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ROBIN ROBERTS: The clock ticking down to a government shutdown. A peace plan for Gaza. And why you might want to ship your gifts now for the holidays.

[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: No Deal; Shutdown Showdown]

No deal. With the government hours away from shutting down, congressional leaders leaving the White House without an agreement.

RACHEL SCOTT [TO VANCE]: Just to be clear, is there room for negotiation here with Democrats?

ROBERTS: Our Rachel Scott is on Capitol Hill with thoughts at stake when it comes to Medicaid and health care, as four million federal employees wait to see if they will go without a paycheck or get fired. This as the President himself shares a deepfake video of Democratic leadership. Their response this morning.

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Breaking News; Clock Ticking Down to Government Shutdown]

GEORGE STEPHANOPOULOS: First, the looming government shutdown. It looks all but certain that the midnight deadline to keep the government running will pass without a deal, as Democrats push for healthcare, Republicans demand extension of current funding without restoring health spending, and the President posts deepfake videos on social media overnight. Senior political correspondent Rachel Scott starts us off. Good morning, Rachel.

RACHEL SCOTT: George, good morning to you. And this has really taken a turn in the last couple of hours here. Vice President JD Vance now saying that all signs are pointing to a government shutdown. This morning no breakthrough, and lawmakers only have a few hours to reach a deal. With just hours until the midnight deadline, Congress barreling toward a government shutdown. Congressional leaders leaving the White House without a deal.

HOUSE MINORITY LEADER HAKEEM JEFFRIES (D-NY) [on 09/29/25]: There was a frank and direct discussion with the President of the United States and Republican leaders, but significant and meaningful differences remain.

SCOTT: Democrats refusing to back down, saying they will not vote to fund the government

unless Republicans reverse cuts to Medicaid and keep healthcare premiums from rising for some 20 million Americans.

SENATE MINORITY LEADER CHUCK SCHUMER (D-NY) [on 09/29/25]: - they just wanted to kick the healthcare problem down the road.

SCOTT: Vice President JD Vance with this warning.

VICE PRESIDENT JD VANCE [on 09/29/25] I think we're headed to a shutdown because the Democrats won't do the right thing.

SCOTT: And just hours after that meeting, the President turning to mocking Democratic leadership with an A.I. generated video on social media, with fabricated and false audio. The video shows an A.I. version of House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries wearing a sombrero and a fake mustache, with fabricated audio of Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer. Jeffries writing on X, "Bigotry will get you nowhere. We are NOT backing down." And this morning, the White House is now threatening to fire not just furlough workers under programs that are, quote, "...not consistent with the President's priorities." If the government shuts down, as many as four millions federal employees could go without a paycheck. Two million troops could be forced to work without pay, leaving military families in limbo. Heather Campbell's husband is a Major in the Air Force in Alabama. She worries about making ends meet for their three kids.

HEATHER CAMPBELL: We're not talking about faceless humans in a faraway office. We're talking about men and women, and moms and dads, and grandparents and sisters and uncles [SCREEN WIPE] And they want to show up and do a good job, and they want to be honest, hardworking Americans. And they're getting caught in the middle of this political rhetoric.

SCOTT: Republicans say that Democrats should support funding the government without any strings attached. So, today in the Senate, they are going to force a vote on a bill that does not include any of the Democratic demands. But they still need the support of at least seven Senate Democrats in order to get that bill passed. The bottom line here, Robin, someone has to compromise to avert this shutdown, and neither side is backing down.

ROBIN ROBERTS: Does appear that way, Rachel. Alright, thanks to you.

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Clock Ticking; Government Shutdown Looms]

STEPHANOPOULOS: No deal. With the government hours away from shutting down, congressional leaders leave the White House without an agreement. Rachel Scott is on Capitol Hill with what's at stake when it comes to Medicaid and health care as four million federal

employees wait to see if they will go without a paycheck or get fired.

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Shutdown Showdown]

ROBERTS: We start with the looming government shutdown. Looks like the midnight deadline will pass without a deal as Democrats push for health care, Republican's demand an extension of current funding without restoring health spending and the President posting deepfake videos on social media. Want to go to senior political correspondent Rachel Scott. Good morning, Rachel.

SCOTT: George, good morning again to you. Well, Vice President J.D. Vance says that all signs are pointing towards a government shutdown. Lawmakers have just hours to reach a deal and still no breakthrough. Democrats taking their demands to the White House, meeting with the President and they will not keep the government-funded and lesser Republicans agreed to reverse Medicaid cuts, and also extend expiring ObamaCare subsidies so that health insurance premiums don't rise for millions of Americans. Republicans are calling that a nonstarter. And, just hours after that meeting ended, the President taking to social media to post this fake, AI-generated video. It has Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries in a sombrero and fake mustache of fake and fabricated audio of Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer. Jefferies rating on social media, "Bigotry will get you nowhere. We are NOT backing down." If the government does shut down, millions of federal workers could go without pay, including many of our troops. Now, the White House is threatening to not just furlough but fire workers who work under programs that do not align with the President's priorities. The bottom line here, Michael, in order to avert the shutdown, both sides need to compromise and both sides at this point are only digging in.

MICHAEL STRAHAN: Yeah, we hope some compromising happens. Rachel, thank you so much for that.