



## NO TIME LEFT FOR AN IMMIGRATION DEAL

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With, at maximum, 12 days left in the legislative calendar before the House and Senate take their traditional August recess, there is no way Congress would be able to pass President Barack Obama's request for emergency funding to deal with the crisis on the border.

Despite the humanitarian suffering, the politics are too tricky. Both sides have dug in. Many Republicans object to what they are calling the president's demand for a blank check—despite the fact that an exact amount, \$3.7 billion, is laid out in his request.

Democrats, meanwhile, have largely objected to the policy changes that Republicans are demanding as part of any effort to pass emergency funding.

And Thursday, in his weekly news conference, House Speaker John Boehner played down the idea that Congress would act by August. Some have suggested that the speaker was posturing as he tries to force a deal, but there appear to be too many problems to overcome before the August recess deadline.