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## REVIEW & PREVIEW

### *Fun Facts*

**Gas prices** have hit a four-year low, with 40 states seeing prices below \$3, which is estimated to save Americans over \$500 million this week alone.

**The U.S. economy grew** at its fastest pace in two years this summer. New data showed that gross domestic product grew at an annualized rate of 4.3 percent between July and September, driven mainly by consumer spending and a rise in net exports.

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### THIS WEEK *in* CONGRESS

#### Regulation Roll Back

##### **Allow High-Flow Showerheads**

**H.R. 4593, the Saving Homeowners from Overregulation With Exceptional Rinsing Act**, which defines a showerhead such that each head of a multi-head showerhead fixture is to be considered a separate showerhead allowed to spray up to 2.5 gallons of water per minute – the limit set by current law, which under Obama and Biden rules generally applied to the entire showerhead fixture.

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#### War Powers

## Venezuela War Powers Resolution

Last week, the Senate passed ([52-47](#)) a discharge motion on S.J.Res. 98, a joint resolution directing the removal of United States Armed Forces from hostilities within or against Venezuela that have not been authorized by Congress. The Senate will now look to vote on passage this week.

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## POLL TOPIC

### How Did We Do in 2025

In 2025, NWYC sent you approximately 50 Federal Action Alerts on legislation moving through Congress. You also received State Action Alerts, weekly R&P Reports, Regulation Alerts, and TaxFaxes to keep you informed.

#### *Number of Alerts*

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*Was the number of NWYC Action Alerts you received in 2025 too many, too few, or about right?*

#### *Are you Kept Informed*

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*Do you feel NWYC did a good job keeping you informed about legislation in Congress in 2025?*

#### *Quality of Alerts*

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*Do you find the Action Alerts clear and informative?*

#### *Express Your Opinions*

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*Has NWYC made it easier to express your opinions on topics of interest to your members of Congress?*

#### *Year in Review*

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*Did you find your 2025 Year in Review interesting?*

#### *Research Center*

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*Did you know NWYC has a Research Center that is available to answer your legislative and government questions?*

## PREVIOUS POLL RESULT

### Filibuster

Should the Senate modify the cloture motion rule, thus ending filibusters?

26% Yes

67% No

7% Undecided

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## Business and Labor

### Retirement Savings

**H.R. 2988, the Protecting Prudent Investment of Retirement Savings Act,** aims to restrict retirement plan fiduciaries from considering environmental, social, and governance (ESG) factors in investment decisions, requiring them to focus solely on financial returns to maximize participant benefits under ERISA, and has faced opposition for potentially hindering prudent risk assessment.

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### Empowering Employer Child and Elder Care Solutions

**H.R. 2270, the Empowering Employer Child and Elder Care Solutions Act,** which would make it easier for employers to provide childcare and dependent care assistance to their workers by removing unnecessary regulations that prohibit them from doing so.

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### Save Local Business

**H.R. 4366, the Save Local Business Act,** to clarify the joint employer standard to provide certainty for small business owners and workers

### Tipped Employee Protection

**H.R. 2312, the Tipped Employee Protection Act,** which aims to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) to provide clearer rules for tipped workers, allowing employers to pay the lower tipped minimum wage for non-tipped duties as long as the employee's total earnings meet the standard minimum wage, while also ensuring all tips go to the employee.

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### Flexibility for Workers Education

**H.R. 2262, the Flexibility for Workers Education Act,** would amend the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) to exclude certain voluntary, off-the-clock training from "hours worked," allowing employers more flexibility to offer training without incurring overtime, provided employee working conditions aren't negatively impacted by opting out.

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across the country. Under the previous administration's proposed definition, two or more employers can be considered joint employers if they enter into a business agreement that "indirectly" or "potentially" affects their employees' day-to-day responsibilities and working environment.

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## LAST WEEK in CONGRESS

### **ACA Subsidy Extension**

**The House passed (230-196) H.R.1834**, to extend for three years, through the end of calendar year 2028, the enhanced tax credits to subsidize premiums for health insurance purchased on the Affordable Health Care Act health insurance markets. The measure now goes to the Senate.

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**How would you vote?**



### **Repeal 2022 Energy Efficiency Standards for Manufactured Housing**

**The House passed (263-147) H.R.5184**, which repeals the 2007 statutory requirement that the Energy Department issue energy-efficiency regulations for manufactured housing – nullifying the department's 2022 regulations and effectively rolling back energy-efficiency standards for manufactured housing to those set in 1994. The measure now goes to the Senate.

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**How would you vote?**



### **Commerce-Justice-Science, Energy-Water & Interior-Environment Appropriations**

**The House passed (397-28) H.R.6938**, which provides about \$175 billion in new discretionary spending for the fiscal 2026 Commerce-Justice-Science, Energy-Water, and Interior-Environment appropriations bills. The measure now goes to the Senate.

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**How would you vote?**



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## Veto Override

## Modify Arkansas Valley Conduit Water Pipeline Project Plan

**The House failed (248-177)** to override President Donald Trump's veto of H.R.131, which would have modified the cost-sharing plan for the Arkansas Valley Conduit water pipeline project.

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**How would you vote?**



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**How would you vote?**



## Miccosukee Reserved Area Amendments

**The House failed (236-188)** to override President Donald Trump's veto of H.R.504, which would have incorporated the Miccosukee Tribe's Osceola Camp residential village in the Everglades National Park in Florida into the tribe's legal reserved area of the park.

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