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Historic U.S. Shutdown Ends, Markets Brace for Next One



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NEW YORK, Nov. 13 – The longest U.S. government shutdown in history has ended after 43 days, but financial markets now have only a short reprieve before the next potential funding crisis, set to arrive in just over 10 weeks.

President Donald Trump signed a funding bill late Wednesday to reopen the government, covering key departments such as SNAP food aid, Agriculture, Congress, and Veterans Affairs through September 2025. However, most federal agencies received budgets only until January 30, leaving uncertainty for early next year.

While Wall Street largely continued functioning during the shutdown, the impasse disrupted economic data reporting. The Bureau of Labor Statistics could not release employment reports, and inflation figures were delayed, creating challenges for the Federal Open Market Committee, which relies on these metrics for interest rate decisions.

Market reactions were mixed following the end of the shutdown. The S&P 500 posted marginal gains, the Dow Jones rose 0.68%, while the Nasdaq and Russell 2000 saw slight declines. In Europe, Germany's DAX and the FTSE 100 fell, while France's CAC 40 posted modest gains. Asian markets, including Japan's Nikkei 225, Shanghai Stock Exchange, and Hang Seng Index, advanced 0.43–0.73%.

Analysts warned that political uncertainty may persist, particularly if disputes over health care subsidies and federal funding escalate. UBS noted that alternative assets like gold could continue trading well amid volatility.

White House officials confirmed that some October economic data may never be fully released,

leaving policymakers “flying blind.”

Despite the temporary relief, investors remain cautious, aware that Congress must pass further funding resolutions to prevent another shutdown when current allocations expire at the end of January.