

This Time Was Supposed To Be Different

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So to get a budget enacted into law, everyone involved has to negotiate seriously. They have to make realistic political judgments about what's possible. They have to compromise. Given our divided government, you'd think that everyone would step up to these challenges.

They're not. Recently, Congress gave up on securing a new round of transportation funding for the states. And it now seems inevitable that once again Congress will resort to the travesty known as a continuing resolution, which relinquishes Congress's power of the purse by basically extending fiscal policy as it was the year before. There are no serious negotiations going on in Washington at this point.

Which is a problem. Because to prepare a budget thoughtfully — especially when it requires negotiation with the other party — demands working through literally thousands of details. Yet we're approaching adjournment without talks to make mutually acceptable headway on the budget — though somehow Congress has found the time to take a recess, shutting down for the remainder of the summer.

This delay means that Congress won't actually be able to resolve the issues it faces. Congressional leaders seem fine with this. They rejected early negotiations, preferring a last-minute confrontation, which will lead to another fiscal impasse.

In other words, they're punting. I can't predict how long they'll make their continuing resolution last, but with presidential elections looming, it may be longer rather than shorter. Instead of turning over a new leaf, as Congress prom-

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Wednesday Service..... 7:30 p.m.
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A fool despiseth his father's instruction; but he that regardeth reproof is prudent.

In the house of the righteous is much treasure; but in the revenues of the wicked is trouble.

The lips of the wise disperse knowledge; but the heart of the foolish doeth not so.

A man hath joy by the answer of his mouth; and a word spoken in due season, how good is it!

He that is greedy of gain troubleth his own house; but he that hateth gifts shall live.

He that refuseth instruction despiseth his own soul; but he that heareth reproof getteth understanding.

—PROVERBS 15



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