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Government Affairs Experts

Dear :

"A plague o' both your houses!"

- Mercutio [Romeo And Juliet Act 3, scene 1, 90-92](#)

"If we ran our company this way, we would be out of business before the end of the month!" Those are the words of a Fortune 500 client after spending two days walking the halls of Congress and learning about the Congress' budget travails. In fact, two recent polls - one from the Pew Research Center and the other from the Washington Post - reveal roughly the same information. Approximately 37-39 percent of the population will blame either the Democrats or the Republicans, or both to equal measure, if the government is shut down on Friday.

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CONDOLENCES: We would like to extend our heartfelt condolences to the family of former Congressman Jon Adler (D-NJ) who died Monday at the age of 51 from prior emergency heart surgery complications.

Here are some top stories from the Hill:

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**Webinar with Rep. Flores
and Chief of Staff Jeff
Morehouse**

Congressman Bill Flores (R-TX) serves as a member on the Budget, Natural Resources and Veterans' Affairs Committees.

DATE: Friday, April 8th, 2011

TIME: 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM EST

Space is limited.

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**Five Signs Pointing to a Continuing Resolution Deal
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[Congratulations to Debbie Wasserman-Schultz on her Chairmanship of the Democratic National Committee!](#)

By Carl Chancellor



A government shutdown is the Damocles sword dangling above Capitol Hill lawmakers as time to reach an agreement on a Continuing Resolution to keep the government running

through the end of the fiscal year is quickly drawing to a close.

Congressional Democrats say the spending cuts being demanded by the Tea Party wing of the GOP is a bridge too far. For their part, Tea Party Republicans say they aren't backing down or backing away from their \$61 billion in spending cuts and dozens of bill riders aimed at gutting the EPA and defunding National Public Radio, Health Reform and Planned Parenthood.

The latest news coming out of Washington has to be disheartening for those looking for a last minute agreement on a Continuing Resolution before the April 8th deadline. Still, according to our sources on the Hill there are at least five reasons to hope a government shutdown can and will be avoided:

[Click Here To Read the Five Reasons Why A Government Shutdown Next Week Will Not Happen](#)

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U.S. Energy Policy, It's All in the Balance

By Scott Orr

Unrest in the Middle East and new concerns over the safety of nuclear power are muddying an already fractious debate over U.S. energy at a time when America should be striking a balance between its energy needs and protecting the environment.



As the world watches the bloodshed in Middle Eastern capitals and the nuclear crisis that followed the earthquake and tsunami in Japan, it is critical that the U.S. remain clear-headed about the impact world events may have on our energy policy.

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Congress Seeks to Address Country's Roads

By Carl Chancellor



With apologies to Nat King Cole, getting your kicks on Route 66 is becoming increasingly problematic.



America's traditional method of paying for the building and maintenance of our nation's roadways—gasoline taxes

—is in trouble.

According to Gannett News, since 2008 government spending for the Federal Highway Trust Fund has far exceeded revenues. The U.S. Treasury has supplemented the fund with about \$30 billion during that time.

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