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SAVANNAH GUTHRIE: Time quickly running out to avoid a government shutdown.

CRAIG MELVIN: The deadline now just a few short hours away. It is September 30. This is *Today*.

[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Time's Up]

Time's up. All signs pointing to the federal government shutting down at the stroke of midnight. A high stake meeting between President Trump and congressional leaders ending with no compromise. But plenty of blame.

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

HOUSE MINORITY LEADER HAKEEM JEFFRIES (D-NY): We are not going to support a partisan Republican spending bill.

MELVIN: With the clock ticking and hope fading, millions of federal workers bracing for the worst. The very latest live from Washington.

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MELVIN: We're going to get right to our top story this morning.

GUTHRIE: Yes.

MELVIN: The countdown is on to a government shutdown.

GUTHRIE: The clock is ticking unfortunately. Lawmakers have until midnight to strike a deal to keep this government up and running. The deadline now less than 17 hours away.

[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Happening *Today*; High-Stakes Meeting]

MELVIN: It comes after no breakthrough in yesterday's high-stakes meeting of congressional leaders in the Oval Office. Both sides walking away blaming the other for the impending shutdown.

[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Happening *Today*; Workers Furloughed]

GUTHRIE: As for what a shutdown would mean, payments like Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid would continue, but many government workers could stop receiving paychecks or even lose their jobs completely.

MELVIN: NBC's chief Capitol Hill correspondent Ryan Nobles starts us off with the very latest. Ryan, good morning to you.

RYAN NOBLES: Craig and Savannah, good morning. And the two sides right now are not even talking. In fact, they have reverted to name-calling. Democrats accusing President Trump of throwing a tantrum and Trump responding in a new interview that Democrats are deranged. The result right now is a high-stakes staring contest where if no one blinks, the government shuts down. It is time to brace for impact.

[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Government Likely to Shut Down as Deadline Looms]

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

NOBLES: The federal government is careening toward a shutdown. And time is running to prevent it from happening.

JEFFRIES [on CNN's *AC360*, 09/29/25]: They're uninterested in addressing the health care needs of the American people.

NOBLES: Democratic leaders Hakeem Jeffries and Chuck Schumer went to the White House hoping for breakthrough with President Donald Trump. They're aiming to extend tax credits on ObamaCare and wanted to convince Trump that pending health care cuts would be devastating.

SENATE MINORITY LEADER CHUCK SCHUMER (D-NY): By his face and by the way he looked, I think he heard about them for the time.

NOBLES: But overnight, Trump posting AI-generated video mocking the leaders on health care and immigration. The Democrats calling it a tantrum and bigotry. Meanwhile, overnight, Republicans saying they're united in opposition to Democrats' demands.

HOUSE SPEAKER MIKE JOHNSON (R-LA) [on FNC's *Hannity*, 09/29/25]: There's zero daylight between the White House, the President of the United States, and Republicans in the Senate and the House.

NOBLES: With no progress being made, the government is on track to shut down at midnight Eastern. That means most national parks would close and many federal workers would be furloughed. Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid payments and VA benefits would continue. But active duty military and TSA agents would be required to come to work. Many without pay if the shutdown continues more than two weeks. This is also the prospect that thousands of federal

workers could potentially be laid off permanently. That has IRS workers like Lorie McCann worried.

LORIE MCCANN: It has taken it to a whole different level. Because you just don't know.

NOBLES: It's enough for some Democrats to warn their leadership that shutting down the government will come with a cost.

SENATOR JOHN FETTERMAN (D-PA): For us, it's not like a soap opera. I mean, this is you know, our core responsibility as a senator is keep our government open. You know, why would we shut it down?

MELVIN: So Ryan, what happens next and where does it go from here? Any chance of a last-minute deal?

NOBLES: Right now, it doesn't look like it, Craig but there is an opportunity here. Senate Republicans will put a bill on the floor that, if it passes, it government open for at another seven weeks. But it requires 60 votes in the Senate so that would mean at least seven Republicans — or seven Democrats, I should say, would have to cross over and vote with Republicans in order for it to pass. And that seems very unlikely couldn't be any bigger. The last time the government shut down back in 2018, it cost the economy an estimated \$3 billion and also led to widespread travel delays. The U.S. Travel Association already warning this morning that if the government shuts down, there could be catastrophic consequences.

MELVIN: Lots at stake, Ryan Nobles there. Ryan, hank you.

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE:

MELVIN: Coming up, bracing for impact. This morning, the countdown is on to a government shutdown.

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

JEFFRIES: We are not going to support a partisan Republican spending bill.

MELVIN: Congressional leaders leaving the white house without making a deal. Where it all goes from here in a live report from Washington.

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: News at 8; Government Likely to Shutdown as Deadline Looms]

MELVIN: We're going to start with that looming government shutdown. Time running out to get a deal done and now millions of federal workers are bracing for the worst. NBC's chief capitol hill correspondent Ryan nobles joins us with the very latest. Ryan, good morning.

NOBLES: Hey Craig, good morning and Congress has simply run out of time. The government is set to shut down at midnight tonight and instead of working to strike a deal, the two sides have reverted to name calling with Democrats accusing President trump of throwing a temper tantrum while the President has called these Democrats deranged and then posted an AI-generated video mocking the Democratic leaders Chuck Schumer and Hakeem Jeffries. As a result, it looks like the government will shut down for the first time since 2018. That shutdown cost the American taxpayer more than \$3 billion and led to widespread travel delays. There's also the impact on the federal work force. Many will be furloughed or be forced to work without pay. And this time around, President Trump has threatened that many of them will be laid off as a result of the shutdown. Now today senate Republicans will put a bill on the floor a last ditch effort to at least extend government funding for the next seven weeks but it would require at least seven Democrats to vote yes. At this point that seems very unlikely and seems as though we're headed to a shutdown, Craig.

MELVIN: All right. Ryan Nobles there from Capitol Hill. Ryan, thank you.