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No end in sight to 2nd-longest closure

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The second-longest government shutdown in U.S. history continues, still with no clear end in sight.

As of Oct. 27, the shutdown has been active for 26 days after it began on Oct. 1 amidst disagreements on Medicaid funding. Democrats and Republicans continue to blame one another for the shutdown, which occurred when Con-

gress failed to agree on a budget or temporary funding measures.

While the Senate returns Oct. 27, a 13th vote towards a House-backed bill that would allow the government to re-open is not planned. Other possible methods of reopening the government, such as the GOP-backed bill, the Shutdown Fairness Act, may soon be introduced with no clear date set for the 13th vote.

The continued shutdown and uncer-

tainty of when a vote may come is also marked as funds for vital government food assistance programs are threatened. Here's what residents of South Carolina and the U.S. should know.

How long will the government shutdown last?

There is no specific end in sight to the government shutdown that began Oct. 1. However, Oct. 27 betting odds on Poly-

market, an online prediction market, provide some insight into the confidence of the American public on its longevity, with odds rising against the chance that the shutdown will end anytime soon:

- 6% believe the government shutdown will end by Oct. 31
- 21% believe the government shutdown will end by Nov. 7

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Filming the music

A look at the video ‘Super Hero: Ode to Chadwick Boseman’



Kevin Boseman, left, and Derrick Boseman, right, brothers of late Chadwick Boseman, at Carolina Wren Park in Anderson on Oct. 25. The Bosemans watched as Anthony Wideman, a local videographer and director filmed the video for “Super Hero: Ode to Chadwick Boseman.”



From left, Chadwick “Niles” Phillips, a hip-hop artist from Minnesota, Beth Griffith-Manley, vocalist and on NBC’s “The Voice” from Detroit, and Nabaté Isles, a Grammy Award-winning trumpeter from New York, at Carolina Wren Park in Anderson on Oct. 25.

TOP: A mural posted at Carolina Wren Park honoring the late Chadwick Boseman in Anderson on Oct. 25.

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SC GOVERNOR

Johnson becomes latest to join race

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A Democratic state lawmaker is running on a message of bipartisanship, faith and service as he becomes the latest to contend for the governor’s office.

The campaign team for State Rep. Jermaine Johnson, D-Richland, made it official that the lawmaker is planning to announce his run for governor on Oct. 28 in a press release sent earlier in the day. Johnson had previously posted about an impending “special announcement” set for the steps of the statehouse after months of working with an exploratory committee in consideration of a run.

Johnson, born in California, has been involved in South Carolina politics since 2020 when he made a splash by unseating a 22-year incumbent Democratic lawmaker in the primary for the House District 80 seat.

He was then elected to the House District 70 seat in 2022 before winning election to the House District 52 seat in 2024.

His message is one of bipartisanship, striving to unite Democrats and Republicans in a Republican-led South Carolina legislature, and delivering results for South Carolinians, according to his campaign. Johnson’s priorities are strengthening schools, fixing infrastructure, bringing good-paying jobs to the state and expanding access to healthcare.

“Democrats, we’ve got to be honest, we don’t always get it right. Republicans, they don’t always get it right,” Johnson said during a visit to Greenville on Sept. 30. “I’m here to hear from everybody. I will not be somebody who just represents one subset of people.”

Johnson, born in California, has spoken about his experience growing up in poverty and experiencing homelessness as a child. He moved to South Carolina out of high school with a full-ride basketball scholarship at College of Charleston.

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