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Oct 12, 2026 – Oct 18, 2026
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At a Glance

Over the last seven days (Oct 12, 2026 – Oct 18, 2026), Congress introduced new bills, moved measures through committees, took floor votes, and enacted some into law. This page pulls those signals together in one place.

Bills introduced	63
Bills with actions recorded	89
Laws enacted	3
Recorded floor votes	0
Committee activity records	82

All counts are based on official congressional data, assembled and normalized by LegiList.

Bill of the Week

HR 10803

To abolish the Department of Homeland Security and establish a Department of Community Safety, and for other purposes.

Chamber: House
Current status: Referred to the Committee on Homeland Security, and in addition to the Committees on Oversight and G
Last recorded action: Oct 13, 2026
Actions in this window: 30

View the full bill history, actions, subjects, and vote links on LegiList: https://legilist.com/bill/119/hr/10803

Legislator of the Week

Eugene Simon Vindman

Party: Democratic • **State:** VA • **Chamber:** House

Activity score (7 days): 24 (3× sponsored, 2× cosponsored, 1× votes recorded)

Bills sponsored this week: 4 • **Bills cosponsored:** 6 • **Votes cast:** 0

Recently sponsored bills

Bill	Title	Status / Last action
HR 10838	To extend the statute of limitations for making false statements to Congress, and for other purposes.	Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary. Last action: Oct 15, 2026
HR 10836	To amend the Uniform Code of Military Justice to prohibit the live broadcast of military executions, and for other purposes.	Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services. Last action: Oct 15, 2026
HR 10837	To prohibit individuals convicted of bribery, ethics violations, or violations of the Foreign Agents Registration Act from serving in the executive branch of the Federal Government, and for other purposes.	Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. Last action: Oct 15, 2026
HR 10809	Make Data Centers Pay Act	Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce. Last action: Oct 13, 2026

Recently cosponsored bills

Bill	Title	Status
HR 5536	HEADACHE Act	Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.
HR 9248	Recreation Permitting Improvement Act	Subcommittee Hearings Held
HR 9350	No 9/11 Family Left Behind Act of 2026	Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
HR 10473	Justice for Ukrainian Children Act	Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for
HR 10522	Companion Animal Protection Against Cruel Testing Act	Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

Committee of the Week

Judiciary Committee

Chamber: House • **Activity records this week:** 13

Recent bill activity

Bill	Activity	Date
HR 10828 To impose sanctions with respect to oil and gas extraction and refinement by the Russian Federation, and for other purposes.	Referred To	Oct 15, 2026
HR 10822 To restrict the usage of automated license plate reader system by governmental entities, and for other purposes.	Referred To	Oct 15, 2026
HR 10838 To extend the statute of limitations for making false statements to Congress, and for other purposes.	Referred To	Oct 15, 2026
HR 10827 To require the Secretary of State to submit a report identifying senior Syrian officials alleged to have facilitated certain human rights abuses, and for other purposes.	Referred To	Oct 15, 2026
HRES 1627 Reaffirming the commitment of the House of Representatives to preserve and expand pathways to citizenship.	Referred To	Oct 15, 2026
HR 10826 To establish a private right of action for citizens of the United States who are arrested or detained by immigration officers or law enforcement officers enforcing the immigration laws without a warrant or probable cause, and for other purposes.	Referred To	Oct 15, 2026

Noteworthy Votes

No floor votes were recorded in the last seven days.

Bill Activity by Stage

Became law

Bill	Title	Status / Last action
S 240	Crow Tribe Water Rights Settlement Amendments Act of 2025	Became Public Law No: 119-122. Last action: Oct 15, 2026
S 2403	Retire through Ownership Act	Became Public Law No: 119-124. Last action: Oct 15, 2026
S 283	Illegal Red Snapper and Tuna Enforcement Act	Became Public Law No: 119-123. Last action: Oct 15, 2026

Other actions

Bill	Title	Status / Last action
S 5690	Renewing the Dream Act	Under authority of the order of the Senate of September 30, 2026, ordered read twice and referred to Last action: Oct 15, 2026
S 5683	Best Practices for Military Family Child Care Homes Act	Under authority of the order of the Senate of September 30, 2026, ordered read twice and referred to Last action: Oct 15, 2026
SRES 950	A resolution designating the week of September 14 through September 18, 2026, as "National Clean Energy Week".	Under authority of the order of the Senate of September 30, 2026, ordered referred to the Committee Last action: Oct 15, 2026
HR 7022	Mystic Alerts Act	Presented to President. Last action: Oct 15, 2026
S 5685	A bill to require the disclosure of supervisory records of certain financial institutions that relate to Jeffrey Epstein, and for other purposes.	Under authority of the order of the Senate of September 30, 2026, ordered read twice and referred to Last action: Oct 15, 2026
SJRES 221	A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval of the agreement for civilian nuclear cooperation between the United States and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia pursuant to section 123 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954.	Under authority of the order of the Senate of September 30, 2026, ordered read twice and referred to Last action: Oct 15, 2026
S 5687	A bill to codify the process for petitions for executive clemency, and for other purposes.	Under authority of the order of the Senate of September 30, 2026, ordered read twice and referred to Last action: Oct 15, 2026
S 5684	No Cash for Incompetent and Malicious Contractors Act	Under authority of the order of the Senate of September 30, 2026, ordered read twice and referred to Last action: Oct 15, 2026
S 5688	Acquired Lands Revenue Modernization Act	Under authority of the order of the Senate of September 30, 2026, ordered read twice and referred to Last action: Oct 15, 2026

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S 5689	A bill to prohibit Federal and State incentives for the development or commercial operations of data centers.	Under authority of the order of the Senate of September 30, 2026, ordered read twice and referred to Last action: Oct 15, 2026
SRES 951	A resolution designating September 2026 as "National Infant Mortality Awareness Month", raising awareness of infant mortality, and increasing efforts to reduce infant mortality.	Under authority of the order of the Senate of September 30, 2026, ordered referred to the Committee Last action: Oct 15, 2026
S 5686	No Public Executions in America Act	Under authority of the order of the Senate of September 30, 2026, ordered read twice and referred to Last action: Oct 15, 2026
S 5682	A bill to amend the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended to clarify that foreign government-owned media operating in the United States must register as a foreign agent.	Under authority of the order of the Senate of September 30, 2026, ordered read twice and referred to Last action: Oct 15, 2026
HR 4307	Enhancing Detection of Human Trafficking Act	Presented to President. Last action: Oct 15, 2026
HR 3620	Southcentral Foundation Land Transfer Act of 2025	Presented to President. Last action: Oct 15, 2026
HR 227	Clergy Act	Presented to President. Last action: Oct 15, 2026
HR 10839	To reduce the heat island effect and associated ground level ozone pollution from Federal facilities, and for other purposes.	Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. Last action: Oct 15, 2026
HR 10824	To direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to establish a standardized stroke education program for emergency medical services clinicians, and for other purposes.	Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce. Last action: Oct 15, 2026
HR 10838	To extend the statute of limitations for making false statements to Congress, and for other purposes.	Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary. Last action: Oct 15, 2026
HR 10830	To direct the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a study on the development and adoption of pattern books in the United States, and for other purposes.	Referred to the House Committee on Financial Services. Last action: Oct 15, 2026
HR 10816	To amend title 10, United States Code, to prohibit the naming of Department of Defense assets for sitting Presidents, and for other purposes.	Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services. Last action: Oct 15, 2026
HR 10817	To express the sense of Congress regarding the naming of a naval aircraft carrier for Mess Attendant Third Class Doris "Dorie" Miller, and for other purposes.	Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services. Last action: Oct 15, 2026
HR 10823	To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to establish a regional pilot program to enhance habitat and water availability for shorebirds, waterfowl, and other wetlands-dependent birds, and for other purposes.	Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources. Last action: Oct 15, 2026

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HRES 1628	Supporting the designation of the week beginning on October 10, 2026, as "National Wildlife Refuge Week".	Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources. Last action: Oct 15, 2026
HR 10828	To impose sanctions with respect to oil and gas extraction and refinement by the Russian Federation, and for other purposes.	Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, Fi Last action: Oct 15, 2026
HR 10811	To amend title 49, United States Code, to increase the allowable government share of a project for which a fixed guideway capital investment grant is issued in cases where the grant recipient provides owners of small business concerns with certain protections from project-related transportation interruptions, and for other purposes.	Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. Last action: Oct 15, 2026
HRES 1627	Reaffirming the commitment of the House of Representatives to preserve and expand pathways to citizenship.	Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary. Last action: Oct 15, 2026
HR 10815	To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish a credit for amounts paid or incurred by child care providers to advance innovation and access for developmentally disabled individuals.	Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means. Last action: Oct 15, 2026
HR 10827	To require the Secretary of State to submit a report identifying senior Syrian officials alleged to have facilitated certain human rights abuses, and for other purposes.	Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, an Last action: Oct 15, 2026
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HR 10832	To amend the Iran Threat Reduction and Syria Human Rights Act of 2012 to make certain improvements relating to the coordination of efforts to promote internet freedom and access to information in Iran, and for other purposes.	Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerc Last action: Oct 15, 2026
HRES 1626	Supporting the designation of the week of October 18 through 24, 2026, as "National Chemistry Week".	Referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology. Last action: Oct 15, 2026
HR 10821	To amend the Federal Deposit Insurance Act to make changes to the Standard Maximum Deposit Insurance Amount, and for other purposes.	Referred to the House Committee on Financial Services. Last action: Oct 15, 2026
HR 6380	Chiricahua National Park Act	Presented to President. Last action: Oct 15, 2026

Bill	Title	Status / Last action
HR 10814	To amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to provide further transparency and accountability for the use of content that is generated by artificial intelligence (generative AI) in political advertisements by requiring such advertisements to include a statement within the contents of the advertisements if generative AI was used to generate any image or video footage in the advertisements, and for other purposes.	Referred to the House Committee on House Administration. Last action: Oct 15, 2026

What Congress Focused On

Based on bills that moved in the last seven days, these subjects appeared most often:

Public Lands and Natural Resources (7) Congressional oversight (6) Administrative law and regulatory procedures (3) Finance and Financial Sector (3) Geography and mapping (3) Government information and archives (3) Land transfers (3) Licensing and registrations (3) Parks, recreation areas, trails (3) Tax administration and collection, taxpayers (3)

Counts reflect distinct bills with actions this week that were tagged with each subject.

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