

119th Congress; House of Representatives

Votes Taken

The Congressman voted against the congressional budget resolution [H.Con.Res.14](#), please see his statement [HERE](#). More information about the budget resolution process may be found below the table.

Date	Roll Call	Bill	Question	Vote	Title
Feb 27	53	H.J.RES.20	On Passage	Nay	Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Energy relating to "Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Consumer Gas-fired Instantaneous Water Heaters"
Feb 26	52	H.J.RES.35	On Passage	Nay	Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to "Waste Emissions Charge for Petroleum and Natural Gas Systems: Procedures for Facilitating Compliance, Including Netting and Exemptions"
Feb 26	51	H.R.695	On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass as Amended	Yea	Medal of Honor Act
Feb 25	50	H.CON.RES.14	On Agreeing to the Resolution as Amended	Nay	Establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2025 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2026 through 2034
Feb 25	49	H.R.804	On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass	Yea	Rural Small Business Resilience Act

Budget Resolution points:

What is a budget resolution?

- A blueprint to guide Congressional action on budget-related legislation over the course of the year.
- It does not provide funding for federal programs or change tax law; rather, it sets overall spending and revenue targets, sometimes for as many as 10 years.

Congress is seeking to pass this resolution through a *budget reconciliation process*. This means:

- Each instructed committee drafts recommendations for spending and/or revenue changes in a manner subject to its committee rules and the rules of the House.
- Committees submit their recommendations for spending and/or revenue changes to the Budget Committee, where the separate measures are packaged and reported to the floor

(when only one committee has instructions, that committee reports its measure directly to the floor)

- The Budget Committee markup of the reconciliation recommendations generally includes non-binding motions offered by the minority to instruct the Committee Chair to ask the Rules Committee to make specific amendments in order on the floor.
- In addition, any House Member may ask the Rules Committee to allow amendments to the reconciliation package on the House floor.
- Under the Congressional Budget Act, there is a point of order against amendments that worsen the deficit relative to the underlying bill.

Sponsored and Cosponsored Legislation

The Congressman has sponsored or cosponsored [26 bills](#) so far in the 119th Congress.

[H.R.672](#) – To establish new ZIP Codes for certain communities, and for other purposes.

- Residents of Scotland currently receive their mail at six different Post Offices.
- H.R.672 would designate a single, unique ZIP Code for Scotland, CT as well as unique ZIP Codes for 13 other communities across the country.
- H.R.672 is cosponsored by 10 members of Congress and has bipartisan support.
- H.R.672 was introduced in the House on January 23, 2025 and on the same day was referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

New 5-Year Tax Package Emerging

The Congressman's priorities for the new tax package include:

- Restoration of full SALT deduction
- Protection of Medicaid & SNAP funding

Constituent Correspondence

Telephone Town Hall

The Congressman hosted a Telephone Town Hall on the evening of February 12 with guest CT Attorney General William Tong. Over 10,000 constituents joined the call. A recording of the TTH may be found [HERE](#).

Request for Information: Impact of OMB Memorandum M-25-23

A January 27, 2025, memorandum from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) required "Federal agencies to identify and review all Federal financial assistance programs and supporting activities consistent with the President's policies and requirements," and to suspend distribution of this funding while the review was underway. The funding pause was set to go into effect on January 28, at 5:00 p.m. Eastern, but **OMB rescinded the memo** on January 29. Despite this, we are still receiving reports from community partners of lack of access to previously appropriated and/or



awarded funds. In order to understand the scope of this impact and best assist district partners, we ask that you share any interruption/restriction to federal financial assistance your organization has experienced. If you have any questions, please reach out to Julia McGrath at Julia.McGrath@mail.house.gov or (860) 886-0139. All information collected will remain confidential unless express permission is otherwise granted.

Please feel free to distribute this [Response Form](#) to any organizations who have been impacted by these freezes.

[Agriculture Resources](#)

Applications Now Being Accepted for Resilient Food Systems Infrastructure Program

Connecticut Department of Agriculture (CT DoAg) announces the guidance release and application period opening for the second round of [Resilient Food Systems Infrastructure Program](#). The purpose of the Resilient Food Systems Infrastructure (RFSI) Program is to build and establish resilience in the middle of the food supply chain; to provide more and better markets to small farms and food businesses; to support the development of value-added products for consumers, fair prices, and fair wages; and create new and safe job opportunities.

Specialty Crop Block Grant Accepting Applications

Connecticut Department of Agriculture (CT DoAg) is now accepting applications for fiscal year 2025 [Specialty Crop Block Grant Program \(SCBGP\)](#). Funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), the SCBGP purpose is to enhance the competitiveness of specialty crops in local, domestic, and foreign markets. Specialty crops are defined by the USDA as fruits and vegetables, dried fruit, tree nuts, maple syrup, honey, horticulture, and nursery crops. *Applications must be submitted no later than March 10, 2025, at 4:00pm EST.*

Land Capital Market Access Program Guidance Released

Connecticut Department of Agriculture released guidance for a historic new program which will increase access to farm ownership opportunities, market access, and capital funding for socially disadvantaged farmers in Connecticut. Connecticut is the only state department of agriculture to be awarded funding from U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) for the implementation of the Increasing Land, Capital, and Market Access (LCMA) program.

A virtual workshop was held on Tuesday, December 10 from 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. to provide more detail and answer questions. The meeting was recorded and posted on the [LCMA Program Webpage](#).

Questions about the CT LCMA program can be directed to Cyrena Thibodeau at Cyrena.Thibodeau@ct.gov or 860-895-3094. For more information on the Increasing Land, Capital, and Market Access Program, visit the [USDA webpage](#).

[LCMA Guidance](#)