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**The Federal Government “Shutdown”:
Separating Fact from Fiction**

Raleigh – The current “shutdown” by the federal government has been widely construed by many as being caused by Republican members of the US House of Representatives. Nothing could be further from the truth, says NC Representative Paul Stam (R-Wake), North Carolina House Speaker Pro Tem.

“The U.S. House of Representatives has passed a number of reasonable bills to ensure the federal government continues operating at current spending levels,” says Rep. Stam. “One bill after another has been blocked by Harry Reid who will not let the Senate vote on them and by President Obama who threatens to veto them. It is past time that our citizens learn the real truth about who is causing this ‘shutdown’.”

The following are links to a number of House passed bills to fully fund the government except for the wildly unpopular and unworkable Affordable Care Act:

H.J. Res. 59, passed on September 20, 2013 by 230-189. Senate action was to table. House appointed conferees to resolve differences. The Senate has not appointed conferees.

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-113hjres59ih/pdf/BILLS-113hjres59ih.pdf>

H.J. Resolution 59, Amendments 1 and 2 passed the House by 249-174 and 231-192. Passed by House on September 28, 2013. Would maintain current federal government spending while delaying president’s health care funding by one year.

<http://clerk.house.gov/evs/2013/roll497.xml>

H.J. Res. 59, passed on September 30, 2013 by 228-201. Maintains current spending levels and delays

Affordable Care Act individual mandate while providing all Americans same health care treatment as the president has already given big business.

<http://clerk.house.gov/evs/2013/roll504.xml>

H.J. Res. 70, passed House by 252-173. Restores funding for all national parks and museums including WWII Memorial in Washington.

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-113hjres70fph/pdf/BILLS-113hjres70fph.pdf>

A good analysis of this situation is found in a recent piece by noted economist Dr. Thomas Sowell:

http://www.realclearpolitics.com/articles/2013/10/04/who_shut_down_the_government_120206.html

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