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## House Passes \$1.2 Trillion Spending Bill

The House of Representatives voted today to pass a \$1.2 trillion spending bill, averting a government shutdown.

[The bill passed 286-134](#), with 185 Democrats and 101 Republicans voting in favor, and 22 Democrats and 112 Republicans voting against it. The spending package, which consists of six spending bills rolled together, will fund roughly three-quarters of the federal government — including the legislative branch and the departments of Defense, Homeland Security, Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and State — for the next six months.



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The bill is now in the hands of the U.S. Senate, which is expected to pass it but could miss the midnight deadline to avoid a partial shutdown. Senators Rand Paul (R-Ky.), Mike Lee (R-Utah), and Bill Hagerty (R-Tenn.) say they plan to offer amendments, which could slow the Senate's consideration of the bill.



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