

Tariffs Surge Under Suspended Congressional Oversight — But a Better Path Forward Exists

As U.S. Importers Shoulder Record \$15.9 Billion in Tariffs, Economic Liberation Offers a Smarter Strategy to Rebuild Manufacturing Without Taxing American Consumers

Fort Myers, Florida Apr 28, 2025 ([IssueWire.com](https://www.IssueWire.com)) - In March 2025, the U.S. government collected a record \$15.9 billion in customs and excise taxes, a significant increase from \$9.6 billion the previous month. This surge is attributed to new tariffs implemented by the Trump administration, including a 10% universal tariff on most imports and higher rates, up to 145%, on Chinese goods.

While specific company-level data on tariff payments isn't publicly disclosed, industries heavily reliant on imports were most affected. For instance, during March, U.S. importers paid approximately \$7.89 billion in tariffs on Chinese goods and \$2.87 billion on imports from Canada and Mexico.

Major U.S. companies such as Apple Inc., Tesla Inc., Amazon.com Inc., Walmart Inc., and Home Depot, Inc., are among those likely to be impacted due to their extensive global supply chains and reliance on imported goods.

It's important to note that U.S. importers, not foreign exporters, pay tariffs. These costs are often passed on to consumers through higher prices. Economists have cautioned that such tariffs could increase consumer costs and push the economy into a recession.

For more detailed information on tariff impacts, refer to the U.S. Customs and Border Protection's trade statistics.

Trump's Unfettered Power

In a move that defies logic, law, and democratic tradition, House Republicans have granted themselves a power even God never claimed: the authority to suspend time itself.

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Under the National Emergencies Act, Congress is given 15 days to review and challenge any emergency powers declared by the President. But in a stunning display of procedural manipulation, the House recently voted to redefine the legislative calendar, effectively turning what should have been months of oversight into a single symbolic day—equal to 24 hours—while 4,200 actual hours (175 days) will pass in silence.

This isn't just a technical delay. It's a deliberate obstruction—a calculated scheme to prevent the

people's representatives from debating the direction of the nation. By nullifying Congress's ability to act within the time prescribed by law, Republicans have not only broken the clock but also shattered the very concept of accountability.

And what does this "pause in time" enable?

It gives President Donald Trump unchecked authority to impose tariffs—a form of taxation that historically required Congressional approval. With the legislative clock stopped, Trump now holds the unfettered power to tax the American people by executive decree.

A Return to Tyranny

This moment should alarm every citizen. At the founding of this Republic, "Taxation without representation" was the rallying cry that sparked a revolution. But today, in the halls of Congress, it is being resurrected—not by foreign kings, but by elected officials who have chosen loyalty to power over allegiance to the Constitution.

This is not governance. It is tyranny wrapped in procedure, hidden in the fine print of legislative calendars.

If Congress can suspend time to avoid responsibility, what else can it suspend? Laws? Rights? Elections?

The clock may say 24 hours, but the consequences of this decision could echo for generations. Unless the American people reclaim their right to representation and debate, we will have allowed our democracy to be ruled not by God or by law but by those who believe themselves above both.

A Smarter Way Forward: *Economic Liberation*

While tariffs create massive tax burdens for American businesses and families, there is a better way to restore U.S. manufacturing competitiveness without crushing consumers.

The plan outlined in *Economic Liberation* proposes a comprehensive realignment of financial support systems, focusing incentives directly on small businesses, domestic production, and innovation, rather than imposing broad taxes that hurt everyone.

Instead of emergency decrees and hidden taxes, we can rebuild America's industrial strength through **smart financial reform, targeted investment, and restoring competitive fairness**, without sacrificing democracy or burdening the American consumer.

The choice is ours — if we act now.

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