



## *The NEA Monthly Lobbyist Report for Members*

### NEA - March 2026

#### **Advocacy and Engagement**

On March 10th, Lobbyit met with Keilah Ilinykh, Legislative Assistant in the office of Cliff Bentz, to discuss Rep. Max Miller's ACCESS Act. During the meeting, Keilah asked about the differences between the ACCESS Act and the Health Care Fairness for Consumers Act (HCFCA), signaling interest in how the proposals compare on expanding coverage options and affordability. She noted that Rep. Bentz has been engaged on related efforts, including cosponsoring Rep. Buddy Carter's legislation, and that the office would take a closer look at the ACCESS Act given its alignment with their priorities.

Keilah emphasized that healthcare affordability is a central focus for Rep. Bentz's, noting an ongoing hearing series examining different parts of the system, including insurers and the drug supply chain, with providers likely to be the next area of review. In the coming year of the legislative session, they expect to further prioritize affordability-focused policies, and indicated that STLDI could fit within that framework. Keilah suggested there is clear alignment between the ACCESS Act's goals and the Congressman's broader efforts to address cost concerns in the healthcare system.

#### **Work on the Hill**

March was defined more by a short list of congressional fights than broad legislative productivity. The month was dominated by the still-unresolved Department of Homeland Security funding fight, which has extended the prolonged partial shutdown that began on February 14th, and increasingly strained airport operations, TSA staffing, and relations between House and Senate Republicans. By the end of the month, Senate efforts to advance a narrower bipartisan funding fix dissipated, House Republicans responded by passing their own short-term DHS bill, and the two chambers remained separated on both substance and legislative strategy. The public impact of the shutdown grabbed ahold of the public eye and by late March, airport security lines had become the clearest symbol of Congress's inability to end the fight. It wasn't until March 27th that President Trump signed an executive order demanding DHS to "find money" to fund TSA, providing relief to thousands of workers who have missed multiple paychecks. Despite the executive order, the DHS shutdown and the failure of Congress to reach a deal continued to shape the month's agenda.

The SAVE Act fight also bled directly into the DHS shutdown. On March 23rd, President Trump told Republicans to hold up any DHS funding agreement until Democrats accepted the SAVE America Act, and though Congress is in recess heading into April, he urged Senators to keep

working through Easter on the bill. That intervention added a new layer to an already brittle funding negotiation and linked two separate political fights, immigration enforcement and voting law, into a larger stalemate. Senate Majority Leader John Thune showed little interest in incorporating the SAVE Act into the funding battle, yet the White House's demand hardened positions and further narrowed the space for a bipartisan resolution. By the end of the month, the SAVE Act had become both a core standalone bill and a bargaining chip in the shutdown dispute.

The expanding conflict with Iran has also made foreign policy a major congressional focal point. Early in the month, both chambers failed to pass efforts putting a check on the war powers of the President, continuing the Iran campaign and (for now) declining to force new congressional authorization. That debate ended up shifting from war powers to funding, as the Pentagon sought roughly \$200 billion in additional money for the conflict given sustainability concerns in the munitions supply chain. Later in the month, attempts at diplomacy moved to the front when the Trump administration sent Tehran a 15-point ceasefire framework. Reports state that Iran rejected the plan in its existing form and pushed back with its own terms, including demands tied to reparations, sovereignty over the Strait of Hormuz, and a broader regional settlement.

By the end of the month, lawmakers also began looking past the shutdown toward the next budget fight. Rumors have circled regarding Republicans discussing a second budget reconciliation package, often described around the Capitol as reconciliation 2.0, as a means for new ICE funding, defense spending tied to Iran, and other pieces of the White House's agenda before the midterms. At the same time, appropriators had already started the shift toward FY2027, with both House and Senate offices opening their portals for programmatic funding, Congressional Directed Spending, and other line item requests. In other words, Congress entered recess with one major funding fight still unresolved and the next appropriations cycle already underway.

March comprised a Congress operating under sustained pressure from overlapping domestic and international crises, with little resolution on either front. DHS remains unfunded as the two-week congressional recess began, while the SAVE Act and its integration into shutdown negotiations deepened divisions over federal authority and election law. At the same time, the expanding Iran conflict and rising oil prices pulled foreign policy and war powers back into the center of legislative debate, forcing lawmakers to confront both immediate security risks and longer-term constitutional questions. Even late-month discussions around a second reconciliations package pointed to a governing strategy focused more on procedural workarounds than bipartisan agreement. As we look towards April, Congress must still address several outstanding legislative packages while weighing federalist challenges, SCOTUS decisions on key components of the administration's agenda, and the looming weight of the rapidly approaching midterms.

### **House companion to COMPETE Act Introduced**

In late March Rep. Glenn Grothman introduced the House companion to Senator Ted Cruz's COMPETE Act, legislation aimed at expanding access to more affordable health insurance options for families and small businesses. The bill focuses on restoring and broadening the

availability of STLDI plans by allowing them to be offered for up to 12 months and including guaranteed renewal options. While not as comprehensive as other legislation such as Rep. Max Miller's ACCESS ACT, these changes are intended to provide greater flexibility and lower-cost alternatives to coverage available under the Affordable Care Act.

The COMPETE Act builds on the 2018 Trump Administration's definition of STLDI plans and introduces new provisions that would allow insurers to offer renewable plans without requiring additional underwriting. Proponents contend that these reforms will increase competition, expand consumer choice, and help reduce premiums. The bill empathizes that increased flexibility in plan design could better align coverage options with consumer needs and budgets while addressing affordability challenges in the broader healthcare market. While still early in the markup process, the introduction of the bill in both the House and Senate could yield for positive legislative momentum when the chambers return from recess in mid-April.

### **Energy and Commerce Committee Holds Hearings on Healthcare Affordability**

A hearing this month by the House Energy and Commerce Committee's Health Subcommittee highlighted ongoing divisions across the healthcare system, with providers, insurers, and lawmakers reiterating familiar concerns but offering few concrete solutions on affordability. Physician representatives, including leadership from the American Medical Association, pushed for higher Medicare reimbursement rates and reforms to the payment formula, while hospital groups called for greater insurer accountability and transparency in how premiums are used.

The discussion reflected broader political tensions, as Republicans defended their approach amid rising costs and recent policy changes, including Medicaid cuts and the expiration of enhanced subsidies tied to the Affordable Care Act. Democrats, meanwhile, warned that these changes could force hospitals to scale back essential but unprofitable services. Looking ahead, further action may be tied to a potential 2026 budget package, which could require additional healthcare savings and prolong debates over cost drivers and coverage.

### **SCOTUS Ruling Looms Over H1-B Visas**

Employer groups including the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the Association of American Universities are challenging a \$100,000 fee imposed by President Donald Trump on new H-1B visas, arguing before the US Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit that the policy conflicts with congressional intent and unlawfully restricts access to the program. Their case leans in part on a recent Supreme Court of the United States decision limiting the president's tariff authority, which they argue should similarly constrain executive power under immigration law.

The administration defended the policy by citing broad authority under the Immigration and Nationality Act, arguing the fee is intended to restrict entry rather than raise revenue. Judges on the panel questioned whether the charge functions as a tax and whether such authority rests with Congress. The outcome could significantly impact the H-1B visa program, which is widely used by technology and healthcare employers, with early signs already pointing to reduced demand following the policy's implementation.

## **NY receives CMS approval for Essential Plan overhaul**

New York Governor Kathy Hochul announced in early March that CMS granted final approval for New York's overhaul of its Essential Plan, allowing the state to preserve health coverage for approximately 1.3 million residents. The approval enables New York to transition its program into a Basic Health Plan under the Affordable Care Act, following a meeting with CMS Administrator Mehmet Oz. The move is intended to maintain low-cost coverage amid broader federal healthcare changes, with enrollees set to receive notice of the transition beginning in July.

While the approval secures coverage for many, the state still faces challenges in addressing roughly 480,000 individuals who will no longer qualify under the revised eligibility threshold, which will drop from 250 percent to 200 percent of the federal poverty line. State leaders have not yet finalized a plan to cover those losing eligibility, though the issue is expected to be a key focus in ongoing budget negotiations both in New York and other states.

## **Dalilah's Law Advances**

On March 18, the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure advanced Dalilah's Law (H.R. 5688), introduced by David Rouzer, which would establish new federal requirements for states issuing commercial driver's licenses. The bill would require states to verify English proficiency and legal work authorization for CDL applicants, remove noncompliant drivers from service, and strengthen oversight of training programs. It also includes provisions to restrict foreign-based companies outside North America from acting as freight brokers or dispatchers, reflecting broader efforts to tighten standards in the trucking industry.

The legislation would enforce compliance by withholding a portion of federal transportation funding from key formula programs if states fail to meet the new requirements, with penalties increasing over time. While counties would not have direct administrative responsibilities under the bill, they could face indirect impacts through reduced funding if their state is found out of compliance. The measure now moves to the full House for consideration, where it may also be evaluated as part of a broader surface transportation reauthorization effort.

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## 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

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## 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

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## 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

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## 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

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## 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

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## 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

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## 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

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## 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

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## 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

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**AI Summary:** The bill provides a tax credit for charitable donations to nonprofit organizations that award scholarships to

## H.R. 833

### Educational Choice for Children Act of 2025

No Priority No Stance

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

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## 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

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## 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

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## 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

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**AI Summary:** The act amends the Small Business Act to include requirements for small business development centers

## H.R. 1642

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

No Priority No Stance

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

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## 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

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## 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

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## 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

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## 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

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**AI Summary:** The SALT Act amends the Labor-Management Reporting and Disclosure Act of 1959 to clarify reporting

## H.R. 2952

### SALT Act

No Priority No Stance

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

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## 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

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## H.R. 3174

### Made in America Manufacturing Finance Act

No Priority No Stance

**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.

**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

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## 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

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## H.R. 4549

Office of Rural Affairs  
Enhancement Act

No Priority No Stance

**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.

**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

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## 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

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## 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

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## 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**FEDERAL - 119TH  
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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**FEDERAL - 119TH  
CONGRESS****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**FEDERAL - 119TH  
CONGRESS****S. 853**

INNOVATE Act

**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.

No Priority No Stance

**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

FEDERAL - 119TH  
CONGRESS

**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

FEDERAL - 119TH  
CONGRESS

**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

FEDERAL - 119TH  
CONGRESS

## 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:**

- 03/11/2026 - Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship. Hearings held.
- 01/14/2026 - Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship. Hearings held.
- 09/17/2025 - Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship. Hearings held.

**Committees:** Senate Small Business and Entrepreneurship Committee

FEDERAL - 119TH  
CONGRESS

## S. 1573

SBIR/STTR  
Reauthorization Act of  
2025

No Priority No Stance

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

## 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:** 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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CONGRESS

## 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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CONGRESS

## S. 3586

AI for Mainstreet Act

No Priority No Stance

**AI Summary:** The AI for Mainstreet Act requires small business development centers to provide guidance on artificial intelligence use, including best practices and cybersecurity, and to conduct outreach to small businesses.

**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