

LWVUS Advocacy Presents:

2025 Federal Advocacy Wrap



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Recap on 119th Congress in 2025

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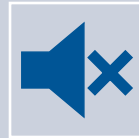
Project 2025

Questions

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A group of business professionals in an office setting. A man in a suit and tie is on the left, gesturing with his hands. A woman in a dark blazer is in the center, looking at a tablet. Another person is on the right, also looking at a device. There are coffee cups on the table. The word 'POLL!' is overlaid in large white letters.

POLL!

Recap of 119th Congress

119th Congress

Senate

- 53 Republicans
- 47 Democrats

House

- 220 Republicans
- 215 Democrats



119th Congress So Far

Number of bills signed into law: 37

Policy Areas:

Environmental Protection[6]

Armed Forces and National Security[5]

Finance and Financial Sector[5]

Public Lands and Natural Resources[5]

Economics and Public Finance[4]

Energy[4]

Appropriations

- Record length shutdown- 43 days
- Current Continuing Resolution runs until Jan 30
- Congress must pass new funding to avoid another shutdown
- 3 appropriations bills passed for FY26
 - Agriculture, Legislative Branch, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs
 - Includes SNAP
- “Mini-buses” in discussion now to pass some committees’ funding

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Making Democracy Work® Legislative Priorities

- Defending Voting Rights Protections
- Protecting DC Autonomy
- Improving Election Administration
- Protecting Against Dark Money In Politics
- Supporting The 2030 Census
- Protecting Democratic Institutions And The Rule Of Law



Watchlist Legislative Priorities

- Protecting reproductive freedoms, access to abortion care
- Responding strategically on issues like immigration, climate change, gun safety, Equal Rights Amendment, healthcare and attacks on DEI



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- Issue areas:
 - Voting rights
 - *SAVE Act* opposition
 - Election funding- HAVA Security Grants with passthrough requirement for local elections
 - Census
 - Funding 2030 Census
 - Oppose *Equal Representation Act*
 - Require census to ask about citizenship status, then exclude noncitizens

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- Issue areas:
 - DC autonomy
 - Repeated letters opposing congressional interference in DC budget and laws
 - Constitutional crisis: Congress' failure to act

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Issue areas:

- Immigration
 - Opposed *Laken Riley Act* ([sign-on letter](#))
 - Opposed *No Bailouts for Sanctuary Cities Act* ([sign-on letter](#))
 - Endorsed *American Dream and Promise Act*
- Reproductive rights
 - Endorsed *Right to Contraception Act*
 - Opposed abortion coverage restrictions in FY26 budget ([sign-on letter](#))
- Equal Rights Amendment
 - Supported affirming resolution (thank you)

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Issue areas:

- Gun Policy
 - Urged comprehensive gun safety reform ([letter](#))
- Health Care and Meeting Basic Human Needs
 - Opposed Medicaid cuts in *One Big Beautiful Bill*
 - Government shutdown work
 - Post-shutdown [memo](#)

Trump Administration

Trump Administration Actions

- Executive Orders: 212
- Total EOs during Biden Administration: 162
- Total EOs in Trump's first Administration: 220

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- Making Democracy Work®
- Voting Rights
 - [Litigation](#) on Executive Order on Preserving And Protecting The Integrity Of American Elections (would require DPOC to register to vote)
 - Inform EAC that it is not authorized to implement the EO
 - Submit comments to EAC opposing DPOC petition
 - Oppose restrictions on non-profits that disagree with the party in power
 - Oppose the elimination of vote-by-mail

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- Census
 - Urge reinstatement of the 2030 Census Bureau Advisory Committees
- Oppose removal of public data from federal websites

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- Health Care and Immigration
 - [Comments](#) opposing HHS Prohibition of DACA Recipients Enrolling in ACA Coverage
- Health Care and Citizen's Right to Know/Citizen Participation
 - [Letter](#) urging HHS reinstatement of "Public Participation in Rule Making" policy
- Immigration and Citizen's Right to Know/Citizen Participation
 - [Letter](#) to USCIS urging notice and comment for Naturalization Civics Test
- Reproductive Rights
 - [Comments](#) opposing VA elimination of comprehensive reproductive care

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- Equality of Opportunity
 - [Letter](#) opposing DOJ's BJS removal of gender identity and transgender hate crime questions from NCVS
 - [Comments](#) opposing DOJ's BJS removal of gender identity questions from NCVS
- Climate Change
 - [Comments](#) opposing EPA rescission of Endangerment Finding
 - [Comments](#) opposing EPA elimination of Greenhouse Gas Reporting Program

Project 2025

Project 2025

- Five sections covering hundreds of goals
 - Many goals accomplished in less than a year of Trump Administration
- Accomplished Project 2025 goals
 - Shift agency headquarters outside of DC
 - Restrict Biden voting access Executive Order
 - Abolish Census Bureau's National Advisory Committee
 - Eliminate EPA Office of Environmental Justice and External Civil Rights
 - Terminate "DEI" offices, positions, contracts, and hiring considerations
 - Stop funding the Corporation for Public Broadcasting
 - Define "sex" to mean only "biological sex recognized at birth under Title IX
 - Scale up immigrant detention and deportation
 - Reduce the EPA and Department of Education workforce

Project 2025

- Remaining priorities- key goals of the project remain unachieved- may come up soon
 - Add citizenship question to the Census
 - Further reduction in force across federal government
 - Additional abortion restrictions- medication abortion, access to contraceptives
 - Environmental deregulation
 - Weaken *Affordable Care Act*

2026, Looking Ahead

- Opportunities for bipartisanship
 - Election funding
 - Protections for election workers
- Continuing Administrative advocacy, working with agencies

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Questions?