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Bessent Plans to Attend Tariff Arguments at the Supreme Court

Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent said he will personally attend the Supreme Court hearings this week on President Trump's tariff powers. The case is extremely important to the administration because it could determine whether Trump can continue to use emergency powers to place broad tariffs on almost all trading partners. Trump originally suggested he might attend himself — which would have been historic — but later decided not to.

Critics say Bessent's presence could be seen as pressure on the Court, but he denied that, saying he is going simply to show how serious the issue is for national security and the U.S. economy. The administration argues that economic threats like fentanyl qualify as emergencies that justify the tariffs.

Opponents say the 1977 emergency law Trump used was never designed to allow a president to create tariffs, and that the Constitution gives Congress the power to tax. Legal analysts say the outcome of the case is uncertain — and could have major global economic consequences.

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<https://www.nytimes.com/2025/11/04/us/politics/supreme-court-tariffs-bessent.html>

Supreme Court Confronts Trump and His Tariffs in Test of Presidential Power

The Supreme Court is reviewing whether President Trump legally used emergency powers to impose broad tariffs on most U.S. trading partners. Until now, the Court has mostly allowed Trump's aggressive policies to proceed while lawsuits continued, but this is the first time they must decide on the core legal question behind one of his main actions.

The case is highly sensitive because Trump has publicly said the ruling is extremely important to him, and experts say the justices know he will view a loss as personal. Legally, the dispute centers on whether a 1977 emergency powers law — which does not mention tariffs — allows a president to impose them without Congress. Lower courts have ruled that Trump went too far, but left the tariffs in place during appeals.

The Supreme Court's decision will determine not only the future of the tariffs, but also how far a president can go in using emergency powers for major economic policies.



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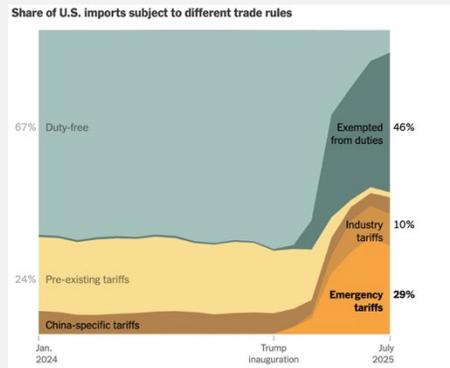


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Almost Half of U.S. Imports Now Have Steep Tariffs

Almost half of all goods that enter the United States now face tariffs. Since returning to office, President Trump has imposed new duties on imports from almost every country, creating the most protectionist U.S. trade environment in decades. Many of these tariffs were issued under an emergency powers law (IEEPA), and the Supreme Court is currently deciding whether the president is allowed to use that law this way. If the Court rules against him, a large portion of those specific tariffs could be removed.

Even if that happens, other tariffs — such as those aimed at China or those placed on industries like steel and autos — would remain, since they come from different legal authorities. China is among the hardest hit, with many of its goods facing multiple layers of duties. On the other hand, most imports from Mexico and Canada continue to enter duty-free under USMCA, so the emergency tariffs had limited impact on them.

The result is that more than 90 percent of all U.S. imports are now affected in some form by Trump's trade measures — whether through tariffs imposed this year, previous tariffs, or special exemptions.

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<https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2025/11/05/business/economy/trump-tariffs-us-imports.html>

Trump Increases Pressure on His Own Party as the Shutdown Grinds On

President Trump is now pressuring his own Republican allies in the Senate to end the filibuster, as the government shutdown has reached 37 days — the longest in U.S. history. The original strategy was to wait for Democrats to fold, but recent polling shows the public is now blaming Republicans more, and Trump has openly recognized that shift.

Instead of negotiating with Democrats, Trump has spent this week telling Senate Republicans to get rid of the 60-vote rule, so they could pass his agenda without Democratic support. Trump says that would allow Republicans to approve major election law changes, voter ID requirements, and new tax cuts.

Democrats, however, are feeling more confident after winning key state elections this week, and they believe voters support their position to keep pushing on health care costs. Democratic leaders have refused to reopen the government unless Republicans agree to extend certain health benefits.

Experts say that even though Republicans offered a temporary bill, most Americans still blame Trump, because he is the central figure in U.S. politics and is seen as responsible for the government being shut down.



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Airport	Nov 6	Nov 7	Nov 8	Nov 9
Newark	4.5% 42 of 940 flights	20.3% 154 of 759 flights	26.7% 252 of 943 flights	0.4%
New York LaGuardia	4.5% 47 of 1,045	7.7% 47 of 614	19.4% 195 of 1,007	0.1%
Atlanta	4.2% 84 of 1,979	18.9% 335 of 1,775	17.8% 387 of 2,175	0.1%
Chicago O'Hare	3.5% 82 of 2,313	4.4% 90 of 2,062	13.2% 304 of 2,308	0.3%
Memphis	3.1% 5 of 160	4.8% 8 of 126	11.6% 20 of 172	0.2%
Cincinnati	7.2% 18 of 250	6.5% 13 of 199	11.1% 30 of 270	0.2%
Washington Reagan	17.4% 151 of 869	11.5% 72 of 625	11% 92 of 840	0.2%
Detroit	4.3% 35 of 806	5.2% 38 of 725	9.5% 81 of 856	0.1%
Minneapolis/St. Paul	4.5% 35 of 784	5% 34 of 682	9.2% 79 of 860	0.1%
Boston	4.8% 46 of 960	7.2% 54 of 750	9.1% 88 of 969	0.1%
Tampa	3.4% 17 of 493	7.7% 32 of 416	8.9% 46 of 514	0.2%
Salt Lake City	3.2% 21 of 660	3.9% 23 of 584	8.7% 59 of 676	0.2%
Indianapolis	5.7% 17 of 297	9.4% 23 of 244	8.2% 25 of 304	0.2%
Fort Lauderdale	2.8% 16 of 564	7.8% 43 of 548	7.8% 47 of 600	0.1%

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See Where Flights Have Been Canceled Across the U.S.

Hundreds of flights across the United States were canceled on Sunday — more than 1,300 flights — marking the third straight day of major disruptions. Since Friday, more than 3,600 flights have been canceled. The cancellations are tied to a historic government shutdown, which has left many air traffic controllers unpaid. Some are calling in sick or working second jobs, and federal officials say the only way to reduce pressure on the system is to cut flight schedules.

The FAA and Department of Transportation have already identified 40 airports where flight activity should be reduced by about 10 percent this coming week. Major airports like Atlanta, Newark and Chicago O'Hare have been among the most affected, although conditions remain relatively calm for travelers so far. But officials are warning that as reductions continue — and before the holiday travel season begins — the impact could spread much more widely across the country.

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