

State of the Constitution, Q4 2026

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Preview, quarter in progress. Covers 3 of 14 weeks so far (2026-W40, 2026-W41, 2026-W42). It is rebuilt each week until the quarter ends.

- Covers 3 of 14 weeks with a stored weekly report.
- The Constitution Index issued 1034 grades: 639 A, 239 B, 98 C, 38 D, 20 F.
- 64 VFA SI Solutions published.
- 21 SI Think Tank proposals published.
- No Moved toward VFA entries were logged.
- 68 corrections logged.
- Most cited provision: Amendment X (650 items).

OVERVIEW

This is a preview of the State of the Constitution for the fourth quarter of 2026, covering only the weeks 2026-W40 through 2026-W42. During this period, the Constitution Index issued 1034 grades, with 639 A grades, 239 B grades, 98 C grades, 38 D grades, and 20 F grades. The busiest week was 2026-W41. No Moved toward VFA entries were logged, and 68 corrections were recorded.

THE CONSTITUTION INDEX

The Constitution Index graded 1034 measures, including 834 bills and 200 executive orders. Among bills, 537 received an A grade, while 12 received an F. Among executive orders, 102 received an A and 8 received an F. The most cited provision was Amendment X, appearing in 650 items. Other frequently cited provisions included Amendment V, Article I, Section 8, Clause 1, and Amendment I.

Grade	A	B	C	D	F	Total
All grades issued	639	239	98	38	20	1034
Bills	537	191	76	18	12	834
Executive orders	102	48	22	20	8	200

1029 newly graded measures, 5 re-grades. At the end of the last week covered, the Index held 1029 graded measures. Meanings: A Constitutional · B Mostly sound · C Significant issues · D Likely unconstitutional · F Direct violation.

Highest grades issued

1. A · S. 2273 Wyoming Education Trust Modernization Act (5/5 checks)
2. A · S. 4974 Making America's Food Safer Act (5/5 checks)
3. A · H.R. 2283 Recognizing Community Organizations for Veteran Engagement and Recovery Act (5/5 checks)
4. A · H.R. 9496 End Tax Penalties on American Hostages Act (5/5 checks)
5. A · H.R. 9340 Ratepayer Protection Act (5/5 checks)

Lowest grades issued

1. F · Executive Order 14250 Addressing Risks From WilmerHale (0/5 checks)
2. F · H.R. 3492 Protect Children's Innocence Act (0/5 checks)
3. F · H.R. 5625 Cashless Bail Reporting Act (0/5 checks)
4. F · H.R. 3486 Stop Illegal Entry Act of 2025 (0/5 checks)
5. F · H.R. 1442 To ban the sale of products with a high concentration of sodium nitrite to individuals, and for other purposes. (0/5 checks)

Provisions most cited

Provision	Items	Grades	Solutions	Think Tank
Amendment X	650	585	51	14
Amendment V	646	599	46	1
Article I, Section 8, Clause 1	394	350	41	3
Article I, Section 8, Clause 3	387	362	21	4
Amendment I	380	372	7	1
Amendment IV	296	296	0	0
Article I, Section 8, Clause 18	251	219	26	6
Article I, Section 8	174	167	1	6
Amendment II	158	158	0	0
Amendment IX	131	131	0	0

SOLUTIONS AND THE SI THINK TANK

The SI published 64 Solutions, of which 58 were automated and 6 were editor-published. These Solutions targeted bills, executive actions, and Supreme Court opinions. The SI Think Tank published 21 proposals. The most common constitutional basis for Solutions was Amendment X, with 51 Solutions, followed by Amendment V with 46 and Article I, Section 8, Clause 1 with 41.

64 VFA SI Solutions published: 39 on bills, 19 on executive actions, 6 on Supreme Court opinions. 21 SI Think Tank proposals published.

ADOPTION, CORRECTIONS AND CHECKS

The gate process held 56 measures, rejected 163, and published 112, with a pass rate of 40.7 percent. There were 68 corrections logged, including 43 withdrawals and 13 superseded entries. No Moved toward VFA entries were recorded, meaning no new official bill text matched a VFA proposal during the covered weeks.

0 “Moved toward VFA” entries logged. 68 corrections logged (correction: 3, source changed: 8, stage changed: 1, superseded: 13, withdrawn: 43). The automated editorial gate published 112 of 275 items it decided (40.7%).

WEEK BY WEEK

Week	Grades	Solutions	Think Tank	Moved toward VFA	Corrections
2026-W40	0	6	0	0	0
2026-W41	734	9	8	0	62
2026-W42	300	49	13	0	6

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