



## *The NEA Monthly Lobbyist Report for Members*

# NEA - June 2026

### **Engagement**

This month, Lobbyit met with Senate HELP majority staff member Romney Gripado, the Health Policy Adviser under Sen. Bill Cassidy. Romney noted that the committee has had limited discussion on short-term limited duration insurance (STLDI), and it wasn't high on the legislative agenda list given recent regulatory action taking the lead. She mentioned that she did not expect STLDI legislation to be included in summer markups, as the committee is focused on more bipartisan bills and Chairman Cassidy's end-of-tenure priorities. While the proposal is not considered impossible, movement is unlikely before the fall. Romney noted that the issue has not been identified as a high priority by Sen. Cruz's office, and a renewed legislative effort would require technical assistance from the relevant agencies as well as a Congressional Budget Office score. However, Romney pointed to several pieces of legislation that were slated for markup in the coming months that may interest the NEA. One bill of interest is the Patients Deserve Price Tags Act, which would codify health coverage transparency requirements, build on existing transparency initiatives, and give employers greater access to individual plan data to help design more comprehensive coverage options.

She recommended engaging additional member offices from the Senate HELP committee to gauge interest and emphasized that bipartisan support, including a Democratic cosponsor, would improve the bill's prospects of making it to the markup slate. We also offered to liaise between her and Sen. Cruz's staff to discuss moving the COMPETE Act forward.

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### **Work on the Hill**

The month of June ended with House Republican leaders facing another major setback as internal divisions within the conference stalled the legislative agenda and forced the House to begin its July 4th recess two days early. For the second consecutive week, Speaker Mike Johnson was unable to move key legislation through the House after a

group of Republican members blocked a procedural rule tied to the annual National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) and a FY2027 spending package. The failed vote halted consideration of the defense policy bill, national security-related appropriations legislation, and other measures that leadership had hoped to advance before the holiday recess.

At the center of the dispute was the SAVE America Act, a Republican-backed election bill that would impose new federal voter identification and citizenship proof requirements. A bloc of conservatives, led in part by Rep. Anna Paulina Luna (R-FL), pushed to attach the SAVE America Act to the NDAA. Although Speaker Johnson explored procedural options to satisfy those demands, the proposal still failed to unite the conference. The episode underscored the difficulty Johnson faces in managing a narrow Republican majority, where even a small group of members can derail floor action. The breakdown was not limited to the SAVE America Act. Other Republican members raised separate concerns, including demands for border security legislation and objections over the handling of an amendment related to pension funding. These overlapping grievances created a broader leadership problem within the legislative agenda: members of the Republican caucus were not simply objecting to one bill, but using the rule vote to express frustration over multiple unresolved priorities. As a result, House leadership left DC with unfinished work on defense policy, appropriations, border security, and other must-pass or high-priority items.

The timing is especially significant because the House has limited floor time remaining before it enters the August recess. Although House appropriators have reported all twelve FY2027 funding bills out of committee, moving those bills across the House floor remains much more difficult given the conference's repeated rule defeats and the broader disagreement over spending, defense, border policy, and prioritization of other legislation.

June also included one of the few major bipartisan legislative developments of the year with the passage of the 21st Century ROAD to Housing Act. The Senate passed the package with overwhelming bipartisan support, and the House followed with a 358–32 vote. The bill is aimed at addressing housing affordability and supply, including provisions related to construction, housing finance, manufactured housing, institutional investor activity, and disaster recovery. However, the housing bill has become entangled in the broader fight over the SAVE America Act after President Trump canceled a planned signing event and said he would not act on the housing legislation until Congress advanced the election bill. Speaker Johnson later indicated that the housing bill would still be sent to the White House, meaning it could become law with the president's signature or, if not vetoed, after the constitutional review period expires.

On immigration and border policy, Congress did complete one major Republican priority earlier in June. The House passed a roughly \$70 billion immigration enforcement package to fund ICE and Border Patrol, following Senate action through the reconciliation process. The vote was narrow and largely party-line, reflecting continued partisan division over immigration enforcement, border funding, and oversight of the administration's immigration agenda.

Defense and national security spending also remained a major focus. The Trump administration submitted an \$87.6 billion supplemental funding request to Congress in late June, including approximately \$67.15 billion for military operations and related defense needs. That request added another layer of complexity to the already crowded congressional agenda, particularly as Republicans have debated whether another reconciliation package could realistically move through the House given the conference's repeated internal disputes.

The Supreme Court also closed out its term in late June with a series of rulings carrying significant implications for the administration's agenda. In *Trump v. Cook*, the Court ruled 5-4 that the president lacked authority to remove a sitting Federal Reserve governor absent cause, preserving the Fed's traditional independence from direct presidential control, though the narrow margin suggests the question of executive authority over independent agencies remains contested within the Court. That question was resolved differently in *Trump v. Slaughter*, where the Court overturned the nearly ninety-year-old precedent set in *Humphrey's Executor v. United States* and eliminated for-cause removal protections for commissioners at the Federal Trade Commission. The decision substantially expands presidential authority over independent regulatory agencies and is expected to have ripple effects across other multimember commissions structured similarly to the FTC, including potentially the NLRB, FCC, and SEC, raising questions for industries that rely on the predictability of independent agency rulemaking. The court also ruled on cases related to immigration, transgender athletes, and birthright citizenship in a major month for the judiciary.

All in all, June saw a Congress increasingly unable to convert unified Republican government into a functioning legislative agenda, even as SCOTUS delivered a term that reshaped executive power, immigration, and civil rights law in ways that will outlast this month's headlines. House leadership enters July with all twelve FY2027 appropriations bills reported out of committee but no clear path to the floor, an unresolved standoff over the SAVE America Act, an \$87.6 billion defense supplemental still pending, and a Senate lagging behind in its release of appropriations and other major legislative packages. The next few months will see renewed pressure on government funding deadlines, continued negotiation over whether election legislation can be decoupled from other priorities, and further fallout from the Court's *Slaughter* and *Cook* decisions as the White House tests the new boundaries of presidential removal power.

### **CMS proposed rule on STLDI pending OIRA review**

CMS has moved forward on rulemaking to redefine short-term, limited-duration insurance, with the proposed rule now listed on the federal regulatory agenda as an economically significant action, meaning it's expected to have a substantial impact on the market. This follows the tri-agency statement from last August in which HHS, Labor, and Treasury signaled they would revisit the Biden administration's 2024 STLDI rule, which had tightened the definition to a three month initial term and four month total duration. In the interim, the departments told states they would not face enforcement penalties for

applying their own, more permissive definitions of STLDI while the federal rulemaking process plays out.

As of early June, the proposed rule is under review at the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs. The listing does not yet include the in-depth explanation of the proposed changes, but given the administration's stated goal of expanding access to lower cost coverage options, it's widely expected to move back toward the more generous terms set under the first Trump administration, which allowed initial terms of up to 12 months and renewals extending total coverage to 36 months. However, topline summaries included in the rule indicate that it would "amend the definition of short-term, limited-duration insurance (STLDI) for purposes of exclusion from the definition of individual health insurance coverage under section 2791(b)(5) of the Public Health Service Act." A proposed rule is expected around August, at which point the specific duration limits, renewal terms, and disclosure requirements will become clear and the comment period will open. We will continue monitoring both legislative and regulatory moves that relate to STLDI, particularly as this proposed rule advances, and identify opportunities for advocacy including comment windows and re-engaging with our contacts at CMS.

### **CMS issues final rule on Medicaid work requirements**

The Trump administration is easing the rollout timeline for new Medicaid work requirements, giving states a longer runway to sort out who qualifies for exemptions. On Monday, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services issued an interim final rule spelling out how states should handle the exemption process tied to work requirements created under the 2025 One Big Beautiful Bill Act. Under the new guidance, beneficiaries can simply self-declare that they qualify for an exemption in 2027, with actual documentation not required until 2028.

The work requirements apply to the 40 states plus Washington, D.C. that expanded Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act, and they're set to take effect next year. Adults between 19 and 64 in the expansion population will need to log 80 hours a month of work, job training, school, or volunteering to keep their coverage. There are carve-outs built in, covering pregnant women, parents of kids under 14, and people considered medically frail, a category CMS defines as having a medical condition serious enough to limit someone's ability to meet the requirement. States also have room to grant other temporary exemptions, such as for people in inpatient care.

CMS Administrator Mehmet Oz framed the phased approach as striking a balance, saying officials want to be forgiving without being naive about fraud. That messaging echoes pushback from conservative groups like the Paragon Health Institute, which had urged CMS to skip self-declaration altogether, arguing it opened the door to the kind of fraudulent sign-ups that plagued ACA exchanges. Paragon ultimately called Monday's rule a reasonable compromise between program integrity and support for people who genuinely need it.

So far, only Nebraska has actually implemented the requirements, starting in May, with Montana and Arkansas expected to follow in July. States say the transition is expensive, with some reporting they're spending tens of millions of dollars on staffing and technology upgrades ahead of a January 1 deadline. The federal government allocated \$200 million to help states modernize their systems and arranged discounted vendor deals to ease the cost.

Critics remain skeptical of the whole framework. Advocacy groups warn that eligible people could still lose coverage simply due to paperwork confusion, and the Congressional Budget Office has projected 5.3 million people could lose coverage by 2034. Data from KFF also shows most Medicaid expansion enrollees already work, either full or part time, with others sidelined by caregiving duties or illness. Republicans backing the policy argue it will help move able-bodied adults toward employer coverage, freeing up Medicaid resources for the most vulnerable.

### **DOJ releases memo deeming EEOC disparate impact guidance unconstitutional**

The Justice Department has declared that the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's longstanding guidance on unintentional workplace discrimination is unconstitutional, giving the agency legal cover to abandon decades of enforcement policy. In an opinion memo released June 9<sup>th</sup>, DOJ's Office of Legal Counsel argued that EEOC's use of the disparate impact theory actually pressured employers into racial discrimination rather than preventing it, by evaluating hiring practices based purely on outcomes rather than intent.

Acting Attorney General Todd Blanche framed the decision as correcting a contradiction at the heart of civil rights enforcement, arguing that EEOC's interpretation of disparate impact liability under Title VII undermined the very equality it was meant to protect. He said the new opinion frees businesses to hire based on performance without fear of running afoul of the law, describing it as a restoration of equal opportunity in the workplace.

The timing lines up with EEOC's own announcement last week that it plans to stop applying disparate impact theory in its investigations to the fullest extent it legally can. That move fits into the broader pattern of the Trump administration rolling back diversity, equity, and inclusion policies across the federal government.

This shift represents a significant departure from how civil rights law has been applied in employment contexts for years. Disparate impact theory has historically served as a tool for identifying discrimination that isn't overt or intentional, such as a hiring test or physical requirement that disproportionately screens out applicants of a certain race or sex even if that wasn't the employer's goal. Critics of the DOJ opinion are likely to argue that scrapping this framework removes a key mechanism for catching subtler forms of workplace bias, while supporters see it as ending an approach that unfairly penalized businesses for outcomes they didn't intend and couldn't easily control. The practical

effect going forward will depend heavily on how EEOC translates this legal opinion into actual changes to its investigative and enforcement procedures.

### **EEOC rescinds affirmative action guidance**

The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission has taken another step in its ongoing rollback of civil rights era enforcement tools, this time targeting affirmative action guidance that has been on the books for more than four decades. On June 29th, the Republican-controlled EEOC voted to strike guidelines under section 607 of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, with the agency arguing in a press release that they contradict Title VII and run afoul of Supreme Court precedent.

The guidelines in question date back to 1979 and laid out a three step process for employers looking to implement affirmative action programs. They defined affirmative action narrowly, as actions appropriate for overcoming the effects of past or present practices, policies, or other barriers to equal employment opportunity, and were meant to be used only in limited circumstances.

The vote was not unanimous. Kalpana Kotagal, the commission's sole Democratic member, voted against the rescission and wrote later that the move strips employers of a valuable tool for combating workplace discrimination. She pushed back directly on the idea that the guidelines had caused any harm, noting there is no evidence they've been abused, and argued that despite the administration's framing around even handed enforcement, the rescission amounts to another attack on civil rights protections for workers.

This latest move fits a broader pattern under Chair Andrea Lucas, who has been an outspoken critic of diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives since taking over the agency in 2025. Under her leadership, the EEOC has moved to scrutinize DEI programs more aggressively, pulled back from its use of the disparate impact theory in enforcement, recommended eliminating EEO-1 reporting on race and gender, and rescinded Biden era harassment guidance that had been developed in part to protect LGBTQ+ workers. Lucas has also gone further than agency policy alone, sending letters to Fortune 500 companies and major law firms warning them about what she describes as illegal DEI practices.

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## H.R. 20

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

Pro Title: PRO Act

**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

No Priority No Stance

**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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## 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.

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- 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

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:**

- 05/04/2026 - 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

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:**

- 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

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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## 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

**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.

The Small Business  
Representation in  
Contracting Rulemaking  
Act

No Priority No Stance

**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.
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- 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

**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.

Restoration of  
Employment Choice for  
Adults with Disabilities  
Act

No Priority No Stance

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

## S. 292

### 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:** 01/29/2025

**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:**

- 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

