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GAYLE KING: Eight Democrats break ranks to advance an agreement that could end this government shutdown. How the parties' leaders are reacting.

[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Bipartisan Breakthrough]

SENATE MINORITY LEADER CHUCK SCHUMER (D-NY): I cannot in good faith support this CR that fails to address the health care crisis.

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Breaking Overnight; Senate Votes to Advance Bill to End Shutdown]

KING: We're going to begin, though, with breaking news overnight. Have you heard? There's a big leap forward in efforts to end this government shutdown. So, what is happening? Seven Democrats and one independent have joined Republicans in voting to advance legislation to fund the government. Now, other Democrats are slamming this move. Caitlin Huey-Burns has more from Capitol Hill. Caitlin, good morning. The drama, the stress continues.

CAITLIN HUEY-BURNS: Good morning, Gayle. Well, this was a huge moment towards ending this government shutdown and it's going to take a few more hurdles this week in order for the government to reopen. And, in that meantime, there are a lot of SNAP recipients still left in limbo. On the 40th day, a breakthrough on the government shutdown.

SENATOR JOHN HUSTED (R-OH): On this vote, the yays are 60 and the nays are 40.

HUEY-BURNS: Eight members of the Democratic caucus joined Republicans Sunday night in voting to move ahead with a government funding bill.

SENATOR JEANNE SHAHEEN (D-NH): Waiting another week or another month wouldn't deliver a better outcome. It would only mean more harm for families in New Hampshire and all across the country.

HUEY-BURNS: The move came after a busy weekend of negotiations over a final deal that would fund the government through January 30, reverse the layoffs of federal workers during the shut down, and guarantee back pay. It also includes three longer-term funding bills, including additional money for SNAP or food assistance benefits. But it does not include an extension of

the Affordable Care Act subsidies which had been a key demand from Democrats. Instead, only the promise of a vote on that next month, and that wasn't enough for most Democrats.

SCHUMER: I cannot in good faith support this CR that it fails — that fails to address the health care crisis.

HUEY-BURNS: But even with this step towards ending the shutdown, those who rely on SNAP benefits are still in limbo. Over the weekend, the Trump administration ordered states to immediately undo any steps taken to pay recipients their full November benefits, and instead instructed them to pay out just 65 percent as legal challenges move through the courts. Food pantries all across the country saw a flurry of traffic this weekend, from California —

FOOD BANK RECIPIENT [on CBS LA]: We could end up literally starving and that's really scary.

HUEY-BURNS: — to the nation's capital.

FOOD BANK RECIPIENT: It is a shame we have to sit here and talk about something like this.

HUEY-BURNS: Now, it will still take at least a few days for the government to reopen. There are still technical hoops to jump through here in the Senate, and then it all has to go back over to the House of Representatives. And, remember, that chamber has been out of session since the beginning of this shutdown, Tony.

TONY DOKOUPIL: Hey, Caitlin — Caitlin, at the top, we mentioned how this is dividing Democrats. Can you explain why some prominent Democrats are angry and against voting for this?

HUEY-BURNS: Yeah, frustration is the word we've been hearing because this didn't include any health care policy that they had been fighting for. Ro Khanna, a congressman from California — a prominent one — said that Chuck Schumer should resign because of this. And, notably, outside of Washington, you're hearing a lot of frustration as well. Governor — California Governor Gavin Newsom called this a betrayal and a capitulation, Tony.

DOKOUPIL: Caitlin, thank you very much. Senator Jeanne Shaheen will join us in our next hour to talk about her decision to join with Republicans and vote next. Again, that's in the next hour.

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Bipartisan Breakthrough]

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SHAHEEN: Waiting another week or another month wouldn't deliver a better outcome.

KING: Breaking news overnight, seven Democrats and one Independent have joined Republicans voting to advance legislation to fund the government.

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Breaking Overnight; Senate Votes to Advance Bill to End Shutdown]

DOKOUPIL: But we're going to begin with breaking news this morning. We have got a lot of news. A possible breakthrough in fact, in talks to end the government shutdown. Last night, the Senate voted to move ahead with a bill to reopen and fund the government. Seven Democrats and one Independent joined Republicans, exposing a wide gap with other Democrats who have been fighting to keep Obamacare subsidies for millions of Americans. We are joined now by one of the Democrats who broke ranks. That is Senator Jeanne Shaheen of New Hampshire. Senator, thank you very much for being here.

[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Breaking Overnight; Sen. Shaheen on Choice to Potentially End Shutdown]

SHAHEEN: It is nice to be with you.

DOKOUPIL: This is a big morning here, because no one wants the shutdown to continue, and we might be on our way out of it. At the same time, from the perspective of your party, the goals here were to show your voters you could stand up to President Trump and to guarantee that extension in health care subsidies. I look at this and I see you didn't achieve either. So people wonder, what was it all for?

SHAHEEN: Well we did. We stood up to President Trump for 40 days, and let's remember why we're in this position. It's because President Trump and Republicans in the Senate and House refused to fund health care to keep costs affordable for millions of Americans. Now, we're going to be able to continue fighting on that issue because of the agreement that we struck with the Senate Majority, but we're also going to end the suffering of millions of Americans, people who are not able to get their food assistance, federal employees who have been out of work without paychecks, some had to work with paychecks. They're going to be brought back they're going to get their back pay. Contractors are going to get their back pay. Air traffic controllers are going to get paid so —

DOKOUPIL: Senator —

SHAHEEN: — and we're going to live to fight another day, and that's what we need to keep

people focused on.

DOKOUPIL: — well —

SHAHEEN: It's not the Democrats who broke ranks who are the issue here. It's President Trump and the Republicans who have kept us from dealing with the costs of health care.

DOKOUPIL: Well, Senator, those issues that you described when it comes to the shutdown, we've covered them. They are real. There's a lot of pain in the country right now, and people want out of this shutdown, but it was that fight for health care subsidies that led Democrats to drive the country into a shutdown. You had the leverage, now you're out of the shutdown or on a path anyway. And other Democrats are using words like, this is pathetic. This is not keeping your word. They are very angry. I'm talking about other elected Democrats. What's your response to them?

SHAHEEN: Well, again, I think the focus should stay on the people who are responsible for where we are, and as I said in my statement last night, keeping the government shut down for another week or another month doesn't indicate that there would be any change in the outcome. All it would mean is that more Americans would suffer. We need to get this government back open. We need to get people paid. We need to get people — air traffic moving again, we need to get people making sure that they can get their food. Because unfortunately, this is the first shutdown where we saw Donald Trump refuse to provide the benefits to make sure that people could continue to eat. We need to keep the focus on them, not on continuing to fight a battle that we are going to be able to continue because of the vote.

KING: Yes, we all agree, Senator, that this has got to end. It's heartbreaking to see people, government workers, waiting in line crying, saying, I'm a human being. I deserve to eat.

SHAHEEN: Right.

KING: But what does this mean? What does this say to you that every year it seems like we're having this conversation, if it's not resolved, then the can is kicked down the road. Why is this so difficult? Number one; and number two, why can't we come up with a way that Congress, you guys don't get paid until these people get paid. It seems to me, if they had that kind of scenario, they would work this stuff out. I keep thinking, suppose we weren't paid here at CBS when we didn't do anything wrong, but the people making the decisions are still getting paid. I wrestle with this. It makes no sense when I see what is happening to the government workers in this country. So the first question I said, why is this so difficult?

SHAHEEN: Well, what I hear most from my constituents is, why can't you just work together to address the problems facing this country? I think this bipartisan agreement gives us an opportunity, hopefully, to turn the page on that, but we do need a long-term way to address the fact that we should not be putting workers at risk, the people of this country at risk when we have policy disagreements and I think there's real interest in trying to do that, and I hope there is real — a real commitment, what we've heard from many of our Republican colleagues in the Senate

is that they're willing to work on health care. Now we can hold them accountable. We're going to have a vote. We're going to see if they're really willing to work on it, and if they're not, the people of America can hold them accountable.

DOKOUPIL: Senator, you know, echoing Gayle, I think a lot of Americans are going to be very happy as we head toward the holidays to see so many other Americans going back to work with the shutdown potentially over, but another American may be out of work. I'm talking about Chuck Schumer. A lot of people in your own party think he should be out of a job. Ro Khanna is one person who is saying that this morning. You worked with him to get to this moment of potential breakthrough. What do you make of the criticism? Do you think his days are numbered as leader?

SHAHEEN: Well, I think the House members who are critical should stay focused on what they can do in the House to ensure that we have a vote on health care and to make sure that we hold Speaker Johnson and President Trump, who are responsible, accountable for where we are. The fact is —

DOKOUPIL: Well, Senator —

SHAHEEN: — what this agreement is going to do is it's going to force Speaker Johnson to bring the House back in. He's been out since the beginning of September. It's going to force him to come back in and to deal with health care and all kinds of other issues.

DOKOUPIL: Senator, I apologize for — I could have — I said, Ro Khanna, I could have said Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez. I could have named a whole bunch of people. There's people on the Senate side as well.

SHAHEEN: And as I said, they should stay focused on who is responsible for this problem. It's not Chuck Schumer. It's Speaker Johnson, it's President Trump. It's the Republicans who have refused to have a vote on health care. Now, we have this opportunity, and we're going to take it, and the people of America will have a chance to see who is on their side.

DOKOUPIL: Senator Shaheen, thank you very much —

SHAHEEN: Thank you.

DOKOUPIL: — for coming on this morning. Appreciate it.