

. " For workers who will not be able to pay their rent, Trump suggested that landlords would " work with " them and that he would encourage them to " be nice and easy " on their tenants. # " This is national security we're talking about. We're not talking about games, " Trump said, flanked by Vice President Pence, the top two House Republican leaders and Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen. " This should've been done by all of the presidents that preceded me. " # He also appeared to hold out the possibility that the shutdown would not end: " We'll see what happens. It may get solved; it may not get solved, " the president said. # This shutdown is officially the longest ever. Here's how others ended. # The chaotic news conference Friday -- combined with the meeting with congressional leaders in the White House Situation Room that preceded it -- underscored how few substantive developments have occurred since the shutdown began two weeks ago. Congress is adjourned until Tuesday, making Wednesday the earliest the government can reopen barring a major turnaround in the current standoff between the administration and congressional Democrats. # At that point, the partial closure will have lasted 18 days -- making it the second-longest federal shutdown in recent history. # Real-life consequences of the shutdown are already beginning to seep in. In one example Friday, union leaders said hundreds of Transportation Safety Administration workers at major airports nationwide are off the job because they can't afford to get to work, although a TSA spokesman said the absences aren't enough to affect airport security operations. Millions of Americans also face delayed tax refunds and cuts to food stamps if the standoff