

Great Pumpkin Congress Docket
October 25th, 2025
Round 1, Item 1

A Bill to Abolish the Use of Bail in the Court System

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

2 **Section 1.** The United States hereby abolishes the use of bail in state and
3 federal courts due to its unfair and subjective nature. Instead, the alternative of
4 Release on Own Recognizance (ROR) will be implemented.

5 **Section 2.** Bail is defined as money owed to the court as an incentive to appear
6 before the court. ROR is a release from custody, without posting bail, with the
7 promise to appear before the court as required.

8 **Section 3.** The Department of Justice (DOJ) will oversee the implementation of
9 this legislation.

10 **Section 4.** This legislation will be put into effect immediately after passage.

11 **Section 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and
12 void.

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Round 1, Item 2

A Bill to Place Limits on the Strategic Petroleum Reserve

- 1 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:**
- 2 **Section 1.** Withdrawals from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR) shall now
3 be limited. Oil may not be removed from the SPR for the purpose of lowering
4 consumer gas prices. Oil from the SPR may not be sold to any other country.
5 Withdrawals from the SPR will only be allowed in the event of supply disruption
6 of oil imports.
- 7 **Section 2.** Supply disruption of oil imports will be defined as an event in which
8 U.S. domestic production of oil cannot offset the usage of domestic oil.
- 9 **Section 3.** The Department of Energy will oversee this legislation and ensure
10 that the proper requirements are met before oil is taken from the Strategic
11 Petroleum Reserve.
- 12 **Section 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2026.
- 13 **Section 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and
14 void.

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Round 1, Item 3

A Bill to Ban Pharmaceutical Ads from Broadcasting on TV

- 1 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:**
- 2 **Section 1.** The screening of any pharmaceutical ads on a television or streaming
- 3 service within the United States shall hereby be prohibited.
- 4 **Section 2.** “Pharmaceutical Ads” shall be defined as the promotion of any
- 5 medicinal drug from any pharmacy or medication brand.
- 6 **Section 3.** The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the Federal
- 7 Communications Commission (FCC) shall jointly oversee the implementation of
- 8 this legislation.
- 9 **Section 4.** This legislation will take effect a month after passage.
- 10 **Section 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and
- 11 void.

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Round 2, Item 1

A Bill to Ban Trading of Stocks by Members of Congress

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

2 **Section 1.** The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) will require all
3 members of Congress to secure any privately owned tradable assets in a blind
4 trust. Elected members of Congress will be ineligible to actively participate in any
5 form of stock trading for the duration of their term.

6 **Section 2.** Stock trading will be defined as any exchange of shares of any
7 company through the stock market. A blind trust is defined as a financial
8 arrangement in which a person in public office gives the administration of private
9 business interests to an independent trust to prevent a conflict of interest.

10 **Section 3.** The Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, with oversight from the
11 Securities and Exchange Commission, will oversee enforcement of this bill.

12 **Section 4.** This bill will be implemented 90 days after passing.

13 **Section 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and
14 void.

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Round 2, Item 2

A Bill to Reduce U.S. Military Spending

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

2 **Section 1.** There will be an annual 1% spending cut to the Department of
3 Defense (DoD), capped at a 20% total reduction, at which further point cuts
4 will cease and the U.S. Congress may take additional legislative action to rein in
5 DoD spending.

6 **Section 2.** No new funds or increases in existing funding may be allocated
7 beyond the limits outlined in Section 1.

8 **Section 4.** The United States House Appropriations Committee and the United
9 States Senate Appropriations Committee will be tasked with overseeing the 1
10 DoD's implementation of this bill.

11 **Section 5.** This legislation will take effect on January 1st, 2026.

12 **Section 6.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and
13 void.

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A Bill to Invest in Electric Vehicles to Combat Climate Change

- 1 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:**
- 2 **Section 1.** The United States government shall allocate \$25 billion annually to
- 3 expand electric vehicle (EV) infrastructure and invest in research to reduce
- 4 transportation-related greenhouse gas emissions.
- 5 **Section 2.** Electric Vehicles (EVs) are defined as battery-powered passenger
- 6 vehicles, commercial trucks, and buses that run only on electricity.
- 7 **Section 3.** The Department of Energy (DOE) and the Department of
- 8 Transportation (DOT) shall oversee the implementation of this bill.
- 9 **Section 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1st, 2026.
- 10 **Section 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and
- 11 void.

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A Bill to Restrict International Ownership of United States Farmland

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

2 **Section 1.** International entities and non-U.S. citizens shall be prohibited from
3 purchasing agricultural land in the United States.

4 **Section 2.** “International entity” shall be defined as any corporation, business, or
5 government headquartered outside of the United States. “Agricultural land” refers
6 to farmland used to produce crops, livestock, and similar commodities.

7 **Section 3.** The U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Department of Homeland
8 Security shall oversee enforcement, with penalties including mandatory land
9 divestment and fines up to \$10 million per violation.

10 **Section 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1st, 2026.

11 **Section 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null a
12 void.

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A Bill to Establish National Rent Control

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

2 **Section 1.** Nationwide rent control standards shall be established to cap annual
3 rent increases for residential properties at 3%, or the rate of inflation as
4 determined by the Consumer Price Index (CPI), whichever is lower.

5 **Section 2.** Rent control is defined as government regulations limiting the amount
6 a landlord can charge for leasing a home (including, but not limited to, houses,
7 apartments, lofts, studios, condos) or renewing a lease.

8 **Section 3.** The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) will
9 enforce this legislation.

10 **Section 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1st, 2026.

11 **Section 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and
12 void.

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A Bill to Establish a Carbon Tax to Solve the Climate Change Crisis

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

2 **Section 1.** This bill will enact a \$75 per-ton carbon tax on all corporations that
3 exceed 10 metric tons of carbon emissions per year.

4 **Section 2.** A carbon tax will be defined as a tax levied on carbon emissions.
5 A corporation will be defined as any company or group of people authorized to
6 act as a single entity and recognized as such by law.

7 **Section 3.** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Internal
8 Revenue Service (IRS) will oversee the enforcement of this legislation. The
9 collected tax money will be awarded to the Department of Energy to subsidize
10 the cost of the creation of renewable energy sources as well as investing into the
11 national power grid to expand its compatibility with the renewable sector.

12 **Section 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2026.

13 **Section 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and
14 void.

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