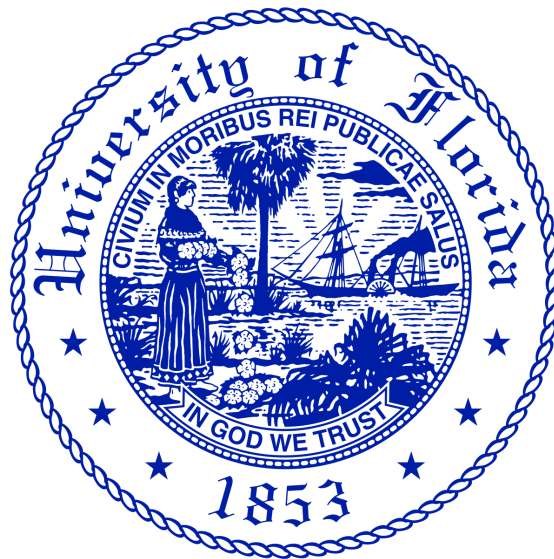


Congressional Debate

Semifinal Legislation Packet 2025



FLORIDA BLUE KEY



A Bill to Limit Patent Thickets in the Pharmaceutical Industry

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall restrict the number of patents a pharmaceutical
2 company can claim during litigation with a biosimilar or generic developer
3 in order to boost competition and lower costs.
- 4 **SECTION 2.** “Patent thickets”, also known as thick patents, shall be defined as
5 overlapping patents on a singular product used to maintain exclusivity and
6 prevent the formation of lower costing generics.
- 7 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) and the Food and Drug
8 Association (FDA) shall oversee the enforcement of this legislation.
- 9 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1st, 2028. All laws in conflict with
10 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

A Bill to Support the Sustainability of the Panama Canal

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The United States will provide financial aid to the Republic of Panama to
2 enhance the sustainability of the Panama Canal through infrastructure
3 upgrades and environmental protection initiatives.
- 4 **SECTION 2.** A. Environmental Protection Initiatives shall be defined as programs
5 designed to restore ecosystems surrounding the Panama Canal, reduce
6 pollution, and mitigate the effects of climate change.
7 B. Infrastructure Upgrades shall be defined as any improvements to the
8 physical and digital infrastructure that support the Panama Canal’s
9 operations and sustainability.
- 10 **SECTION 3.** The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) in
11 conjunction with the Department of State will oversee the implementation
12 of this legislation.
13 A. The funding for this initiative shall be capped at \$500 million over a five
14 year period.
- 15 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on October 1, 2026. All laws in conflict with
16 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

A Bill to Subsidize the U.S. Electric Vehicle Industry

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The federal government shall provide a subsidy of \$5 billion to support the
2 growth of the U.S. electric vehicle industry. Such subsidies will address
3 concerns about declines in industry demand resulting from the elimination
4 of national tax credits and the unavailability of funds from the National
5 Electric Vehicle Infrastructure program.
- 6 **SECTION 2.** The U.S. electric vehicle industry shall include, but is not limited to,
7 manufacturers, battery suppliers, and infrastructure development within
8 the United States.
- 9 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Energy shall work in conjunction with the Department
10 of Transportation to administer the subsidy program.
- 11 A. Annual reports to Congress on industry progress and adoption rates will
12 be devised.
- 13 B. With the release of such reports, adjustments to subsidy allocation and
14 total funding shall be made accordingly.
- 15 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1st, 2026. All laws in conflict with
16 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.