

Shutdown Day 10 Recap

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President Obama hosted a number of high-ranking House Republicans at the White House Thursday afternoon to discuss the debt ceiling and an end to the shutdown. Reports were that the meeting was friendly but inconclusive. Speaker Boehner floated a proposal to extend the debt ceiling until November 22, which was rejected by President Obama, but it was a change in discussions and congressional staff continue to work on possible proposals. A group of Senate Republicans also have been working on a [shutdown-debt ceiling package](#) based on a proposal from Senator Susan Collins (R-ME).

The Senate acted on the House's [military survivor benefits continuing resolution](#) (CR) and the President signed the legislation. This is the only "mini CR" to pass both chambers thus far. Yesterday the House passed another limited CR, for funding for [border security](#) (H.J.Res 79, passed 249-175).

The Senate will be in session on Saturday and will be holding a procedural vote to proceed on a [clean debt limit increase](#). The House announced it will be in session and voting on Monday – Columbus Day.

[At 12:14 p.m. yesterday](#), the Senate's iconic [Ohio Clock](#) stopped running. The workers who would normally wind the clock have been [furloughed](#), adding the clock to the list of shutdown casualties.

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