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Bill to Reopen Government Clears US Senate

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) - Legislation to reopen the federal government and avoid a threatened national default has passed the U.S. Senate on an 81-18 vote with Oklahoma Senator Tom Coburn voting against the measure and Senator Jim Inhofe - who recently underwent heart surgery - abstaining.

The legislation that passed the Senate yesterday evening was also approved by the GOP-led House last night.

The legislation would permit the U.S. Treasury to borrow normally through February 7th or perhaps a month longer, and fund the government through January 15th. More than two million federal workers would be paid - those who had remained on the job and those who had been furloughed.

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