The 2026 Ascend Middle School Classic

December 5, 2026

LEGISLATION

A Bill to Increase Humanitarian Aid to Haiti

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States shall provide $500 million in additional humanitarian aid to Haiti, released in two equal installments of $250 million. The first installment shall be released once the Haitian government sets an official date for national elections, and the second once those elections are held.

SECTION 2. For the purposes of this legislation:

A. "Humanitarian aid" means emergency food, clean water, shelter, and medical care delivered directly to civilians.

B. "National elections" means elections for Haiti's president and legislature that international election observers, including the Organization of American States, find to be free and fair.

SECTION 3. The Department of State shall oversee the implementation of this legislation.

A. Funds shall be distributed through United Nations agencies and approved nongovernmental organizations, not directly to the Haitian government.

B. The Government Accountability Office shall audit the use of all funds annually and report its findings to Congress.

SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect immediately upon passage. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

A Bill to Ban Cell Phones in Public School Classrooms

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. All public elementary, middle, and high schools that receive federal funding shall prohibit students from using cell phones during instructional time.

SECTION 2. For the purposes of this legislation:

A. "Cell phone" means any smartphone, smartwatch, or other personal device that can send messages or access the internet.

B. "Instructional time" means any scheduled class period.

C. Exceptions shall be made for students with a documented medical need or an Individualized Education Program (IEP), and during emergencies.

SECTION 3. The Department of Education shall oversee the implementation of this legislation.

A. $100 million shall be allocated in grants to help schools purchase phone storage pouches or lockers.

B. Schools that fail to comply shall lose 5% of their federal Title I funding until they comply.

SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect at the start of the 2027-2028 school year. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

A Bill to Raise the Federal Minimum Wage to $15 per Hour

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The federal minimum wage shall be raised to $15 per hour, phased in over three years.

SECTION 2. For the purposes of this legislation:

A. "Federal minimum wage" means the lowest hourly wage employers may legally pay covered workers under the Fair Labor Standards Act.

B. The minimum wage shall rise to $11 per hour on January 1, 2028, $13 per hour on January 1, 2029, and $15 per hour on January 1, 2030.

C. Beginning in 2031, the minimum wage shall be adjusted each year to keep pace with inflation.

SECTION 3. The Department of Labor shall oversee the implementation of this legislation.

A. The Wage and Hour Division shall investigate complaints and enforce compliance.

B. Employers found in violation shall pay all back wages owed plus a fine of up to $2,000 per violation.

SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect immediately upon passage. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

A Bill to Lower the Voting Age to 16

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. All United States citizens aged 16 and older shall be eligible to vote in federal elections.

SECTION 2. For the purposes of this legislation:

A. "Federal elections" means all general, primary, and special elections for President, the U.S. Senate, and the U.S. House of Representatives.

B. States shall allow eligible citizens to register to vote beginning at age 16.

SECTION 3. The Election Assistance Commission shall oversee the implementation of this legislation.

A. $50 million shall be allocated in grants to help states update their voter registration systems.

B. The Department of Justice shall enforce state compliance.

SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2028. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

A Bill to Expand Nuclear Energy

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States shall provide $20 billion over ten years in grants and loan guarantees to build new nuclear power plants, including small modular reactors.

SECTION 2. For the purposes of this legislation:

A. "Small modular reactor" means a nuclear reactor that produces 300 megawatts of electricity or less and is built in factory-made sections.

B. "Loan guarantee" means a federal promise to repay a private loan if the borrower cannot.

SECTION 3. The Department of Energy shall oversee the implementation of this legislation.

A. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission shall make a final decision on all new reactor license applications within 18 months of receiving them.

B. Funding priority shall be given to projects built at the sites of retired coal power plants.

SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect on October 1, 2027. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

A Bill to Abolish U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) shall be abolished.

SECTION 2. For the purposes of this legislation:

A. "ICE" means the agency within the Department of Homeland Security, created in 2003, that enforces federal immigration and customs laws.

B. "Criminal investigations" means ICE's work against human trafficking, drug and weapons smuggling, and child exploitation, currently carried out by Homeland Security Investigations.

SECTION 3. The Department of Homeland Security shall oversee the implementation of this legislation.

A. All criminal investigations, along with the staff and funding assigned to them, shall be transferred to the Department of Justice.

B. All remaining ICE funds shall be returned to the U.S. Treasury.

SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect 90 days after passage. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.