
US Homeland Security Department May Run Out of Funding in 2 Months - Senator

WASHINGTON, July 31 (Sputnik) - The US Department of Homeland Security (DHS) will lose funding in two months unless Republican and Democratic legislators can reach agreement on a budget, Senator Debbie Stabenow told reporters. “[T]he Department of Homeland Security is going to be empty of funding again in just two months,” Stabenow said on Thursday during a press conference on the Senate Democrats’ legislative priorities. Senators Chuck Schumer, Elizabeth Warren and Mark Warner joined Stabenow in the press conference. In February 2015, DHS funding was a much debated issue when Republican and Democratic legislators failed to agree on how to fund the Department. “As a state that is perhaps more reliant on defense dollars than almost any other state, even our most adamant, most pro defense advocates recognize the only way we are going to avoid the draconian nature of sequestration is to provide relief to both defense and non-defense,” Warner said of Virginia, the state he represents in the US Senate. Warner said he was particularly concerned about DHS losing funding because so much of the Virginia's economy is dependent on the US defense industry.