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Senator Paul said he was angry at spending increases in the proposed budget deal between Republicans and Democrats in the House and Senate. Specifically, he wanted an amendment to keep spending caps in place. Therefore, Congress was unable to pass a deal on the budget by midnight Eastern time, "The reason I am here tonight is to put people on the spot," he said. I want people to

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