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GOP seeks enough votes to reopen government

BY RILEY BEGGIN AND MARIANNA SOTOMAYOR
The Washington Post

The House returns to Washington this week with plans to find enough votes in the narrowly divided chamber to reopen the federal government, which has been partially shut since early Saturday morning after funding lapsed.

It won't be simple: Many House Democrats do not plan to support the deal Senate Democrats struck with the White House.

House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries, D-N.Y., told House Speaker Mike Johnson, R-La., last week that his party would not help pass the package without numerous additional restrictions on immigration enforcement, according to two senior House Democratic aides who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss private negotiations.

If most Democrats do not support the package, Republicans will need near-unanimity to pass the funding package, which President Donald Trump has endorsed. But Johnson predicted on NBC News's "Meet the Press" on Sunday that they would be able to end the shutdown "at least by Tuesday."

"We have a logistical challenge of getting everyone in town, and because of the conversation I had with Hakeem Jeffries, I know that we've got to pass a rule and probably do this mostly on our own," Johnson said, referencing a floor vote that is traditionally passed on party lines.

A procedural vote Monday set for a key committee stacked with several ultraconservative House Freedom Caucus members will provide an early test of whether the GOP can muscle the measure through on its own.

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MINDAUGAS KULBIS/AP

U.S. soldiers rest during a combined arms live fire military exercise Strong Griffon 2025 at a training range in Pabrade, north of the capital Vilnius, Lithuania, on Oct. 29.

Diminished deterrence

NATO infighting leaves some doubting its ability to fend off Russia

BY LORNE COOK
Associated Press

BRUSSELS — European allies and Canada are pouring billions of dollars into helping Ukraine, and they have pledged to massively boost their budgets to defend their territories.

But despite those efforts, NATO's credibility as a unified force under U.S. leadership has taken a huge hit over the past year as trust within the 32-nation military organization dissolved.

The rift has been most glaring over President Donald Trump's repeated threats to seize Greenland, a semiautonomous territory of NA-



ASHER ATKINSON/U.S. Army
U.S. soldiers engage targets while operating the M1A2 SEP V3 Abrams, on Thursday on General Silvestras Žukauskas Training Area, Pabrade, Lithuania.

TO ally Denmark. More recently, Trump's disparaging remarks about his NATO allies' troops in Afghanistan drew another outcry.

While the heat on Greenland has subsided for now, the infighting has seriously undercut the ability of the world's biggest security alliance to deter adversaries, analysts say.

"The episode matters because it crossed a line that cannot be uncrossed," Sophia Besch from the Carnegie Europe think tank said in a report on the Greenland crisis. "Even without force or sanctions, that breach weakens the al-

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