

2025 First Extraordinary Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1

BY SENATOR CATHEY

CONGRESS. Memorializes the Congress of the United States to take immediate action to approve funding to end the federal government shutdown and urges the United States Senate to adopt the continuing resolution passed by the United States House of Representatives that would ensure temporary funding and the uninterrupted operation of the federal government.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To memorialize the Congress of the United States to take immediate action to approve
3 funding to end the federal government shutdown and urge the United States Senate
4 to adopt the continuing resolution passed by the United States House of
5 Representatives that would ensure temporary funding and the uninterrupted
6 operation of the federal government.

7 WHEREAS, the federal government is currently in a state of shutdown due to a
8 disagreement on the federal budget; and

9 WHEREAS, the United States House of Representatives passed H.R. 5371, 119th
10 Cong. (2025), Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act, to temporarily fund the
11 federal government; and

12 WHEREAS, the United States Senate has been unable to obtain the necessary votes
13 to pass the continuing resolution; and

14 WHEREAS, on October 24, 2025, Governor Jeff Landry issued Executive Order
15 Number JML 25-123 declaring a state of emergency as a result of the suspension of SNAP
16 benefits due to the federal government shutdown; and

17 WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana is considering all possible funding options to
18 continue critical federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits

1 disrupted by the federal government shutdown for its most vulnerable residents, including
2 children, seniors, and individuals with disabilities; and

3 WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana created a Budget Stabilization Fund and Revenue
4 Stabilization Fund to provide protection against unforeseen disruptions in critical services;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, the legislature is considering a resolution to utilize up to \$150 million
7 for the purpose of providing funding for a federal program traditionally supported with
8 federal taxes; and

9 WHEREAS, Congress has established a clear precedent for reimbursement of states
10 during a lapse in appropriations, most notably in Public Law 113-46 (Continuing
11 Appropriations Act, 2014), which provides: "If a State (or another Federal grantee) used
12 State funds...to continue carrying out a Federal program...the State...shall be reimbursed
13 for expenses that would have been paid by the Federal Government during such period had
14 appropriations been available"; and

15 WHEREAS, the federal government shutdown has resulted in the suspension of
16 critical government services, the furlough of employees, and disruption to programs that
17 support food assistance, public health, transportation, education, national security, and
18 economic stability within the state of Louisiana; and

19 WHEREAS, the economic impact of the shutdown is not confined to the federal level
20 but extends to small businesses, contractors, and local economies that rely on government
21 spending.

22 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
23 does hereby memorialize the Congress of the United States to take immediate action to
24 approve funding to end the federal government shutdown and urges the United States Senate
25 to adopt the continuing resolution passed by the United States House of Representatives that
26 would ensure temporary funding and the uninterrupted operation of the federal government.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does
28 hereby commend the United States House of Representatives, under the leadership of
29 Speaker Mike Johnson and Majority Leader Steve Scalise, for passing the continuing
30 resolution that ensures temporary funding and the uninterrupted operation of the federal

1 government.

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
3 emphasizes the importance of ending the government shutdown to protect the economy,
4 public services, and the well-being of Louisiana's citizens.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does
6 hereby urge Congress to enact legislation authorizing the reimbursement of state funds
7 utilized to provide benefits to Louisiana SNAP recipients during the federal government
8 shutdown.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted
10 to the secretary of the United States Senate and the clerk of the United States House of
11 Representatives and to each member of the Louisiana delegation to the United States
12 Congress.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Senate Legislative Services.
The keyword, summary, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof
or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

DIGEST

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