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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Breaking Overnight; Shutdown Breakthrough]

ROBIN ROBERTS: Breaking overnight, a breakthrough to end the record long government shutdown. The Senate reaching a deal and clearing a key hurdle in a late-night vote. Our Rachel Scott was there on the Hill. This morning, what's in the deal and what's not.

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GEORGE STEPHANOPOULOS: We're going to begin with the breaking news overnight, a deal to end the government shutdown. Now on day 41, after a vote last night in the Senate, a bipartisan measure to reopen the government seems to be on track to getting passed by Congress. Senior political correspondent Rachel Scott is tracking it all on Capitol Hill. Good morning, Rachel.

[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Breaking Overnight; Senate Takes Key Step Towards Ending Shutdown]

RACHEL SCOTT: George, good morning to you. After 41 days, six weeks of gridlock, a bipartisan breakthrough does put Congress on path to ending the longest government shutdown in American history, but in the end, it was Senate Democrats who backed away from what they've been demanding all along. 41 days into the longest government shutdown in history, this morning, a breakthrough.

SENATOR JOHN HUSTED (R-OH): The motion upon reconsideration is agreed to.

SCOTT: The Senate reaching a deal to reopen the government through the end of January. Eight. Democrats breaking with the party to advance the measure.

SENATOR JEANNE SHAEEN (D-NH): This was the only deal on the table.

SCOTT: In the end, Senate Democrats backing away from their key demand, extending expiring ObamaCare subsidies so health insurance premiums don't rise for millions. [TO KING] How do you explain, though, to your constituents why it was worth it to put up this fight for so long when in the end you did not get your key demand?

SENATOR ANGUS KING (I-ME): Because it wasn't working. How long would it take to not get a response to say it isn't working?

SCOTT: But Senator Bernie Sanders insisting the party is giving in too soon.

SENATOR BERNIE SANDERS (I-VT): If this vote succeeds, over 20 million Americans are going to see at least a doubling in their premiums in the Affordable Care Act.

SCOTT: And other Democrats leaving the chamber clearly upset.

SENATOR JOHN HICKENLOOPER (D-CO): I voted no just because — because I'm so pissed off. I'm just frustrated

SCOTT: As part of the deal, sources say Democrats were able to secure a vote on health care subsidies in the coming weeks, but there's no guarantee Republicans will support it.

SENATOR TIM KAINE (D-VA): People are seeing what these prices are going to be, and so that drumbeat is getting louder.

SCOTT: The agreement also reverses mass firings of federal workers laid off during the shutdown, guaranteeing back pay as required by law for hundreds of thousands of others who were furloughed and includes months of funding for SNAP, federal food assistance. So, the shutdown is not over yet, so Americans out there will continue to feel the impacts of this. The Senate still has to give final approval on this bill, and then it will have to go over to the House. They have been out of town, out on recess for 51 days. They're expected to be called back this week, George.

STEPHANOPOULOS: And, Rachel, this came after an appeals court handed the Trump administration a defeat on the SNAP benefits.

[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: New Developments; Battle Over SNAP Food Benefits]

SCOTT: Yeah, George, and there's been a lot of back and forth in the courts over this. So over the weekend we did see Supreme Court Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson pause a ruling that would have allowed these benefits to go out for millions of Americans, giving an appeals court more time to review and you just said it there. We did hear from an appeals court, rejecting the administration's request to block these payments, essentially saying the administration sat on its hands and delayed these payments from going out for so many Americans the first week of November. They still do have time to appeal to the Supreme Court. George,

STEPHANOPOULOS: Okay, Rachel, thanks very much.