



## *The NEA Monthly Lobbyist Report for Members*

### NEA - May 2026

#### **Engagement**

This month, Lobbyit on behalf of NEA met with Caroline Williams, a legislative assistant in the office of Sen. Ted Cruz (R-TX) to discuss the COMPETE Act and legislative momentum for STLDI reform. We discussed alternate approaches in the House, including Rep. Grothman's COMPETE Act companion, and committees of jurisdiction that would shepherd the bills through. Caroline appreciated NEA's support of the bill and added that they were looking to get Democrats on board as cosponsors to help move the bill through committee. She noted that, while Sen. Cruz didn't sit on the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP) Committee, they had been speaking with committee staff and leadership utilizing his position on Senate Commerce to "grease the wheels." In particular, she was eager to hear about our past engagement with CMS, adding that they hadn't spoken directly with them but weren't surprised that the regulatory folks were holding off until they saw legislative intent. She encouraged us to continue following up with our House and Senate contacts and to maintain the relationship with their office, while committing to flagging any relevant legislation that she saw in the future. In short, it was a very productive meeting.

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

Congress left Washington for the Memorial Day recess with several major legislative and political fights unresolved, creating a crowded June agenda when lawmakers returned. The return will place members immediately back into a volatile mix of appropriations, immigration enforcement funding, war powers, transportation reauthorization, farm bill negotiations, and growing intraparty Republican tensions.

A central development from late May was the abrupt collapse of Senate Republican plans to move a major immigration enforcement funding package before the recess. Senate Republicans had hoped to advance a roughly \$70 billion bill providing additional funding for Immigration and Customs Enforcement and Customs and Border Protection, but the effort stalled after controversy erupted over the Trump administration's creation of a \$1.776 billion "anti-weaponization" fund at the Department of Justice. The fund, which has been described as a mechanism to compensate individuals who believe they were politically targeted by the federal government, generated sharp concern among Senate Republicans over whether individuals involved in the January 6 Capitol attack could be eligible for payments.

House and Senate Republicans left Washington frustrated, but the source of that frustration differed by chamber. Many Senate Republicans were angry with the Trump administration for creating the new DOJ fund and for dropping it into an already politically sensitive immigration enforcement debate. The controversy prompted Senate GOP leaders to abandon plans to move

the immigration funding bill before the holiday weekend. By contrast, many House Republicans were more receptive to the concept of compensating “victims of lawfare,” reflecting a broader political divide between Senate Republicans focused on process, oversight, and political exposure, and House Republicans more aligned with the administration’s argument that conservatives were unfairly targeted by prior federal investigations.

The dispute is likely to produce a chamber-to-chamber clash when Congress returns in June. Senate Republicans are considering whether to impose guardrails on the fund, limit eligibility, or block payments to individuals convicted of violent conduct. Democrats are also expected to use the immigration bill as a vehicle to force votes aimed at restricting or eliminating the fund altogether. This puts Congressional leaders in a difficult position: moving the immigration package without addressing the fund risks internal defections and politically damaging amendments, but significantly restricting the fund risks backlash from the White House and the conservative voting base as primaries continue.

Beyond immigration, the FY 2027 appropriations process continued in earnest in May and will be a major cornerstone of June’s legislative agenda. House appropriators have already begun moving several FY 2027 spending bills through subcommittee and full committee, including Agriculture-FDA, Commerce-Justice-Science, Energy and Water, Legislative Branch, Interior-Environment, Transportation-HUD, and related measures. The House Appropriations Committee has scheduled the full committee markup of other FY 2027 measures, including the highly anticipated Labor-HHS-Education bill for early June.

Congress is also facing renewed debate over war powers and U.S. military engagement with Iran. The Senate recently advanced a war powers resolution aimed at limiting President Trump’s authority to continue military action against Iran without congressional authorization, with several Republicans joining Democrats. House Republican leaders then canceled a scheduled vote on a parallel Iran war powers resolution just before lawmakers left town, avoiding what could have been a significant bipartisan rebuke of the administration. The issue is likely to return after the recess, particularly as lawmakers question the legal basis, costs, and strategic objectives of continued U.S. military activity in the region.

The Iran debate has broader political significance because it reflects a growing willingness among some Republicans to challenge the administration on questions of congressional authority, spending, and political risk. While most Republicans remain broadly aligned with the White House, the convergence of the DOJ fund controversy, immigration funding delays, White House construction-related spending, and Iran war powers concerns suggests a more complicated governing environment than earlier in the year for the GOP.

May also saw the release of the highly anticipated Surface Transportation Reauthorization bill, colloquially known as the Highway Bill. The House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee approved the BUILD America 250 Act, a five-year surface transportation reauthorization bill, by a 62–2 vote. The bill is designed to replace the current surface transportation authorization, which expires September 30th, and will shape federal highway, bridge, transit, freight, rail, and safety policy for the next several years.

The transportation bill is broadly bipartisan at the committee level, but it may become more complicated on the House floor because of amendments and policy provisions touching rail safety, electric vehicle fees, federal highway funding conditions, and surveillance technology. The House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee approved rail safety language connected to last year's East Palestine derailment, including provisions addressing hazardous materials, train crew size, wayside defect detectors, and stronger penalties. Those provisions have support from safety advocates and some lawmakers but face resistance from parts of the rail industry and some Republicans concerned about costs and operational impacts.

All in all, the congressional environment heading into June is both crowded and politically unstable. The official agenda includes appropriations, immigration enforcement funding, surface transportation reauthorization, farm bill negotiations, and war powers. The unofficial agenda is equally important: Republican leaders must manage growing tensions between the House, Senate, and White House while Democrats seek opportunities to force difficult votes on spending, DOJ oversight, war powers, affordability, and executive branch accountability. Primaries throughout the summer place continued pressure on lawmakers in politically vulnerable seats, making June and the coming months a flashpoint as we quickly approach the midterms in November.

### **H.R. 8736**

H.R. 8736, the Restoration of Employment Choice for Adults with Disabilities Act, was introduced in May by Rep. Glenn Grothman and seeks to amend the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 to expand employment options for adults with disabilities. The legislation focuses on Section 511 of the Rehabilitation Act, which governs the use of subminimum wage employment under federal law. Supporters argue that current requirements create barriers that limit workplace choices for individuals with disabilities who may prefer sheltered workshops or other specialized employment settings. The bill would lower certain age-related restrictions from 24 to 18 and provide additional flexibility when state vocational rehabilitation agencies fail to complete required counseling and referral activities.

The legislation has generated debate among disability advocates and policymakers. Supporters in Congress contend that the bill preserves individual choice and protects access to employment opportunities that might otherwise become unavailable due to regulatory requirements. Opponents have argued in the past that easing restrictions on subminimum wage employment could undermine efforts to increase competitive integrated employment for people with disabilities and maintain reliance on employment models that pay less than the federal minimum wage. The bill was referred to the House Committee on Education and Workforce upon introduction and was later ordered reported, as amended, by an 18-15 committee vote.

### **CMS Leadership Reshuffling**

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is restructuring its leadership team to advance key agency priorities, particularly the use of artificial intelligence in healthcare administration. Current Chief of Staff Steph Carlton will become deputy administrator, where she will oversee CMS's clinical AI initiatives and efforts to modernize Medicaid quality

programs. Rebekah Armstrong, formerly head of the agency's Office of Legislation, will succeed Carlton as chief of staff. CMS Administrator Mehmet Oz said the changes are intended to strengthen the agency's ability to improve health outcomes while safeguarding federal healthcare programs. Carlton previously served as acting CMS administrator before Oz's confirmation in April 2025.

The leadership shift comes amid broader personnel changes across the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). Recent developments include the resignation of FDA Commissioner Marty Makary, the withdrawal of surgeon general nominee Casey Means, the nomination of Erica Schwartz to lead the CDC, and other senior-level departures and promotions throughout the department. CMS's reorganization reflects Administrator Oz's emphasis on integrating artificial intelligence into agency operations. Since taking office, he has promoted AI as a tool to improve efficiency, reduce fraud, lower costs, and enhance patient experiences, particularly within Medicaid.

### **SCOTUS denies pharma challenge to Medicare negotiations**

The Supreme Court declined to hear six pharmaceutical industry challenges to Medicare's drug price negotiation program, leaving one of the central provisions of the 2022 Inflation Reduction Act in place. The lawsuits, brought by major drugmakers including AstraZeneca, Boehringer Ingelheim, Bristol Myers Squibb, Janssen, Novartis, and Novo Nordisk, argued that Medicare's authority to negotiate prescription drug prices is unconstitutional. By denying review, the Court effectively allows lower court rulings that upheld the program to stand and preserves the federal government's ability to negotiate prices for selected high-cost medications.

The decision represents a significant victory for supporters of drug pricing reform and strengthens the long-term outlook for the negotiation program. While several similar lawsuits remain pending in lower courts, those cases now face a steeper path given the Supreme Court's refusal to intervene. The ruling also underscores the program's bipartisan durability: although created under President Joe Biden, it has continued to be implemented by the Trump administration as part of broader efforts to reduce prescription drug costs. Earlier this year, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services selected 15 additional drugs for the third round of negotiations, with participating manufacturers agreeing to engage in the process. Those negotiations are scheduled to conclude by November 1st, further expanding Medicare's role in shaping drug prices and potentially reducing costs for beneficiaries and federal healthcare programs.

### **Workforce Pell Final Rule Released**

The Education Department has finalized regulations implementing the new Workforce Pell Grant program, a major higher education and workforce development initiative enacted through the One Big Beautiful Bill Act. The rule expands Pell Grant eligibility to short-term workforce training programs lasting as little as eight weeks, compared with the previous minimum of more than 15 weeks. To qualify, programs must receive approval from both a state governor and the Education secretary and meet annual performance standards. Education Secretary Linda McMahon framed the initiative as a key component of President Donald Trump's workforce

agenda, arguing that it will help students obtain industry-recognized credentials in fields such as HVAC, electrical work, and carpentry and enter the workforce more quickly and affordably.

The policy represents a significant shift in federal student aid by directing Pell Grant funding toward non-degree workforce pathways that have long enjoyed bipartisan support in Congress. However, its implementation comes as the Pell Grant program faces mounting financial pressures. The Congressional Budget Office has projected a \$5.4 billion shortfall for fiscal 2026, driven in part by expanded eligibility resulting from changes to the federal student aid application process. Nearly 10 million students qualified for Pell Grants during the 2024-25 academic year, with a growing share eligible for maximum awards. Because Congress did not provide additional funding specifically for Workforce Pell, uncertainty remains about the program's long-term fiscal impact and whether it could accelerate funding challenges. The Trump administration has urged Congress to address the looming deficit, proposing a \$10.5 billion infusion to stabilize the program and prevent disruptions to student aid in future academic years.

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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**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**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

No Priority No Stance

**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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**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

## H.R. 832

### Small Business Advocacy Improvements Act of 2025

No Priority No Stance

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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## 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

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**AI Summary:** The Health Care Workforce Innovation Act of 2025 establishes a program to fund community-driven,

## H.R. 935

### Health Care Workforce Innovation Act of 2025

No Priority No Stance

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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**AI Summary:** The Prove It Act of 2025 requires greater transparency in federal regulatory decisions by mandating

## H.R. 1163

### Prove It Act

No Priority No Stance

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:**

- 05/04/2026 - Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Judiciary. H. Rept. 119-108, Part II.
- 05/04/2026 - Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 552.
- 05/21/2025 - Ordered to be Reported in the Nature of a Substitute by the Yeas and Nays: 14 - 12.

**Committees:** House Judiciary Committee, House Small Business Committee

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## 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

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## H.R. 2066

### Investing in All of America Act of 2025

**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

No Priority No Stance

**Sponsor:** Rep. Dan Meuser PA-09

**Latest Actions:**

- 05/19/2026 - Became Public Law No: 119-92.
- 05/19/2026 - Signed by President.
- 05/12/2026 - Presented to President.

**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

**AI Summary:** The bill amends the ERISA to exclude certain medical stop-loss insurance from the definition of health

Self-Insurance Protection  
Act

No Priority No Stance

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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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

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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:**

- 05/13/2026 - Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship. Hearings held.
- 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.

**Committees:** House Small Business Committee, Senate Finance Committee, Senate Small Business and Entrepreneurship 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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## H.R. 8736

Restoration of  
Employment Choice for  
Adults with Disabilities  
Act

No Priority No Stance

**AI Summary:** The bill amends the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 to allow young adults aged 18 or older to accept employment without subminimum wage restrictions, with new requirements for state-level counseling efforts and documentation access.

**Introduced:** 05/12/2026

**Sponsor:** Rep. Glenn Grothman WI-06

**Latest Actions:**

- 05/21/2026 - Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 18 - 15.
- 05/21/2026 - Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held
- 05/12/2026 - Referred to the House Committee on Education and Workforce.

**Committees:** House Education and the Workforce 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

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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

**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.

Made in America  
Manufacturing Finance  
Act of 2025

No Priority No Stance

**Introduced:** 05/01/2025

**Sponsor:** Sen. Joni Ernst IA

**Latest Actions:**

- 05/13/2026 - Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship. Hearings held.
- 03/11/2026 - Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship. Hearings held.
- 01/14/2026 - Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship. Hearings held.

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

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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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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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## 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

### 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