

# *U.S. Jobless Benefits Scrapped in Senate Vote*

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Washington, January 17 (RHC)-- The U.S. Senate has failed to renew the jobless benefits that expired last month. Some 1.4 million Americans have lost their aid for long-term unemployment after Republicans refused to extend without an equal amount in spending cuts.

According to reports from Capitol Hill, there was hope for a renewal last week after a handful of Republicans agreed to open debate. But a critical motion to advance the measure failed when it was impossible to win the required 60 votes.

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