



The NEA Monthly Lobbyist Report for Members

NEA Report - January 2026

Advocacy and Engagement

Lobbyit met on January 29th with Karen Williams, policy counsel for Rep. Max Miller, to discuss the ACCESS Act's role in expanding access to Short-Term Limited Duration Insurance (STLDI) for up to 36 months. Karen emphasized that the office strongly appreciated NEA's engagement and noted their office's coordination with Rep. Buddy Carter's team given his work on a similar bill last year that stalled out in committee. Karen explained that Rep. Miller's motivation for introducing the ACCESS Act is rooted in concerns raised by small business owners who want to offer health coverage to employees but face significant regulatory and cost barriers under current law. They identified STLDI as one of the most viable coverage pathways for employers, particularly given rising healthcare costs and the need for more flexible insurance options. The office views STLDI as a potential "flag-bearing" alternative as Congress continues to debate how to expand or reform the ACA, noting that Rep. Miller supported extending ACA tax credits recently with the understanding that Congress must continue working across the aisle on solutions that function in practice, like STLDI.

Williams also explained that while Rep. Carter has pursued strengthening of STLDI coverage, the ACCESS Act would permanently codify the framework in statute, ensuring it is not tied to a single administration or regulatory approach. Due to Rep. Carter's plans to run for governor, his office is not expected to move forward as a co-lead, but coordination between the offices has been productive. Looking ahead, Karen said she anticipated movement on this issue within the next six months as lawmakers search for alternatives or supplements to the ACA, identifying this period as a key advocacy window. She recommended we pursue support strategies include submitting a formal letter to the Chairs of House Ways and Means and Energy and Commerce emphasizing STLDI as a viable coverage tool, mobilizing supportive members, and engaging committee leadership to ensure the bill advances. We agreed to follow up in the coming weeks and discuss best strategies with which NEA can effectively support Rep. Miller's work to bolster STLDI policy.

Work on the Hill

The month of January was dominated by fiscal brinkmanship and institutional strain across the federal government, culminating in a partial government shutdown at the end of the month. January reflected a broader struggle between the two parties over spending priorities, immigration policy, and the balance of power, while agencies and courts continued operating in a constrained and uncertain environment.

The most consequential development was Congress's failure to complete all twelve FY 2026 appropriations bills before the expiration of a continuing resolution on January 31st. While lawmakers made notable progress earlier in the month, enacting roughly half of the annual appropriations measures, negotiations ultimately collapsed over unresolved disputes tied to homeland security funding; disagreements over immigration enforcement authorities, detention capacity, and policy riders attached to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) appropriations bill proved insurmountable. Senate negotiators attempted to advance a short-term extension to provide additional time for talks, but the House was out of session and could not take up the revised measure before the funding deadline. As a result, a lapse in appropriations triggered a partial shutdown, though it is not expected to last more than a few days into February as House members are called back to DC.

The shutdown underscored the difficulty Congress continues to face in returning to standard operating pace on appropriations. While leadership in both chambers publicly emphasized the importance of completing individual spending bills rather than relying on large omnibus packages, internal divisions limited their ability to resolve high profile policy disputes within the appropriations process. The breakdown also reinforced the growing tendency to use must-pass appropriations as leverage points for broader political fights, including on education, immigration enforcement, and healthcare.

In particular, immigration enforcement served as an important backdrop to the funding standoff and Congress' work this past month. Throughout January, the federal government expanded high visibility enforcement operations in several major metropolitan areas, drawing intense public and political scrutiny. A series of enforcement related incidents, including multiple fatal shootings of American citizens, sparked protests in multiple cities and amplified calls for oversight and reform. These developments hardened positions on the Hill, with Democrats in both chambers calling for explicit limits to ICE's funding and enforcement capacity to be included in the appropriations negotiations. Immigration enforcement eventually became the central issue preventing a final compromise, illustrating in large part how the White House's operational decisions reverberate through the appropriations process.

Beyond the budget fight, Congress continued to advance legislation in several domains. Congress passed several appropriations measures earlier in the month, including signing off on the budget for education, transportation, defense, labor, and other federal agencies. In both chambers, lawmakers attempted to reassert congressional authority over military engagement, but failed to pass a war powers resolution aimed at limiting unilateral military action by the administration.

Foreign policy developments also shaped the federal landscape in January. The administration remained actively engaged in international security matters, including its operation to seize and arrest Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro, where US involvement continues to draw congressional and public attention. The month also saw the administration participate in high level international economic and security forums, emphasizing supply chain resilience, energy security, and geopolitical competition. These engagements occurred against the backdrop of President Trump's call for Denmark to cede Greenland to the US, reinforcing the contrast between US global leadership ambitions and the international order.

Federal agencies continued their regulatory work during the month, though activity slowed as shutdown preparations intensified. Several agencies advanced rulemaking and policy initiatives

earlier in January, including defense related investments in emerging technologies and artificial intelligence. However, as the funding deadline approached, agencies once again shifted focus to contingency planning, delaying some planned discretionary actions and public engagement.

The federal judiciary played a stabilizing role amid the broader uncertainty. Federal courts issued rulings blocking key elements of an executive order related to federal election administration, finding that the administration had exceeded statutory authority and intruded on powers reserved to Congress and the states. At the same time, judges continued to hear emergency motions tied to immigration enforcement, including challenges to the scope of federal agent authority and the use of expedited removal procedures in major metropolitan areas.

Overall, January illustrated the interconnected nature of fiscal policy, immigration and high-visibility policy issues, and institutional authority in Washington. A breakdown in appropriations negotiations ultimately led directly to a partial shutdown, but the roots of that failure extended beyond topline spending levels to deeper disputes over executive power and Congressional leverage. While lawmakers made incremental progress in some areas, the month ended with unresolved funding questions and a federal government operating under strain.

Vought requests CFPB funding

This month Russ Vought, Director of the Office of Management and Budget and acting Director of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB), formally requested funding for the agency from the Federal Reserve. This move followed a federal court directive issued late last year requiring the administration to keep the CFPB operational while ongoing litigation over the agency's structure and funding is resolved. The CFPB's funding mechanism, drawing directly from the Federal Reserve rather than annual congressional appropriations, has been at the center of a broader legal and political effort by the administration to curtail or dismantle the agency.

Throughout 2025, the administration pursued arguments that CFPB funding requests were unlawful while the Federal Reserve was operating at a loss, raising the possibility that the bureau would be forced to halt operations once its existing funds were depleted. That outcome appeared increasingly likely until the Federal Reserve returned to profitability in early December. Shortly thereafter, a US District Court judge clarified that the standing injunction not only prevents the administration from dismantling the CFPB but affirmatively requires Vought to seek funding to maintain its statutory functions. The judge also expressed skepticism toward the administration's legal theory challenging the funding mechanism.

California clashes with Trump admin over immigrant CDL use

California officials pushed back against Transportation Secretary Sean Duffy's claim that the state missed a federal deadline on Jan. 5th to cancel certain commercial driver's licenses (CDLs) issued to immigrants, escalating a broader conflict between the Trump administration and states over workforce eligibility in the trucking sector. The CA Department of Motor Vehicles stated that it had coordinated with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) on extending the cancellation deadline to allow federal regulators additional time to review updates

to the state's licensing program. According to CA officials, the delay reflects ongoing federal review rather than state noncompliance.

Duffy has publicly rejected that explanation, warning that CA could lose nearly \$160 million in federal transportation funding for failing to revoke what he described as "illegally issued" licenses. The dispute stems from CA's announcement last fall that it would revoke roughly 17,000 CDLs whose expiration dates did not align with federal work authorization documents. While CA sought to reissue corrected licenses to drivers who are legally authorized to work, federal officials reportedly blocked the reissuance process, leaving both employers and drivers in limbo.

THUD appropriations mandates English proficiency for CDL drivers

The FY 2026 Transportation-HUD (THUD) spending bill includes several provisions affecting surface transportation and transit policy. Notably, the bill codifies Transportation Secretary Sean Duffy's efforts to enforce English-language proficiency standards for truck drivers. Under the provision, a driver is considered qualified only if they "can read and speak the English language sufficiently to converse with the general public, to understand highway traffic signs and signals, to respond to official inquiries, and to make entries on reports and records." This measure aligns with broader administration efforts to target drivers who lack English proficiency or are in the country illegally.

The package includes targeted support for major sporting events, allocating approximately \$100 million to transit agencies hosting the FIFA World Cup, with funding tied to stadium capacities and match schedules. Separately, about \$94 million in existing DOT grants is repurposed to address transportation needs for the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics and Paralympics. A House vote on the bill is expected soon, after which it will proceed to the Senate.

IRS loses funding but survives government shutdown

One January appropriations package includes a provision rescinding \$11.66 billion in one-time funding previously provided to the IRS during the Biden administration. The funding, originally allocated in 2022 as part of the Inflation Reduction Act, was intended to modernize the agency and support its operations, including everyday expenses such as maintenance, rent, security, research, and postage. The rescission comes as part of a broader effort by congressional Republicans to roll back nearly \$80 billion in IRA funding for the IRS, focusing on reducing resources for both enforcement and operational activities.

This action follows three prior budget agreements in which Republicans successfully rescinded \$41.8 billion in funding, mainly targeting IRS enforcement programs. According to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration, the agency had almost \$24 billion in IRA funding available through March 2025. The new provision would reduce the IRS's "operations support" budget by approximately nine percent, impacting the agency's day-to-day capabilities.

The funding cut is embedded within a larger appropriations measure that also covers the Department of Health and Human Services and other federal agencies for fiscal year 2026. Lawmakers are also negotiating parallel clawbacks of one-time funding previously provided to

the Department of Homeland Security. If enacted, the measure represents the latest chapter in ongoing congressional efforts to scale back IRS resources while balancing broader federal appropriations priorities.

FEDERAL - 119TH
CONGRESS

H.R. 20

Richard L. Trumka
Protecting the Right to
Organize Act of 2025

Pro Title: PRO Act
No Priority No Stance

AI Summary: The bill amends the National Labor Relations Act and related laws to strengthen employee rights, including expanded definitions of employer and employee, new protections against unfair labor practices, and provisions for electronic voting in union elections.

Introduced: 03/05/2025

Sponsor: Rep. Bobby Scott VA-03

Latest Actions:

- 03/05/2025 - Referred to the House Committee on Education and Workforce.
- 03/05/2025 - Introduced in House

Committees: House Education and the Workforce Committee

FEDERAL - 119TH
CONGRESS

H.R. 90

Health Coverage Choice
Act

No Priority No Stance

AI Summary: The Health Coverage Choice Act defines short-term limited duration insurance as coverage with an expiration date less than 12 months after the original effective date and a total duration of no more than three years, including renewals or extensions.

Introduced: 01/03/2025

Sponsor: Rep. Andy Biggs AZ-05

Latest Actions:

- 01/03/2025 - Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.
- 01/03/2025 - Introduced in House

Committees: House Energy and Commerce Committee

FEDERAL - 119TH
CONGRESS

H.R. 379

Healthcare Freedom and
Choice Act

No Priority No Stance

AI Summary: The Healthcare Freedom and Choice Act nullifies a federal rule on short-term, limited-duration insurance and independent, noncoordinated excepted benefits coverage published in April 2024.

Introduced: 01/14/2025

Sponsor: Rep. Buddy Carter GA-01

Latest Actions:

- 01/14/2025 - Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on

Education and Workforce, and Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

- 01/14/2025 - Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Education and Workforce, and Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
- 01/14/2025 - Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Education and Workforce, and Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

Committees: House Education and the Workforce Committee, House Energy and Commerce Committee, House Ways and Means Committee

FEDERAL - 119TH
CONGRESS

H.R. 400

No taxpayer funding for
United Nations Human
Rights Council Act

No Priority No Stance

AI Summary: The bill prohibits U.S. contributions to the United Nations Human Rights Council by withholding a portion of annual UN budget funds based on the allocated share for the council and bans voluntary contributions.

Introduced: 01/14/2025

Sponsor: Rep. Chip Roy TX-21

Latest Actions:

- 01/14/2025 - Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.
- 01/14/2025 - Introduced in House

Committees: House Foreign Affairs Committee

FEDERAL - 119TH
CONGRESS

H.R. 421

Small Business
Regulatory Flexibility
Improvements Act

No Priority No Stance

AI Summary: The bill enhances the Regulatory Flexibility Act by expanding coverage to include rules with indirect economic effects, beneficial impacts, and rules affecting tribal organizations and land management plans, while requiring detailed analyses and public participation.

Introduced: 01/15/2025

Sponsor: Rep. Ben Cline VA-06

Latest Actions:

- 06/10/2025 - Ordered to be Reported in the Nature of a Substitute by the Yeas and Nays: 13 - 12.
- 06/10/2025 - Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held
- 01/15/2025 - Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Small Business, and Oversight and Government Reform, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

Committees: House Judiciary Committee, House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, House Small Business Committee

FEDERAL - 119TH
CONGRESS

H.R. 703

Main Street Tax Certainty
Act

No Priority No Stance

AI Summary: The Main Street Tax Certainty Act makes permanent the qualified business income deduction under the Internal Revenue Code, effective for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2025.

Introduced: 01/23/2025

Sponsor: Rep. Lloyd Smucker PA-11

Latest Actions:

- 01/23/2025 - Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.
- 01/23/2025 - Introduced in House

Committees: House Ways and Means Committee

FEDERAL - 119TH
CONGRESS

H.R. 789

Transparency and
Predictability in Small
Business Opportunities
Act

No Priority No Stance

AI Summary: The act requires the Small Business Administration to disclose reasons for cancelled solicitations and provide assistance to small businesses affected by cancellations, including referrals to similar contracting opportunities.

Introduced: 01/28/2025

Sponsor: Rep. George Latimer NY-16

Latest Actions:

- 06/04/2025 - Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.
- 06/03/2025 - Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

- 06/03/2025 - On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H2396)

Committees: House Small Business Committee, Senate Small Business and Entrepreneurship Committee

FEDERAL - 119TH
CONGRESS

H.R. 804

Rural Small Business
Resilience Act

No Priority No Stance

AI Summary: The Rural Small Business Resilience Act requires the Small Business Administration to ensure rural individuals affected by disasters have full access to assistance through targeted outreach and marketing.

Introduced: 01/28/2025

Sponsor: Rep. Kelly Morrison MN-03

Latest Actions:

- 02/26/2025 - Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.
- 02/26/2025 - Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- 02/26/2025 - On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 415 - 8 (Roll no. 49). (text: 2/24/2025 CR H746)

Committees: House Small Business Committee, Senate Small Business and Entrepreneurship Committee

FEDERAL - 119TH
CONGRESS

H.R. 832

Small Business Advocacy
Improvements Act of
2025

No Priority No Stance

AI Summary: The Small Business Advocacy Improvements Act of 2025 clarifies the Office of Advocacy's primary functions and duties, including its role in the international economy and representing small businesses before foreign governments and international entities.

Introduced: 01/31/2025

Sponsor: Rep. Roger Williams TX-25

Latest Actions:

- 02/25/2025 - Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.
- 02/25/2025 - Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- 02/25/2025 - On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 396 - 15 (Roll no. 44). (text: CR H739)

Committees: House Small Business Committee, Senate Small Business and Entrepreneurship Committee

FEDERAL - 119TH
CONGRESS

H.R. 833

Educational Choice for
Children Act of 2025

No Priority No Stance

AI Summary: The bill provides a tax credit for charitable donations to nonprofit organizations that award scholarships to low-income elementary and secondary students, with limits on contribution amounts and a volume cap to prevent overuse.

Introduced: 01/31/2025

Sponsor: Rep. Adrian Smith NE-03

Latest Actions:

- 01/31/2025 - Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Education and Workforce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
- 01/31/2025 - Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Education and Workforce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
- 01/31/2025 - Introduced in House

Committees: House Education and the Workforce Committee, House Ways and Means Committee

FEDERAL - 119TH
CONGRESS

H.R. 935

Health Care Workforce
Innovation Act of 2025

No Priority No Stance

AI Summary: The Health Care Workforce Innovation Act of 2025 establishes a program to fund community-driven, innovative training models for allied health professionals, prioritizing underserved and rural areas.

Introduced: 02/04/2025

Sponsor: Rep. Andrew Garbarino NY-02

Latest Actions:

- 02/04/2025 - Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.
- 02/04/2025 - Introduced in House

Committees: House Energy and Commerce Committee

FEDERAL - 119TH
CONGRESS

H.R. 976

1071 Repeal to Protect
Small Business Lending
Act

No Priority No Stance

AI Summary: This bill repeals data collection requirements for small business loans under the Equal Credit Opportunity Act, aiming to reduce regulatory burdens on financial institutions and improve small business access to credit.

Introduced: 02/04/2025

Sponsor: Rep. Roger Williams TX-25

Latest Actions:

- 05/06/2025 - Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 65.
- 05/06/2025 - Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Financial Services. H. Rept. 119-91.
- 05/06/2025 - POLITICO Pro - The House Financial Services Committee voted along party lines Wednesday to advance legislation that would repeal a CFPB rule requiring lenders to report demographic data on small-business loan recipients. The bureau finalized a rule last March under Section 1071 of the Dodd-Frank act forcing financial institutions to turn over data about the race, ethnicity and gender of the loan recipients, in addition to information on lending decisions and the price of credit. Republicans say the regulatory compliance costs spurred by the rule will force small lenders to pull out of small business lending. House Small Business Chair Roger Williams (R-Texas), who introduced the rollback and also sits on Financial Services, said the rule “represents yet another overreach that harms Main Street.”

Committees: House Financial Services Committee

FEDERAL - 119TH
CONGRESS

H.R. 1163

Prove It Act of 2025

No Priority No Stance

AI Summary: The Prove It Act of 2025 requires greater transparency in federal regulatory decisions by mandating initial regulatory flexibility analyses that consider indirect costs to small businesses and establishing review procedures for such analyses, including petitions and full reviews by the Small Business Administration's Chief Counsel.

Introduced: 02/10/2025

Sponsor: Rep. Brad Finstad MN-01

Latest Actions:

- 05/21/2025 - Ordered to be Reported in the Nature of a Substitute by the Yeas and Nays: 14 - 12.
- 05/21/2025 - Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Small Business. H. Rept. 119-108, Part I.
- 05/21/2025 - Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held

Committees: House Judiciary Committee, House Small Business Committee

FEDERAL - 119TH
CONGRESS

H.R. 1642

Connecting Small
Businesses with Career
and Technical Education
Graduates Act of 2025

No Priority No Stance

AI Summary: The act amends the Small Business Act to include requirements for small business development centers and women's business centers to engage with career and technical education graduates, promoting hiring and business development connections.

Introduced: 02/26/2025

Sponsor: Rep. Roger Williams TX-25

Latest Actions:

- 06/04/2025 - Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.
- 06/03/2025 - Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- 06/03/2025 - On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 396 - 5 (Roll no. 146). (text: CR H2392)

Committees: House Small Business Committee, Senate Small Business and Entrepreneurship Committee

FEDERAL - 119TH
CONGRESS

H.R. 2066

Investing in All of
America Act of 2025

No Priority No Stance

AI Summary: The Investing in All of America Act of 2025 modifies the Small Business Investment Act to exclude certain government-funded investments from leverage limits for small businesses in rural, low-income, or critical technology areas.

Introduced: 03/11/2025

Sponsor: Rep. Dan Meuser PA-09

Latest Actions:

- 12/02/2025 - Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.
- 12/01/2025 - Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- 12/01/2025 - On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H4918)

Committees: House Small Business Committee, Senate Small Business and Entrepreneurship Committee

FEDERAL - 119TH
CONGRESS

H.R. 2094

HELPER Act of 2025

No Priority No Stance

AI Summary: The bill establishes a mortgage insurance program for first responders, including law enforcement, firefighters, paramedics, and teachers, allowing them to purchase or repair homes with no down payment and no monthly insurance premiums.

Introduced: 03/14/2025

Sponsor: Rep. John Rutherford FL-05

Latest Actions:

- 03/14/2025 - Referred to the House Committee on Financial Services.
- 03/14/2025 - Introduced in House

Committees: House Financial Services Committee

FEDERAL - 119TH
CONGRESS

H.R. 2520

César E. Chávez and the
Farmworker Movement
National Historical Park
Act

No Priority No Stance

AI Summary: The bill establishes the César E. Chávez and the Farmworker Movement National Historical Park in California and Arizona, redesignating the existing César E. Chávez National Monument and including additional significant sites related to the farmworker movement.

Introduced: 03/31/2025

Sponsor: Rep. Raul Ruiz CA-25

Latest Actions:

- 03/31/2025 - Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.
- 03/31/2025 - Introduced in House

Committees: House Natural Resources Committee

FEDERAL - 119TH
CONGRESS

H.R. 2571

Self-Insurance Protection
Act

No Priority No Stance

AI Summary: The bill amends the ERISA to exclude certain medical stop-loss insurance from the definition of health insurance coverage for self-insured group health plans, and preempts state laws that restrict such insurance.

Introduced: 04/01/2025

Sponsor: Rep. Bob Onder MO-03

Latest Actions:

- 12/15/2025 - Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 356.
- 12/15/2025 - Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Education and Workforce. H. Rept. 119-408.
- 06/25/2025 - Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 21 - 15.

Committees: House Education and the Workforce Committee

FEDERAL - 119TH
CONGRESS

H.R. 2952

SALT Act

No Priority No Stance

AI Summary: The SALT Act amends the Labor-Management Reporting and Disclosure Act of 1959 to clarify reporting requirements for payments, loans, and agreements related to employee organizing and labor dispute information.

Introduced: 04/17/2025

Sponsor: Rep. Burgess Owens UT-04

Latest Actions:

- 04/17/2025 - Referred to the House Committee on Education and Workforce.
- 04/17/2025 - Introduced in House

Committees: House Education and the Workforce Committee

FEDERAL - 119TH
CONGRESS

H.R. 2965

Small Business
Regulatory Reduction Act
of 2025

No Priority No Stance

AI Summary: The Small Business Regulatory Reduction Act of 2025 requires the Small Business Administration Administrator to ensure the small business regulatory budget for the SBA is not greater than zero, and mandates an annual report on federal rules impacting small businesses.

Introduced: 04/17/2025

Sponsor: Rep. Beth Van Duyne TX-24

Latest Actions:

- 12/04/2025 - Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.
- 12/03/2025 - Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- 12/03/2025 - On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 223 - 190 (Roll no. 310). (text of amendment in the nature of a substitute: CR 12/02/2025 H4987)

Committees: House Small Business Committee, Senate Small Business and Entrepreneurship Committee

FEDERAL - 119TH
CONGRESS

H.R. 3174

AI Summary: The act increases loan limits for small manufacturers to \$7,500,000 or \$9,000,000 if the loan exceeds \$10,000,000, with specific provisions for export-related financing.

Made in America
Manufacturing Finance
Act

No Priority No Stance

Introduced: 05/01/2025

Sponsor: Rep. Roger Williams TX-25

Latest Actions:

- 12/04/2025 - Read twice. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 283.
- 12/04/2025 - Senate vitiated previous action of 12/02/2025 by Unanimous Consent.
- 12/02/2025 - Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Committees: House Small Business Committee, Senate Finance Committee

FEDERAL - 119TH
CONGRESS

H.R. 3736

The Small Business
Representation in
Contracting Rulemaking
Act

No Priority No Stance

AI Summary: The bill adds the Small Business Administration Administrator to the Federal Acquisition Regulatory Council and requires a report on personnel, resources, and policy recommendations within 90 days of enactment.

Introduced: 06/04/2025

Sponsor: Rep. Lateefah Simon CA-12

Latest Actions:

- 06/04/2025 - Referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and in addition to the Committee on Small Business, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
- 06/04/2025 - Referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and in addition to the Committee on Small Business, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
- 06/04/2025 - Introduced in House

Committees: House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, House Small Business Committee

FEDERAL - 119TH
CONGRESS

H.R. 4549

AI Summary: The Office of Rural Affairs of the Small Business Administration is amended to clarify its responsibilities, including appointing an Assistant Administrator with rural business experience and expanding outreach through webinars and events.

Office of Rural Affairs
Enhancement Act

No Priority No Stance

Introduced: 07/21/2025

Sponsor: Rep. Maggie Goodlander NH-02

Latest Actions:

- 12/02/2025 - Received in the Senate. Read twice. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 282.
- 12/01/2025 - Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- 12/01/2025 - On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H4916-4917)

Committees: House Small Business Committee

FEDERAL - 119TH
CONGRESS

H.R. 6420

ACCESS Act

No Priority No Stance

AI Summary: The bill defines short-term limited duration insurance under the Public Health Service Act, allowing it to be offered in the individual market and providing individuals the option to decline renewability.

Introduced: 12/04/2025

Sponsor: Rep. Max Miller OH-07

Latest Actions:

- 12/04/2025 - Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.
- 12/04/2025 - Introduced in House

Committees: House Energy and Commerce Committee

FEDERAL - 119TH
CONGRESS

S. 202

Helping Small Businesses
THRIVE Act

No Priority No Stance

AI Summary: The bill establishes a pilot program allowing eligible small businesses to purchase commodity futures to hedge against price volatility, with specific rules on covered commodities, eligibility, and program administration.

Introduced: 01/23/2025

Sponsor: Sen. Jeanne Shaheen NH

Latest Actions:

- 01/23/2025 - Read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.
- 01/23/2025 - Introduced in Senate

Committees: Senate Small Business and Entrepreneurship Committee

FEDERAL - 119TH
CONGRESS

S. 213

Main Street Tax Certainty Act

No Priority No Stance

AI Summary: The Main Street Tax Certainty Act makes permanent the qualified business income deduction under Section 199A of the Internal Revenue Code.

Introduced: 01/23/2025

Sponsor: Sen. Steve Daines MT

Latest Actions:

- 01/23/2025 - Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
- 01/23/2025 - Introduced in Senate

Committees: Senate Finance Committee

FEDERAL - 119TH
CONGRESS

S. 292

Educational Choice for Children Act of 2025

No Priority No Stance

AI Summary: The bill provides a tax credit for charitable donations to nonprofit organizations that award scholarships to low-income elementary and secondary students, with limits on contribution amounts and a volume cap to prevent overuse.

Introduced: 01/29/2025

Sponsor: Sen. Bill Cassidy LA

Latest Actions:

- 01/29/2025 - Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
- 01/29/2025 - Introduced in Senate

Committees: Senate Finance Committee

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S. 400

Paid Family and Medical Leave Tax Credit Extension and Enhancement Act

No Priority No Stance

AI Summary: The bill enhances the paid family and medical leave credit by allowing employers to choose between a wage-based or insurance-premium-based credit, with adjustments for aggregation rules and state-mandated leave, and includes outreach requirements for small businesses and tax professionals.

Introduced: 02/04/2025

Sponsor: Sen. Deb Fischer NE

Latest Actions:

- 02/04/2025 - Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
- 02/04/2025 - Introduced in Senate

Committees: Senate Finance Committee

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S. 852

Richard L. Trumka
Protecting the Right to
Organize Act of 2025

No Priority No Stance

AI Summary: The bill amends key labor laws to strengthen employee rights, including defining joint employers, clarifying employee status, expanding protections against unfair labor practices, and permitting fair share agreements.

Introduced: 03/05/2025

Sponsor: Sen. Bernie Sanders VT

Latest Actions:

- 03/05/2025 - Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
- 03/05/2025 - Introduced in Senate

Committees: Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee

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S. 853

INNOVATE Act

No Priority No Stance

AI Summary: The INNOVATE Act enhances SBIR and STTR programs by improving small business success, expanding Phase II funding, reducing administrative burdens, strengthening security measures, and streamlining commercialization standards.

Introduced: 03/05/2025

Sponsor: Sen. Joni Ernst IA

Latest Actions:

- 07/23/2025 - Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship. Hearings held.
- 03/05/2025 - Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship. Hearings held.
- 03/05/2025 - Read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

Committees: Senate Small Business and Entrepreneurship Committee

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S. 978

HELPER Act of 2025

No Priority No Stance

AI Summary: The bill establishes a mortgage insurance program for first responders, including law enforcement, firefighters, paramedics, and teachers, allowing them to purchase or repair homes with no down payment and no monthly insurance premiums.

Introduced: 03/12/2025

Sponsor: Sen. Ashley Moody FL

Latest Actions:

- 03/12/2025 - Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
- 03/12/2025 - Introduced in Senate

Committees: Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee

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S. 1048

Connecting Small
Businesses with Career
and Technical Education
Graduates Act

No Priority No Stance

AI Summary: The bill amends the Small Business Act to require Small Business Development Centers and Women's Business Centers to assist graduates of career and technical education programs in hiring and starting small businesses.

Introduced: 03/13/2025

Sponsor: Sen. Roger Marshall KS

Latest Actions:

- 03/13/2025 - Read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.
- 03/13/2025 - Introduced in Senate

Committees: Senate Small Business and Entrepreneurship Committee

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S. 1555

Made in America
Manufacturing Finance
Act of 2025

No Priority No Stance

AI Summary: The bill increases loan limits for small manufacturers, defining them as businesses in sectors 31, 32, or 33 of the NAICS with all production facilities in the U.S., and raises loan caps under the Small Business Act and Small Business Investment Act.

Introduced: 05/01/2025

Sponsor: Sen. Joni Ernst IA

Latest Actions:

- 01/14/2026 - Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship. Hearings held.
- 09/17/2025 - Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship. Hearings held.
- 07/29/2025 - Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 130.

Committees: Senate Small Business and Entrepreneurship Committee

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AI Summary: The SBIR/STTR Reauthorization Act of 2025 extends program authority, increases agency funding, enhances

S. 1573

SBIR/STTR

Reauthorization Act of
2025

No Priority No Stance

outreach to underserved groups, improves commercialization support, and includes safeguards for small businesses majority-owned by foreign entities or private equity firms.

Introduced: 05/01/2025

Sponsor: Sen. Ed Markey MA

Latest Actions:

- 05/01/2025 - Read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.
- 05/01/2025 - Introduced in Senate

Committees: Senate Small Business and Entrepreneurship Committee

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S. 3111

Small Businesses before
Bureaucrats Act

No Priority No Stance

AI Summary: The bill increases the National Labor Relations Board's dollar threshold for jurisdiction over labor disputes, with the threshold rising by a factor of ten for 2026 and thereafter adjusted annually using the Personal Consumption Expenditure Per Capita Index.

Introduced: 11/05/2025

Sponsor: Sen. Markwayne Mullin OK

Latest Actions:

- 11/05/2025 - Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
- 11/05/2025 - Introduced in Senate

Committees: Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee

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S. 3116

Fairness in Filing Act

No Priority No Stance

AI Summary: The Fairness in Filing Act restricts unfair labor practice charges to those filed in good faith and with proper documentation or certification, and imposes fines for bad faith or frivolous filings.

Introduced: 11/06/2025

Sponsor: Sen. Bill Cassidy LA

Latest Actions:

- 11/06/2025 - Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
- 11/06/2025 - Introduced in Senate

Committees: Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee

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S. 3586

A bill to amend the Small Business Act to require small business development centers to assist small business concerns with the use of artificial intelligence, and for other purposes.

No Priority No Stance

Introduced: 01/07/2026

Sponsor: Sen. Todd Young IN

Latest Actions:

- 01/07/2026 - Read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.
- 01/07/2026 - Introduced in Senate

Committees: Senate Small Business and Entrepreneurship Committee