



Shutdown Update: NFFE to Rally with Labor on Thursday at White House to End Shutdown

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NFFE is organizing and co-chairing a federal workers rally scheduled for Thursday, January 10th to protest the continuing shutdown and resulting furloughs that are financially hurting over a half million federal employees and families. The rally will begin at noon at AFL-CIO headquarters at 815 16th Street NW, Washington D.C. and will continue with a brief march to the White House after keynote speakers. More information will follow. Mark your calendars and come down to have your voice heard!



House Passes Funding Bill with Pay Raise

On Thursday night, the House passed a funding bill to open all agencies, funding them through September with the exception of the Department of Homeland Security which is funded through February 8th to allow for continuing discussions on border security.

Also included in the House package was a repeal of the Holman Rule (the arcane rule that allows congress to single out a single government worker or a group of workers and zero out their salary), a 1.9% pay raise to override Trump's pay freeze, and a provision to provide back pay for furloughed workers. Seven Republicans joined all of the House Democrats in supporting the funding package: Reps. Will Hurd (Texas), Elise Stefanik (N.Y.), Fred Upton (Mich.), Brian Fitzpatrick (Pa.), Peter King (N.Y.), Greg Walden (Ore.) and John Katko (N.Y.).

While Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) is resisting the call to bring any bill to the floor of the Senate that does not have border wall funding, pressure is growing from GOP senate rank and file to get a funding bill passed, with or without wall funds.

REMEMBER: FEEA offers hardship loans to help feds with qualifying emergencies during the shutdown, Pass the following link to anyone who may need it: www.feea.org/emergency