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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Breaking News; Government Shutdown Showdown]

HALLIE JACKSON: Shut down showdown. An 11th hour White House meeting gets us no closer to a deal. Why flights and more could be affected if leaders can't come to an agreement in less than 24 hours.

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JACKSON: Also in Washington with just over 24 hours until a partial government shutdown, a deal still seems out of reach, even after a high-stakes White House meeting late today. Ryan Nobles has those new developments.

[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Breaking News; High-Stakes WH Meeting as Shutdown Deadline Looms]

RYAN NOBLES: Just a little over 24 hours from a partial federal government shutdown, tonight, congressional leaders and President Trump appear no closer to striking a deal to keep the government open. After a high-stakes White House meeting, both sides emerging pointing fingers.

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

SENATE MINORITY LEADER CHUCK SCHUMER (D-NY): Their bill has not one iota of Democratic input. That is never how we have done this before.

NOBLES: House Republicans already passed a spending bill to keep the government open, but so far cannot get enough Democratic votes to pass it through the Senate. Republicans blaming top Senate Democrat Chuck Schumer saying he won't support the bill to please the Democratic base.

VANCE: You don't put a gun to the American people's head and say unless you do exactly what Senate and House Democrats want you to do, we're going to shut down your government.

NOBLES: Noting six month ago, Schumer voted for a similar spending bill — known as a CR —

to keep the government open.

SCHUMER [on 03/13/25]: While the CR bill is very bad, the potential for a shutdown has consequences for America that are much, much worse.

NOBLES: But Democrats accuse Republicans of not being serious about negotiating, warning the GOP will pay a political price.

HOUSE MINORITY LEADER HAKEEM JEFFRIES (D-NY): Republicans control the House and the Senate and there's a Republican President. If the government shuts down, it's because Republicans want to shut the government down.

NOBLES: If there's a shutdown, Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid payments, and VA benefits would continue. And essential workers like active duty military and air traffic controllers stay on the job. But national parks could close, and many federal workers including at the IRS, could know without pay.

IRS UNION CAPTER HEAD LORIE MCCANN: Can't go to the grocery store and say, well, there was a bill that was passed and I'll get paid and come back and pay you for these groceries.