



Elementary Legislation 1st Semester, Fall 2024

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SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER: The Compassionate Housing Act of 2025

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Commercial buildings in states of long-term disuse or abandonment shall be
3 requisitioned by the federal government. Once acquired, these buildings shall be
4 converted into free housing for those in need.

5 **SECTION 2.** “Commercial buildings” shall be defined as any privately-owned location built for
6 commercial leasing purposes, including office buildings, strip malls, or malls.
7 “Long-term disuse” shall be defined as rentable properties having leasing rates
8 which fall consistently below 10% of units for a given fiscal year.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Housing and Urban Development shall implement this
10 legislation, in collaboration with the Department of Health.

11 A. The Department of Housing and Urban Development shall offer payments to
12 the owners of said unused buildings in exchange for the requisitioning of their
13 properties. If property owners reject the terms of purchase, the buildings may be
14 seized under eminent domain if deemed necessary.

15 B. The Department of Health shall establish and enforce standards of cleanliness
16 and safety in the housing facilities during their construction and after their
17 completion.

18 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on June 1, 2025.

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

20 *Introduced for Congressional Debate.*

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER: A Bill to Hold Social Media Companies Liable for Scams

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Social media companies shall henceforth be held liable for the financial harm
3 caused by scamming that occurs on their platform when that scamming was
4 carried out by a user who was demonstrably in violation of the company's terms
5 of use and/or the fraud statutes of any relevant criminal jurisdiction(s). That is,
6 when such scamming occurs, a social media company shall be required to
7 reimburse the victimized user for any financial losses resulting from the scam.

8 **SECTION 2.** The 42 USC § 1862w(a)(2) definition of a social media company shall be utilized:
9 "a website or internet medium that— (A) permits a person to become a
10 registered user, establish an account, or create a profile for the purpose of
11 allowing users to create, share, and view user-generated content through such
12 an account or profile; (B) enables 1 or more users to generate content that can
13 be viewed by other users of the medium; and (C) primarily serves as a medium
14 for users to interact with content generated by other users of the medium."

15 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall be jointly overseen by the Federal Communications
16 Commission (FCC) and the Department of Justice (DOJ).
17 A. Any social media company found to be in violation of this legislation shall be
18 fined double the amount they ought to have reimbursed, with half of that fine to
19 be given over to the affected user and the other half retained to finance
20 enforcement.

21 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2025.

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

23 *Introduced for Congressional Debate.*

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER: A Bill to Prohibit Using Children to Create or Participate in Content for Profit

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** This bill prohibits using children under the age of 18 to create or participate in
3 content used for profit or as a source of income by parental figures.

4 **SECTION 2.** A. Content used for profit will be defined as any words, pictures, videos, or
5 pieces of data that convey ideas used for financial gain.

6 B. Parental figures will be defined as an individual who assumes a parental role
7 or responsibility towards a child, whether biologically related or not.

8 **SECTION 3.** The US Department of Labor (DOL) and The Federal Communications
9 Commission will oversee the enforcement of this legislation.

10 A. All content used for profit will be held accountable to follow the Fair Labor
11 Standards Act and receive a work permit approved by the DOL.

12 B. All content that does not abide by Section 3A shall be immediately removed
13 by the FCC and the violators will be fined \$1000 per violation.

14 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on March 1, 2025.

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

16 *Introduced for Congressional Debate.*

DECEMBER: A Resolution to Phase Out Asphalt and Establish Sustainable Alternatives to Combat Urban Heat Islands

1 **WHEREAS,** The widespread use of asphalt in urban areas is contributing to the formation of
2 heat islands, exacerbating rising temperatures, and negatively impacting the
3 quality of life for city residents; and

4 **WHEREAS,** Asphalt, with its heat-absorbing properties, leads to increased temperatures in
5 densely populated areas, contributing to heat related illnesses, increased energy
6 consumption for cooling, and environmental degradation; and

7 **WHEREAS,** The detrimental effects of asphalt on urban environments necessitate the
8 development of sustainable alternatives that mitigate the urban heat island
9 effect, reduce energy consumption, and enhance overall livability; now,
10 therefore, be it

11 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled calls upon the Environmental Protection
12 Agency, in consultation with experts and in collaboration with relevant federal,
13 state, and local agencies, shall develop a plan to phase out asphalt in urban
14 infrastructure and promote sustainable alternatives, considering cost-
15 effectiveness and environmental benefits; and, be it

16 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That annual progress reports and updates on the phase-out of asphalt
17 and the adoption of sustainable alternatives shall be provided to Congress by the
18 Environmental Protection Agency, allowing for ongoing oversight and evaluation
19 of the initiative’s effectiveness.

20 *Introduced for Congressional Debate.*