

U.S. Senate approves \$1.7 trillion omnibus spending bill

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Washington, December 23 (RHC)-- The U.S. Senate has approved a \$1.7 trillion omnibus spending package, setting up a vote in the House of Representatives ahead of a midnight deadline to avoid a government shutdown.

The Senate bill contains a record \$858 billion in military spending and about \$772 billion for nonmilitary programs. It earmarks \$45 billion in emergency assistance to Ukraine alone.

The legislation does not include a child tax credit expansion Democrats say would have sharply reduced child poverty and hunger. And it ends a pandemic provision that led to record Medicaid enrollment, meaning millions of people will likely be kicked off the public health insurance program this spring.

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