

Hanna offers statement on potential shutdown

Statement from Congressman Richard Hanna:

WASHINGTON, D.C. - I do not support a government shutdown that would negatively impact New Yorkers and the country.

That's why today I voted Yes on H.R. 1363 to keep the government open for one additional week while still cutting \$12 billion in spending. Most important, the bill funds the Department of Defense for the rest of the fiscal year. Our troops ...are in harm's way fighting three wars and deserve to be paid and fully-resourced.

While I favor a fiscally-responsible spending plan for the rest of the year, today's bill is a responsible course of action to facilitate negotiations, and I hope the Senate and President approve it to avoid a government shutdown. Talks are... making progress, but there is no agreement yet with the White House and Senate.

We're stuck in this position now because last year Congress didn't do its job and pass a budget. This year, the Senate has yet to pass any bill to keep the government running through the end of the fiscal year.

I live in a practical world and came to Washington to be serious about finding responsible solutions. If the government shuts down temporarily, I will work hard to make a shutdown as brief and painless as possible.

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