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DENIED

In a 5-4 emergency ruling, the U.S. Supreme Court declined to halt a lower court's decision requiring the Trump Administration to release nearly \$2 billion in foreign aid payments. This marks the first time President Trump's efforts to reshape federal spending have reached the high court. Chief Justice **John Roberts** and Justice **Amy Coney Barrett** sided with the court's liberal justices against the Administration, while conservatives, including Justices Alito, Thomas, Gorsuch, and Kavanaugh, dissented. The ruling upholds a lower court order demanding the Administration comply with pre-existing USAID contracts and grants.

NEW RECRUITMENT STRATEGY

Governor **Josh Shapiro** is urging federal workers to apply for state positions, aiming to recruit the country's top talent as federal layoffs continue. As part of his initiative, Shapiro signed an executive order recognizing federal work experience on par with state work experience. He made the announcement at the Commonwealth Job Fair, encouraging those with federal experience to visit [PA.Gov/FedWorkers](https://www.pa.gov/fedworkers) for opportunities in roles like accountants, nurse aides, custodial workers, and PennDOT CDL operators.

JOB GARNISHING

The Internal Revenue Service continues to find its massive 90,000 workforce compliment under the microscope from the Department of Government Efficiency with the recent announcement that there are plans to potentially cut the agency by half. This news follows the recent announcement that approximately 7,000 probationary employees within the IRS have already been let go. The recent plan to shrink the agency is reported to include additional layoffs, attrition, and buyouts.

TEXAS SIZED LOSS

Democratic Congressman **Sylvester Turner** (TX) passed away yesterday at the age of 70. He had only served in the U.S. Congress for two months. Before serving in Congress, Turner was the Mayor of Houston for eight years and served in the Texas State House for twenty-seven years. On his passing, Minority Leader **Hakeem Jeffries** stated, "The

House Democratic Caucus family is shocked and saddened by the sudden passing of Congressman Sylvester Turner. Though he was newly elected to the Congress, Rep. Turner had a long and distinguished career in public service and spent decades fighting for the people of Houston."

WELL DESERVED

Team USA just scored a record-breaking \$100 million donation, thanks to **Ross Stevens**, CEO of Stone Ridge Holdings Group. This game-changing gift will fund \$100,000 grants and matching life insurance benefits for every U.S. Olympian starting next year. Payments are spread over four years and can be accessed later in life—stacking for repeat Olympians. Athletes earning over \$1 million are out, keeping the focus on those who need it most. With funding secured through at least 2032, this program ensures Olympians aren't just winning medals—they're winning financial security, too.



Happy Birthday

- **Dave Reed**, Pennsylvania State President, First Commonwealth Bank
- **Dana Fritz**, Chief of Staff, Governor Shapiro

Committee Meetings

- (S) Appropriations – 9:30AM – Budget Hearing – Governor's Budget Office
- (H) Appropriations – 10AM – Budget Hearing – Office of the Auditor General
- (H) Agriculture and Rural Affairs – 11AM - Informational meeting on Reducing Food Waste and Insecurity
- (H) Democratic Policy – 11AM - Public hearing on Pre-K Education and its Impact on K-12
- (H) Appropriations – 1PM – Budget Hearing – Governor's Budget Office



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