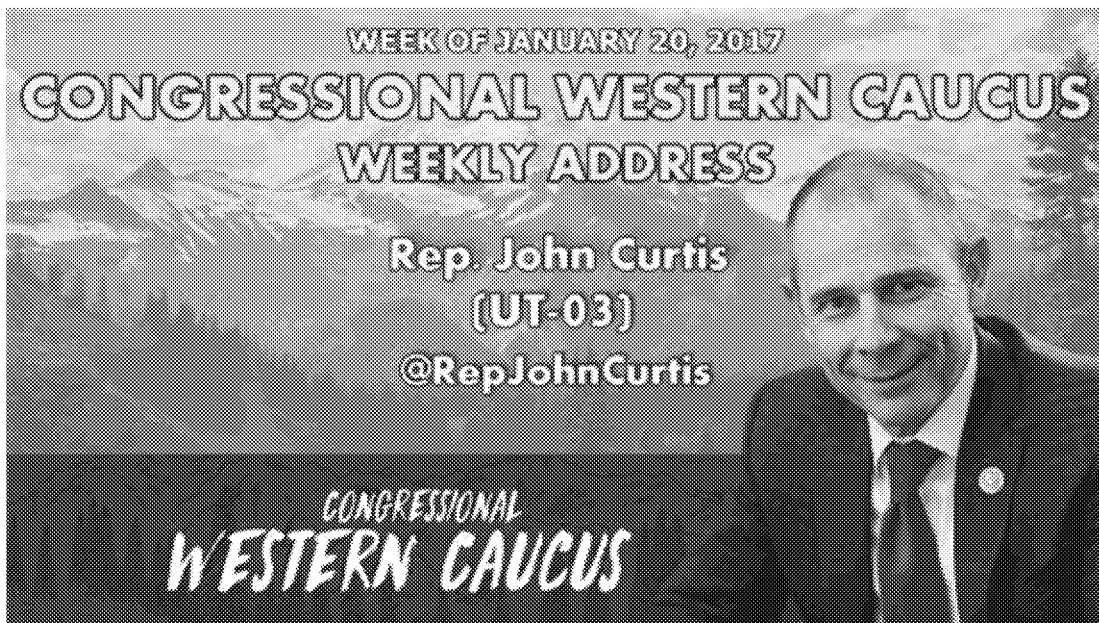
Dana W. White - DoD @ChiefPentSpox · 21h

#SecDef Mattis refuses to be late, so he walked the last 15 minutes of his trip to @SAISHopkins where he delivered remarks on the #NationalDefenseStrategy: go.usa.gov/xrwZs #NeverLate #AlwaysOnTime



## WEEKLY ADDRESS...

The newest Member of the House of Representatives and newest Member of the Congressional Western Caucus, **Rep. John Curtis (UT-03)**, discusses important issues in Utah's Third District. Click [HERE](#) or on the picture below to watch this week's address.



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