



**COMMISSION FOR INTERCULTURAL
MINISTRIES
ADVOCACY TEAM**

EPPN Legislative Briefing

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Alan

- Gov't Shutdown over. Funding extended to January 30. Operations to slowly return to normal. Federal employees will be paid by next week.
- SNAP Webinar Recording - Food security webinar recording:
https://zoom.us/rec/share/DAmqzpU-7YGv8k4KBxWB34s7uq8sJ3wdGMyjW_JR57sD7pmKjVCq4F8FBUA9o4yC.GnFwVIMDAgKsmGIJ Passcode: n&Yt2nj&

Lindsey

- SNAP - funds available soon to states
- Transportation Dept continues capacity freezes at 6% until airport capacity increases
- Continuing resolution funds SNAP and military for a full year, even though other funding expires January 30. Bills to continue funding after Jan 30 must be debated and passed.
- Healthcare debate re ACA Tax Credit continuation continues
- US Catholic Bishops vote to ban gender affirming care at Catholic hospitals

Troy

- Gov't shutdown - Immigration agencies back in action. Online functions are now live. Delays will continue in visa and other application processes due to backlog. Immigration courts beginning to schedule hearings.
- Nov 6 gov't ends TPS to S Sudanese nationals. 100s at risk despite ongoing conflict in the country. Episcopal church has a long relationship with S Sudan and the people there and refugees here.
- Judge blocks ICE using transportation funds for its activities

Susie

- US gov't not attending COP. 3 governors and mayor attending. [Who's attending?](#)
- Gov't shutdown - additional funding added to conservation work especially for soil improvements. Restored funding for animal and plant inspection services.
- Oil and gas leasing sales - 1st 2 announced in Cooks Inlet in Alaska and Gulf of Mexico. Other leases in coastal states are not being endorsed by the coastal states. FYI - CA Gov Newsom announces no cooperation at COP. Also, open ocean drilling has many challenges due to how the ocean works.
- Review on Urban Biodiversity released. Practical steps listed. Biodiversity has health benefits. [Info Here](#)

Lynnaia

- COP30
 - Opened Monday, Nov 10. [The UN chief lashes out](#) at the lack of national ambitions by participating countries. [More news](#)
 - World Meteorological Organization [State of the Climate Update for COP](#)
 - Online climate misinformation hurting the effort - [Info here](#)
 - Fossil fuel elimination is a major issue at this conference
 - [Episcopal Church participation](#) - [Facebook](#)
 - Measles outbreaks growing throughout the world - [UN World News Update](#)
 - More violence in Sudan
 - [Genocide](#)
 - [Violence against women](#)
 - [Migration chief hears horrific accounts of exodus from El Fasher](#)
- Gaza - Gazans returning home. Fuel availability is growing. Vaccinations have begun. [Current conditions Info here](#).