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MAURICE DUBOIS: President Trump did not have any luck making peace with congressional Democrats.

JOHN DICKERSON: At a White House meeting that lasted just over an hour, they could not find common ground on a spending bill aimed at heading off a government shutdown tomorrow night. Caitlin Huey-Burns has the latest.

[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Countdown to Shutdown; Blame Game Ahead of Deadline]

CAITLIN HUEY-BURNS: Lawmakers are once again bracing for a government shutdown.

VICE PRESIDENT J.D. VANCE: I think we're headed to a shutdown because the Democrats won't do the right thing.

HUEY-BURNS: Democrats said they will only back a government funding bill if it includes an extension of Obamacare tax credits and restores Medicaid funding cuts.

HOUSE MINORITY LEADER HAKEEM JEFFRIES (D-NY): Democrats are fighting to protect the health care of the American people, and we are not going to support a partisan Republican spending bill that continues to gut the health care of everyday Americans, period, full stop.

HUEY-BURNS: A shutdown could lead to delays in Social Security checks and veteran services. National parks and museums will close. Members of the military, law enforcement, TSA agents and air traffic controllers will have to continue to work without pay. TSA union rep Johnny Jones says, if there's a shutdown, travelers should expect long lines at the airport and that it's especially tough on employees.

TSA UNION REPRESENTATIVE JOHNNY JONES: TSA officers are required to come to work regardless of a shutdown or not. We all have families. We have kids. Most people, as you know, live paycheck to paychecks.

HUEY-BURNS: Many federal workers are typically furloughed during a shutdown, but the administration is threatening to permanently lay off people if their work is not consistent with the president's priorities. Jenna Norton said she could lose her job overseeing research projects at the National Institutes of Health. [TO NORTON] How are you feeling right now?

NIH's JENNA NORTON: It feels like they're trying to scare us. And it is scary, right? It's scary to be told that you might lose your job. But then it's also really maddening to have somebody come and try to bully you like that, right?

HUEY-BURNS: And the Senate will vote on that funding bill tomorrow. And if it fails, this will be the first government shutdown since 2019. That one was also the longest in history, lasting 34 days.

DUBOIS: Okay.

HUEY-BURNS: Maurice and John.

DUBOIS: Caitlin Huey-Burns at the Capitol, thank you.