

2025 ISSDA September Congressional Debate Docket

SOCIAL/CONSTITUTIONAL

1. A Bill to Amend the Home Rule Law to Strengthen Executive Power

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 SECTION 1. Section 740(b–c) of Public Law 93–198 (the District of Columbia Home Rule
3 Act) shall be amended such that no time limit is imposed on the right of the President of the
4 United States to seize control of the Metropolitan Police Force of the Federal District.

5 SECTION 2. Henceforth, should the President take command of the Metropolitan Police Force,
6 such control shall only terminate through the President’s voluntary relinquishment or resulting
7 from a joint resolution of the Senate and the House of Representatives explicitly ordering
8 the end of such a state of affairs.

9 SECTION 3. This legislation shall take effect immediately upon passage.

10 SECTION 4. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

2. A Bill to Prohibit Gambling Advertisements in Sports Media

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 SECTION 1. All gambling advertisements shall be prohibited from appearing in sports media.

3 SECTION 2. A. "Gambling advertisement" shall refer to the promotion of activities including,
4 but not limited to, casinos, lotteries, online betting platforms, and sportsbooks.

5 B. "Sports media" shall refer to all visual and audio forms of broadcasting, streaming, or
6 reporting related to sports, including television, radio, and online content based in the United
7 States.

8 SECTION 3. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and the Federal Trade
9 Commission (FTC) shall be responsible for enforcing this legislation and penalizing
10 violations

11 SECTION 4. This legislation shall take effect at the beginning of Fiscal Year 2027.

12 All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

3. The Bye-Bye One Big Beautiful Bill Act (BBOBBBA)

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 SECTION 1. Public Law 119–21 (the One Big Beautiful Bill Act) is hereby fully and
2 unconditionally repealed, with all relevant statutes to be restored to their statuses prior to that
3 legislation.

4 SECTION 2. This legislation shall take effect immediately upon passage.

5 SECTION 3. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

4. A Resolution to Address the Rising Rates of Mental Health Issues Among Youth

1 WHEREAS, the increasing prevalence of mental health challenges among young people has
2 become a significant concern, with studies indicating that nearly one in five
3 youth experience a mental health disorder each year; and

4 WHEREAS, this alarming trend correlates with various factors such as social media influence,
5 academic pressures, and limited access to mental health resources, which
6 further exacerbates the crisis; and

7 WHEREAS, the ongoing mental health crisis has profound implications, leading to reduced
8 academic performance, increased dropout rates, and a higher risk of self-harm and suicide
9 among affected youth; and

10 WHEREAS, lack of comprehensive mental health education in schools and insufficient
11 funding for mental health services disproportionately impact vulnerable
12 populations, perpetuating cycles of disadvantage; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the Congress here assembled calls for the establishment of a nationwide
14 initiative to enhance mental health education, increase funding for mental
15 health services in schools, and promote accessible resources for youth; and, be it

16 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Congress urges collaboration between federal, state, and
17 local governments to ensure sustainable support systems for mental health are
18 integrated into educational frameworks and community services.

BUSINESS/ECONOMIC

5. A Bill to Fund the Completion of the East Coast Greenway

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 SECTION 1. Congress shall allocate \$500 million per year for each of the next five years to 3
the Department of Transportation (DOT) to fund completion of the

4 approximately 2,000 remaining miles of the East Coast Greenway (ECG),
5 thereby linking Calais, Maine, to Key West, Florida, with trails built for
6 pedestrians and cyclists.

7 SECTION 2. The DOT shall oversee the implementation of this legislation and shall be
8 tasked with designing an efficient, equitable, accessible process by which
9 states and other jurisdictions may apply for and receive funding to complete
10 their portions of the ECG.

11 SECTION 3. This legislation shall take effect at the start of the next congressional fiscal
12 year.

13 SECTION 4. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

6. A Bill to Allocate Organic Farming Subsidies to Smaller Farms

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 SECTION 1. The allocation of organic farming subsidies based on acreage that favors
3 larger farms over smaller ones shall cease and funding shall be based on
4 sales of individual organic products sold by farms.

5 SECTION 2. "Farming subsidies" shall be defined as incentives to support the
6 development of organic agriculture.

7 SECTION 3. This bill will become effective in fiscal year 2027.

8 SECTION 4. U.S. Department of Agriculture and Farm Service Agency shall oversee
9 enforcement of this legislation.

10 SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation shall hereby be declared null
11 and void.

7. A Bill to Abolish Social Security

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 SECTION 1. The Social Security Act (42 U.S.C 301 et seq.) is hereby repealed
3 in its entirety. No further Social Security Benefits shall be paid to any individual.

4 The Federal Insurance Contributions Act (FICA) tax and Self-Employment
5 Contributions Act (SECA) tax are hereby eliminated.

6 SECTION 2. This bill may be cited as the “Social Security Act of 2027.”

7 SECTION 3. This bill will become effective on January 1, 2027.

8 SECTION 4. Any remaining Social Security Trust Fund assets shall be used to
9 provide final lump-sum payments to current beneficiaries, as determined by
10 the Secretary of Treasury. The Social Security Administration shall be
11 disbanded no later than March 1, 2027, with all records transferred to the
12 Department of Treasury for final accounting.

13 SECTION 5 All laws in conflict with this legislation shall hereby be declared null
and void.

8. A Bill to Limit Annual College Tuition Price Increases

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 SECTION 1. The U.S Federal Government will require colleges to limit
3 annual tuition price increases no greater than the year-over-year inflation
4 rate to address the student debt crisis. Colleges that raise tuition prices
5 above the predetermined amount will lose the benefits of their tax-exempt status.

6 SECTION 2. Benefits of tax-exempt status shall include access to tax-
7 deductible donations, tax-free infrastructure projects, and minimal tax
8 payments.

9 SECTION 3. The Department of Education will be responsible for overseeing
10 the implementation and enforcement of this bill. Congress must vote to
11 increase tuition fees if it exceeds the current year-over-year inflation rate.

12 SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect on July 1, 2026. All laws in conflict
13 with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

FOREIGN POLICY

9. A Bill to Establish a Free Trade Agreement with Ecuador to Focus on Bilateral Investment and Trade

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Congress shall establish a free trade agreement with Ecuador to foster
3 economic growth, mutual investment opportunities, and a diversified
4 market for both nations.

5 **SECTION 2.** A free trade agreement (FTA) is defined as a treaty between two or
6 more countries designed to reduce or eliminate trade barriers such as
7 tariffs and quotas, facilitating easier and cheaper trade and investment
8 between participating nations.

9 **SECTION 3.** A. The Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) and
10 US Department of State (DOS) shall oversee the implementation of
11 this bill.

12 B. The USTR shall work with Ecuadorian governments for
13 negotiating the terms and standards of the FTA, addressing issues like
14 tariffs, labor standards, and market access for goods and services.

15 C. The DOS Department of State shall ensure the Ecuadorian
16 government and businesses oblige to maintain human rights,
17 environmental concerns, and mitigating corruption.

18 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2026.

19 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and
void.

10. A Bill to Create Refugee Status for Venezuelan Migrants

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall establish a specific refugee status for Venezuelan
3 migrants fleeing political persecution, violence, or economic hardship,
4 granting them a pathway to permanent residency.

5 **SECTION 2.** A. "Refugee status" shall refer to a protected immigration status allowing
6 Venezuelan migrants to reside and work in the United States legally.

7 B. "Venezuelan migrants" shall refer to individuals who are nationals of
8 Venezuela or habitual residents of Venezuela seeking asylum due to
9 **SECTION 3.** documented risks of persecution or other significant hardships.

10 The Department of US Immigrations and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and
11 the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) will oversee the
12 enforcement of this legislation.

13 A. A grant of \$100 million shall be allocated to U.S. Citizenship and
14 Immigration Services (USCIS) to support the implementation of this
15 legislation.

16 B. The USCIS will provide work visas to Venezuelan refugee applicants at
17 its discretion, prioritizing cases that demonstrate a significant need for
18 immediate employment authorization granting them immediate work
19 eligibility upon approval of their initial application

20 C. The USCIS will coordinate with relevant agencies to facilitate job
21 placements for Venezuelan migrants in critical sectors such as healthcare,
22 agriculture, and education. Workers with higher experience in these sectors
23 will be prioritized for obtaining a work visa.

24 **SECTION 4.** D. A portion of the allocated funding will be used to create ESL programs

25 **SECTION 5.** specifically for Venezuelan migrants to help them integrate and succeed in
the US.

This legislation will take effect on January 1st, 2026.

All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

11. A Resolution to Rejoin and Strengthen the JCPOA to Prevent Nuclear Proliferation

1 **WHEREAS,** Iran’s nuclear program has significantly expanded since the United States
2 withdrew from the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) in 2018;
3 and

4 **WHEREAS,** The agreement’s absence increases the risk of Iran acquiring nuclear
5 weapons, which could threaten global and regional security; and

6 **WHEREAS,** The lack of a strong agreement has led to increased uranium enrichment
7 levels, the use of advanced centrifuges, and the heightened risk of nuclear
8 weapon development, which has escalated regional and global tensions;
9 and

10 **WHEREAS,** Restoring and strengthening the JCPOA with stronger provisions could
11 help prevent nuclear missile development; now, therefore, be it

12 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled calls for the United States to rejoin the
13 JCPOA with provisions to extend nuclear restrictions to ensure long-term
14 compliance, expand verification mechanisms (such as on-site inspections,
15 constant monitoring of nuclear sites, and access to suspected undeclared
16 facilities by the International Atomic Energy Agency), address regional
17 security concerns by limiting the development and testing of missiles
18 capable of delivering nuclear warheads; and, be it

19 **FURTHER** That Congress encourages collaboration with other allied nations to
20 **RESOLVED,** negotiate additional agreements to curtail ballistic missile developments
21 and support of proxy groups.

12. A Bill to Remove Troops from South Korea

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States will withdraw all of its remaining military personnel
3 from South Korea effective immediately. Military support will still be
4 available for South Korean use, if needed.

5 **SECTION 2.** Military support shall be defined as military aid and U.S. military
6 operations in conjunction with South Korean forces.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Defense (DoD) and the U.S. Department of State will
8 oversee implementation of this legislation.

9 A. The U.S. Department of State will authorize distribution of military aid
10 if needed.

11 B. The U.S. Department of State will conduct yearly audits to ensure proper
12 use of military aid, if distributed.

13 C. U.S. military operations shall not be offensive, except in the case of
14 aggression from South Korean adversaries such as North Korea, China, and
15 Russia.

16 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect in FY 2025.

17 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.