

BIRCH RUN CONGRESSIONAL DEBATE DOCKET

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NATIONAL CONGRESSIONAL DEBATE: 2025 LEGISLATION DOCKET

A Bill to Establish a National Firearm Registry

- 1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
- 2 **SECTION 1.** The National Firearm Registry shall be established to track the ownership, sale and transfer
- 3 of all firearms within the United States. All firearm owners shall be required to register
- 4 their weapons with the federal government.
- 5 **SECTION 2.** Firearm shall be defined as any weapon that expels a projectile by means of an explosive
- 6 force, including but not limited to handguns, rifles, and shotguns. The National Firearm
- 7 Registry shall be defined as a secure federal database maintained by the government to
- 8 record firearm ownership and transactions.
- 9 **SECTION 3.** The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) shall oversee the
- 10 implementation and enforcement of this legislation.
- 11 A. All firearm owners must register their firearms within 180 days of the passage of this
- 12 law, providing details such as make, model, serial number, and owner identification.
- 13 B. Any transfer of firearm ownership, including private sales, must be reported and
- 14 registered within 30 days of transaction.
- 15 C. Failure to register a firearm or report a transaction shall result in fines and mandatory
- 16 firearm safety and compliance training.
- 17 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2026.
- 18 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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A Bill to Expand Federal Funding for Mental Health Services in Schools

- 1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
- 2 **SECTION 1.** The federal government shall allocate \$10 billion annually to fund mental health services in
- 3 K-12 public schools across the United States.
- 4 **SECTION 2.** "Mental health services" shall include access to school psychologists, counselors, social
- 5 workers, and mental health education programs. "Public schools" refer to all primary and
- 6 secondary schools receiving federal education funding.
- 7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education and the Department of Health and Human Services shall
- 8 oversee implementation and ensure proper allocation of funds.
- 9 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2026.
- 10 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.



A Bill to Allow Voting by Phone in State and Federal Elections

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Mobile voting (voting by phone) shall hereby be permitted and available in state and
3 federal elections for all registered voters.

4 **SECTION 2.** The voting technology being utilized is End-to-End Verifiability (E2E-V). This provides
5 cryptography evidence, including audits of vote casting. The voters can also check
6 themselves if their vote is tabulated correctly.

7 A. In collaboration with experts employed by the organization leading this legislation,
8 state and federal election officials will implement and oversee the system.

9 B. This option will be available for every registered voter, especially voters who face
10 barriers to traditional voting options, including voters with disabilities, military and
11 overseas voters, voters on tribal lands, hospitalized voters, and voters experiencing
12 natural disasters or other emergencies.

13 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Elections Commission will oversee the enforcement of this legislation. Tusk
14 Philanthropies, in cooperation with its partners, including the National Cybersecurity
15 Center and the National Federation of the Blind, will oversee the implementation and
16 funding of mobile voting and monetary compensation for state and federal election
17 officials.

18 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect in FY 2026.

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

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A Bill to Reauthorize Section 702 of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States federal government shall reauthorize section 702 of the Foreign
3 Intelligence Surveillance Act so that we may obtain a more secure country and to help our
4 military defend against international threats.

5 **SECTION 2.** For the purposes of this legislation, section 702 of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act
6 states that intelligence agencies in the United States will have authorization to collect
7 information on target individuals outside of the United States when they have reasonable
8 suspicion to.

9 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall be jointly overseen by the Department of Defense and the Department
10 of Justice.

11 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect immediately upon passage.

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

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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 from South Korea
- 3 effective immediately. Military support will still be available for South Korean use, if
- 4 needed.
- 5 **SECTION 2.** Military support shall be defined as military aid and U.S. military operations in conjunction
- 6 with South Korean forces.
- 7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Defense (DoD) and the U.S. Department of State will oversee
- 8 implementation of this legislation.
- 9 A. The U.S. Department of State will authorize distribution of military aid if needed.
- 10 B. The U.S. Department of State will conduct yearly audits to ensure proper use of military
- 11 aid, if distributed.
- 12 C. U.S. military operations shall not be offensive, except in the case of aggression from
- 13 South Korean adversaries such as North Korea, China, and Russia.
- 14 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect in FY 2025.
- 15 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.



A Bill to End Membership of the United States in the United Nations

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** This bill shall repeal the United Nations Participation Act of 1945, and the United Nations
3 Headquarters Agreement Act.

4 **SECTION 2.** The President shall terminate all membership by the United States in the United Nations,
5 and in any organization, specialized agency, commission, treaty, convention or other
6 formally affiliated body of the United Nations.

7 A. The United States Mission to the United Nations is closed. Any remaining functions of
8 such office shall not be carried out.

9 B. The United Nations may not occupy or use any property or facility of the United States
10 government, unless further legislation is passed that allows this.

11 **SECTION 3.** This bill shall take effect on the date that is one year after the date of its enactment.

12 **SECTION 4.** The implementation shall be overseen by the Foreign Relations Committee and the
13 Secretary of State.

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

NATIONAL CONGRESSIONAL DEBATE: 2025 LEGISLATION DOCKET

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 federal courts due to its
- 3 unfair and subjective nature. Instead, the alternative of Release on Own Recognizance
- 4 (ROR) will be implemented.
- 5 **SECTION 2.** Bail is defined as money owed to the court as an incentive to appear before the court.
- 6 **SECTION 3.** ROR is a release from custody, without posting bail, with the promise to appear before the
- 7 court as required.
- 8 **SECTION 4.** The Department of Justice (DOJ) will oversee the implementation of this legislation.
- 9 **SECTION 5.** This legislation will be put into effect immediately after passage.
- 10 **SECTION 6.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

NATIONAL CONGRESSIONAL DEBATE: 2025 LEGISLATION DOCKET

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 service within the
3 United States shall hereby be prohibited.

4 **SECTION 2.** "Pharmaceutical Ads": The promotion of any medicinal drug from any pharmacy or
5 medication brand.

6 **SECTION 3.** The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the Federal Communications Commission
7 (FCC) shall jointly oversee the implementation of this legislation.

8 A. The FDA shall be tasked with screening pharmaceutical companies to ensure that
9 pharmaceuticals are not being advertised.

10 B. The FCC shall be tasked with ceasing any current ads scheduled to air on television,
11 along with, prohibiting the submission of any new ads to occur.

12 C. Those who already paid for and submitted an ad that will be banned through this
13 legislation, shall be given a \$2,000 grant.

14 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect a month after passage.

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

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**A Bill to Establish Rent Control Standards Nationwide
to Ensure Housing Affordability**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

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

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

8 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) will enforce this legislation.
9 HUD will collaborate with state and local housing agencies to monitor compliance, manage
10 disputes, and provide resources for enforcement.

11 A. A federal grant program will be established to support state and local housing agencies
12 with enforcement costs, funded at \$500 million annually.

13 B. Rent control standards shall apply to all rental properties, except those participating in
14 the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program, which will continue to follow existing
15 HUD guidelines.

16 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on July 1, 2026.

17 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and 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 expand electric vehicle
3 (EV) infrastructure and invest in research to reduce transportation-related greenhouse gas
4 emissions.

5 **SECTION 2.** Electric Vehicles (EVs) are defined as battery-powered passenger vehicles, commercial
6 trucks, and buses that run only on electricity.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Energy (DOE) and the Department of Transportation (DOT) shall
8 oversee the implementation as follows:

9 A. \$15 billion per year to build a nationwide EV charging network, prioritizing highways,
10 urban centers, rural areas, and low-income communities.

11 B. \$10 billion per year for EV research and development, focusing on improving battery
12 efficiency, reducing costs, and increasing domestic production.

13 **SECTION 4.** Funding for this bill shall come from:

14 A. \$15 billion shall be gradually reduced from fossil fuel subsidies.

15 B. \$10 billion shall be redirected from existing federal transportation and energy
16 programs.

17 **SECTION 5.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2026.

18 **SECTION 6.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.