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## Stopgap spending bill averts shutdown

Democrats give Johnson necessary votes, creating new deadline of Dec. 20

BY JACOB BOGAGE

Congress approved legislation Wednesday for a stopgap spending bill and a \$231 million infusion to the Secret Service, heading off a government shutdown and boosting security for presidential candidates ahead of November's elections.

The bill, which passed both the House and Senate with wide bipartisan support, extends federal finances to Dec. 20, when Congress will have a new tussle during the lame-duck, end-of-year session to pass annual funding bills for the rest of the 2025 fiscal year, or punt spending decisions once again into the next presidential administration.

The legislation also surfaced tension between Republican House leadership and former president Donald Trump, as well as within the brittle House GOP majority. Trump demanded a shutdown unless the House also passed new federal voter registration restrictions. House Republicans twice nearly blocked the government funding bill from reaching the floor over separate concerns.

The moves reflect the restless nature, even after two years in the majority, of House Republicans and the firm hold Trump has on the party in Congress, influencing even from the campaign trail what could have been a mundane funding vote and teeing up another spending fight in a matter of weeks.

By December, lawmakers will have to sort out topline spending figures for the rest of the 2025 fiscal year, pump new money into veterans' health care, overhaul U.S. agriculture policy and more. The election, lawmakers say, clouds all of those issues.

"Right now, our job is to get past the election. Whomever the next president-elect is, I think, probably will tell us what their preference is, and we will try to our best ability to get it done," House Appropriations Chair Tom Cole (R-Okla.) said. "I've always been for finishing our

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## Left behind in the Arizona desert

The young Mexican soldier hefted his camouflage backpack and stepped through a hole in the border wall.

The temperature was 99 degrees and rising. José Antonio Salinas Pineda was carrying more than 40 pounds, much of it water. The Sonoran Desert lay ahead. He felt confident, he told his sister. On his military missions to burn poppy fields and hunt drug labs, Salinas had often camped out in rugged mountains, once surviving for a week with little food. He was now 21 — his birth date tattooed on his chest in Roman numerals — and strong.

Volunteers brave record heat to seek a collapsed migrant

BY JOSHUA PARTLOW  
IN AJO, ARIZ.

A search group rests during an expedition to find a Mexican man who had been traveling with a smuggler.

His group — five migrants, led by a teenage smuggler — was scheduled to arrive in Phoenix, more than 100 miles away, by 5 p.m. the following day.

"Today we begin to walk," he texted his family minutes before setting off in early June.

A day and a half later, slumped beneath a cactus, swollen and blistered, he could go no farther. The first rays of sun were rearing up over the horizon. The others shouldered their packs and walked away.

During the world's hottest summer on record, in one of the hottest parts of the country, a

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ELECTION 2024

## Up in arms over Trump's vow to 'protect' women

BY MARIANNE LEVINE  
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Donald Trump portrays himself as a "protector" of women, who as president will safeguard them from inflation, undocumented immigrants, crime and foreign threats he often speaks about in exaggerated terms. Women will "no longer be thinking about abortion," since states now make their laws unilaterally, he declares, nodding to the end of

Pitch to female voters leaves many insulted, but it resonates with others

*Roe v. Wade* and the constitutional right to the procedure. And while American women are "more stressed and depressed and unhappy," Trump says, "I will fix all of that, women."

The comments are part of a provocative new pitch the Republican presidential nominee is making with fewer than six weeks left until Election Day, as he seeks to narrow what polls show is a considerable deficit among women, who have accounted for more than half of voters in recent elections. Like much of what Trump says, his words have quickly become a polarizing force, interviews show: While the former president's message has resonat-

ed with some women who say it is reassuring, others called it paternalistic or insulting and recoiled from his assertion that he helped women by making abortion a state issue.

"I don't want to see a bunch of White guys telling me what I can and can't do," said Darlene Gutman, a 55-year-old former Trump

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## A new tool for D.C. medics in their race against death

Since April, on-site blood transfusions have aided scores of trauma victims

BY CLARENCE WILLIAMS

The shooting victim lay unconscious, with blood pressure so low that D.C. Fire and EMS paramedic Sgt. Daniel Lottes believed his patient was at the "crest of death."

For 17 years, Lottes has treated dozens of patients with rapidly failing vital signs and grim chances of survival. But during the April incident, the EMS supervisor who works in Anacostia employed a new tool in the back of his SUV — a pint of whole blood.

Rescuers applied pressure to stanch the blood flow from the wounded abdomen and hooked

the victim up to a ventilator.

Then medics found a vein, set up an IV and administered medication before pumping blood into the victim, 10 milliliters at a time. Within three minutes, the patient revived.

"They became reanimated and were able to tell us their name, their date of birth and what their address was," Lottes recalled. "Whereas before they were completely unconscious."

This lifesaving on-site blood transfusion was one of more than 100 that D.C. medics have administered since April as part of a pilot program launched this year. D.C. is one of a handful of jurisdictions nationwide that has trained medics to administer blood before patients reach the hospital, based on protocols developed by military personnel in the battlefield.

Medics in this program have administered "whole blood" —

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## A rush to prepare as Hurricane Helene barrels in

People bag sand Wednesday in Tallahassee in preparation for flooding as Hurricane Helene carves a path toward the Gulf Coast. Forecasters now expect Helene to intensify into a Category 4 storm before making landfall in Florida on Thursday evening. Story, A15

## Israel signals Lebanon assault

SOLDIERS PREPARING FOR ALL-OUT WAR

Hezbollah, for first time, fires missile at Tel Aviv

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CAIRO — Israel said Wednesday that it was readying troops for a potential ground incursion into Lebanon, telling soldiers to prepare to "enter enemy territory" as it called up more reservists and sent world leaders scrambling to prevent a full-scale war with Hezbollah militants.

"We are preparing the process of a maneuver," the Israeli military chief, Lt. Gen. Herzi Halevi, told troops at an exercise along the northern border, "which means your military boots ... will enter enemy territory."

"You will go in, destroy the enemy there and decisively destroy their infrastructure," he said, adding that the operation would allow Israeli residents, displaced for months by Hezbollah rocket fire, to "safely" return home.

The remarks came as the Israel Defense Forces announced it was mobilizing two reserve brigades for operations in the north, a move the military said would allow for "the continuation of combat" against Hezbollah, which also fired a rocket, missiles and drones at Israeli communities.

Early Wednesday, the group, which is both a military and political movement, said it launched a ballistic missile toward Tel Aviv, Israel's commercial and financial

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Israel on edge: In north, constant threat of strikes by Hezbollah. A11

## U.S. officials at odds over ally's strategy of escalation

This article is by John Hudson, Ellen Nakashima, Missy Ryan, Karen DeYoung and Shane Harris

The Biden administration is divided over Israel's military escalation against Hezbollah with some senior officials viewing it as a reckless bombardment likely to produce more deadly cycles of violence and others seeing it as a potentially effective means of degrading the Lebanese militant group and forcing it to back down.

Senior officials are publicly calling for de-escalation as the administration tries to find a diplomatic off-ramp to the metastasizing Middle East conflict. In the past two weeks, Israel's brazen sabotage of thousands of pagers and walkie-talkies and a series of airstrikes have killed hundreds, including a top Hezbollah commander on Friday.

"Full-scale war is not in anyone's interest," President Joe Biden said in a speech to the United Nations on Tuesday. "A diplomatic solution ... remains the only path to lasting security to allow

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