Why was an emergency declared?

Talking Points
1. How do these cartoons characterize President Trump declaring a national emergency at the Mexican-U.S. border?
2. Is there an emergency at the border? Please explain your answer.
3. Has President Trump been badly defeated in Congress over getting money to build a border wall?
4. Under the U.S. Constitution, which branch of government determines how to spend our tax money?
5. Presidents have conducted many wars since Congress last officially declared a war nearly 70 years ago. Does Congress have any power left if it can no longer control spending?

Between the lines
"I could do the wall over a longer period of time. I didn't need to do this. But I'd rather do it much faster." - President Donald Trump on his emergency declaration.


Additional resources
- More by Daryl Cagle
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- More by Jimmy Margulies
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