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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Breaking Overnight; Government Shutdown Ends]

GEORGE STEPHANOPOULOS: Breaking overnight, after 43 days, the longest shutdown in American history ends.

PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP [on 11/12/25]: It's an honor now to sign this incredible bill and get our country working again.

STEPHANOPOULOS: But many are still furious about the deal. Rachel Scott on the Hill questioning Democrats.

RACHEL SCOTT [TO DAVIS]: Why drag this out for 40 plus days?

STEPHANOPOULOS: What it all means for healthcare. Last minute add to the bill. When those government workers will see a paycheck after not getting paid for more than 40 days.

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STEPHANOPOULOS: We're gonna begin, though, with the government shutdown. It's finally over. After a record 43 days, President Trump signed the spending bill passed by Congress into law in the Oval Office last night. Senior political correspondent Rachel Scott is on Capitol Hill with the latest. Good morning, Rachel.

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SCOTT: George, good morning to you. After 43 long days of widespread disruptions and delays, the government shutdown is finally over.

TRUMP [on 11/12/25]: It's an honor now to sign this incredible bill and get our country working again.

SCOTT: Overnight, President Trump signing the bill to end the longest shutdown in American history. Six House Democrats joining nearly every Republican to pass it.

CONGRESSMAN RUDY YAKYM (R-IN) [on 11/12/25]: The bill is passed.

SCOTT: But many Democrats still furious that deal cut by eight Senate Democrats does nothing

to address the expiring ObamaCare subsidies that the party spent 43 days fighting for.

CONGRESSWOMAN PRAMILA JAYAPAL (D-WA): It's a betrayal of working people who are seeing their health insurance premiums rise, double and triple.

SCOTT: So we asked some House Democrats why they voted for it anyway.

CONGRESSMAN DON DAVIS (D-NC): It was important for the American people for us to have this conversation and this battle's not over. It's not — it's not over. People are hurting out there. I mean, they're getting hit with cost.

SCOTT: But as of now, there's no planned vote on healthcare in the House. After more than six weeks, the Congressional Budget Office estimating the shutdown cost the nation \$11 billion. And this morning, hundreds of thousands of federal workers are being asked to return to work. They'll soon get back pay. But federal contractors, like Willie Jo Price, are out of luck. She's a cafeteria worker at the Library of Congress and has not been paid in more than 40 days [TO PRICE] How much stress, I mean, does this put on you to go this long without a paycheck?

WILLIE JO PRICE: It's hard. In the process during this shutdown, my car broke down and it's just been things going on and on and on. And I don't have the finances to do it. Right now everything is, like, in the red.

SCOTT: So, as part of this law, the Trump administration is supposed to be rehiring thousands of federal workers that it fired during the shutdown, but it's unclear when that will happen or how that's gonna take place, George.

STEPHANOPOULOS: Yeah, it should be happening right away, Rachel. Meantime there's also some last-minute controversy in this bill. A provision that allowed GOP senators to sue for up to \$500,000 in taxpayer money?

SCOTT: Yes, George. This has nothing to do with funding the government. But somehow, this provision was slipped into this bill originally passed by the Senate. It does allow Senators to sue the federal government for \$500,000 if their phone records were investigated without notifying them first. And the thing about this is it's retroactive, meaning that several Republican Senators can now sue the federal government for being investigated by Jack Smith during the Capitol riots back in 2021. This is taxpayer money, and this is outraging many Democrats and even Republicans. The Republican House Speaker Mike Johnson told me he's frustrated when he heard of this. He plans to put a bill on the floor to strike this from this law. But there's no guarantees that even if it passes the House that the Senate will take it up, George.

STEPHANOPOULOS: We'll keep an eye on it. Rachel Scott, thanks very much.

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STEPHANOPOULOS: The longest shutdown in American history ends. Why many are still furious about the deal.

SCOTT [TO DAVIS]: Why drag this out for 40 plus days?

STEPHANOPOULOS: Rachel Scott on the Hill with what it means for healthcare and when government workers will see a paycheck,
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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Breaking at 8; Government Shutdown Ends After 43 Days]

STEPHANOPOULOS: First, a look at the top stories breaking at eight. We start with the government shutdown. It finally ended last night after a record 43 days. President Trump signed into law the spending bill passed by Congress. Wanna go back to our senior political correspondent Rachel Scott on Capitol Hill. Morning, Rachel.

SCOTT: George, good morning to you. After 43 long days, the longest government shutdown in American history is officially over. Overnight, the President signing that bill into law passed in the House with support of nearly all Republicans and six Democrats. But that bill did not include key demand Democrats that were making all along to extend those expiring ObamaCare subsidies. Right now, no vote planned on that in the House. So, with the government are now reopening, hundreds of thousands of federal workers are being called back to work. Furloughed workers will receive back pay and, as part of the deal, thousands of workers fired by the Trump administration during this shutdown will now be rehired. 42 million Americans who rely on federal food assistance — SNAP benefits — will start to see the money reflowing again. And, as for air travel, it could take a little bit of time now to return back to normal. The FAA says they still plan to cut flights by about six percent across the country, but the good news is that should all go away by the time things start really kicking up for the holidays, guys.

ROBIN ROBERTS: Alright, appreciate you, Rachel.