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## U.S. Congress Passes Continuing Resolution to Avert Federal Government Shutdown

The United States Congress has passed a 10-week continuing resolution (HHR 5325) that will continue funding the federal government through December 9th. Passage of the legislation averts a partial government shutdown that would have occurred as funding authorization expired on September 30th. Major underlying issues of contention that held up passage of the bill included the negotiation of Zika virus funding levels, the inclusion of federal flood relief funding, and the inclusion of relief dedicated to the water contamination crisis in Flint, Michigan. Under the agreement, Senate Democrats have indicated that resources for the Flint water crisis will be included in other legislation prior to the end of this legislative session. The continuing resolution includes \$1.1 billion to respond to the Zika virus and \$500 million in flood relief for Louisiana and other states. Funding for other federal programs would continue at current levels until the current authorization expires in 10 weeks.

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