

2018 Jack Howe Memorial Tournament

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B/R #101

A Bill to Tax Milk Dumping to Prevent Overproduction

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Future authorizations of milk dumping by Federal Milk Market Administrator will
3 include a tax of no less than \$25 per pound of milk dumped.

4 **SECTION 2.** “Dumping” shall include spreading the milk in fields or manure lagoons, turning
5 the milk into animal feed, or deliberately disposing of the milk in any manner
6 without processing it.

7 **SECTION 3.** The US Department of Agriculture: Agricultural Marketing Service- Dairy
8 Program will be responsible for issuing the guidance with all future dumping
9 authorizations as well as monitoring the quantity of milk dumped.

10 A. The USDA will report the total liabilities of each milk company to the
11 Department of the Treasury by March 1 of each year for collection by the
12 Internal Revenue Service.

13 B. Any money collected under this legislation must be allocated to child nutrition
14 and direct hunger relief programs including -but not limited to – Electronic
15 Benefits Transfer (EBT), Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
16 (SNAP), and Special Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program for Women,
17 Infants, and Children (WIC).

18 **SECTION 4.** This law will go into effect January 1, 2020.

19 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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B/R #102

A Bill to Define Meat to Eliminate Shopper Confusion

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** No product may be marketed as “meat” unless it is derived from any edible
3 portion of the livestock or poultry carcass.

4 **SECTION 2.** The term “marketed as” will refer to the product name and any branding on the
5 packaging that declares the product to be a meat including the use of modifiers
6 like “alternative meat” or “plant-based meat”.

7 **SECTION 3.** The FDA will oversee the enforcement of this legislation and the collection of all
8 fines.

9 A. Persons fraudulently marketing their products as meat will face a fine of no
10 less than \$100 per pound sold in the United States and may have their license
11 to operate in the United States revoked.

12 B. Stores that knowingly sell products incorrectly labeled as meat will be subject
13 to a \$1,000 fine per item on their shelf in violation of this order.

14 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect 12 months from its enactment.

15 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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B/R #201

A Bill to Create a Strategic Metals Stockpile

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** An Armament Reserve Metal Stockpile (ARMS) to consist of a quantity of all
3 metals necessary to maintain military production for a period of no less than 1
4 year is hereby established.

5 **SECTION 2.** A. The stockpile must be of all metals necessary for defense production including
6 but not limited to copper, lead, aluminum, nickel, molybdenum, beryllium, silver,
7 and steel.

8 B. Metals will be given to defense contractors for fulfillment of defense
9 manufacturing needs in exchange for a cost reduction in the manufactured product
10 equal to or greater than the current market value of the metal used at the time of
11 production.

12 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Defense (DoD) will create and oversee the maintenance of
13 ARMS through the creation of an ARMS Office within the department.

14 A. The Joint Chiefs of Staff will issue reports to the ARMS Office on a yearly
15 basis of the manufacturing needs of the individual branches.

16 B. The ARMS Office will answer directly to the Secretary of Defense.

17 C. \$50 Billion will be allocated annually from 2020 to 2025 with \$20 Billion
18 continuing in to purchase, store, and maintain the ARMS.

19 **SECTION 4.** This bill takes effect with the 2020 Budget Cycle and must be reauthorized every
20 6 years.

21 A. The Department of Defense has until January 1, 2026 to reach the quantity
22 required by this legislation.

23 B. Funding will begin with the 2020 budget cycle.

24 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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B/R #202
**A Bill to Limit Flood Relief Funding to Discourage Building
Below Sea Level**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** A. The National Flood Insurance Program be renewed for a period of 3 years.

3 B. Any property that currently sits below sea level or is predicted by National
4 Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to be below sea level by the year 2050
5 will not be eligible for new coverage.

6 **SECTION 2.** Coverage and benefits refer to all moneys and programs available to individual
7 property and business owners in the National Flood Insurance Program.

8 **SECTION 3.** Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will oversee the enforcement
9 of this legislation and the continued administration of the National Flood
10 Insurance Program.

11 **SECTION 4.** This bill becomes effective immediately upon passage.

12 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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B/R #301
A Bill to Regulate Aid to Prevent Haitian Independence

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All companies operating in Haiti with United States Agency for International
3 Development (USAID) funds must

4 **SECTION 2.** A. Employ Haitian citizens as at least 50% of the workforce being used in the
5 country

6 B. Ensure no less than 25% of the payroll goes to Haitian citizens.

7 **SECTION 3.** USAID will oversee compliance with this bill.

8 **SECTION 4.** This legislation affects all USAID projects with a starting date after December 31,
9 2019.

10 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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B/R #302
**A Resolution to Sanction the Chinese Communist Party to
Protect Religious Freedom**

1 **WHEREAS**, The Muslim minorities of China are being forcefully interned at reeducation and
2 work camps in violation of their rights; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Up to 1 million people are being detained for practicing the Islamic faith; and

4 **WHEREAS**, The reeducation process involves physical torture and requires detainees to
5 renounce their religion and pledge loyalty to the Chinese Communist Party; and

6 **WHEREAS**, The Magnitsky Act was expanded in 2016 to encompass the entire globe; now,
7 therefore, be it

8 **RESOLVED**, That the Congress here assembled instruct the Secretary of State to sanction the
9 six members of the Politburo Standing Committee of the Chinese Communist
10 Party as well as any other official responsible for the development of carrying out
11 of the unlawful detainment and torture of the Muslim people of China under the
12 power of the Magnitsky Act.

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B/R #401
**A Bill to Reduce the Cost to Encourage Infrastructure
Investment in Developing Nations**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The tax rate for the repatriation of income earned from investment in or
3 contracted work on projects to build infrastructure in any country scoring below a
4 .700 on the Human Development Index (HDI) will be set at 50% of the relevant
5 legislated level.

6 **SECTION 2.** A. “Infrastructure” shall be defined as transportation excluding:

- 7 1. the manufacture and sale of automobiles;
- 8 2. water treatment and plumbing;
- 9 3. information technology availability;
- 10 4. medical care and availability; and
- 11 5. education.

12 B. “Income” shall be taxed at 50% of the relevant legislated rate and shall
13 include:

- 14 1. direct income from employment,
- 15 2. capital gains, and
- 16 3. any returns on investments.

17 C. Any investment that begins in a year in which the HDI score was below .700
18 will be eligible for the special rate in perpetuity.

19 **SECTION 3.** The Treasury of the United States will be responsible for assessing the appropriate
20 tax burdens and collecting the taxes.

21 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect for FY 2020.

22 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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B/R #402

A Bill to Balance the Board to Protect the American Worker

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All publicly traded companies incorporated within the United States with
3 revenues exceeding \$1 billion must reserve 40% of its board of directors for
4 representatives elected by the employees.

5 **SECTION 2.** A. Elections amongst employees must be open to all employees of the corporation
6 with equal weight given to the vote of each individual.

7 B. Employees shall be viewed as the primary stakeholders.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) will monitor companies for
9 compliance and investigate irregularities in the nomination or voting practices of
10 large corporations.

11 D. To remain in compliance, corporations must ensure that the representatives of
12 the employees are full, equal board members and that no attempts to dilute the
13 power of these representatives occur.

14 E. Fines of up to 10% of yearly revenue may be levied for failure to comply in
15 good faith.

16 **SECTION 4.** Corporations with current annual revenue above \$1 billion will have until July 1,
17 2021 to bring their boards into compliance.

18 A. Corporations reaching \$1 billion annual revenue will be given 24 months to
19 bring their boards into compliance.

20 B. Corporations with revenue exceeding \$750 million filing for an initial public
21 offering (IPO) must be following the 40% requirement of Section 1 at the time
22 of the IPO.

23 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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B/R #501
**A Resolution to Focus on Vocational Education
in High Tech Industries**

- 1 **WHEREAS**, The Information Technology sector is one of the least diverse economic sectors
2 being 70% White, 75% Male, and less than 1% women of color.
- 3 **WHEREAS**, Many students living in more diverse areas lack access to high quality primary
4 through secondary education that includes access to computer science or coding;
5 and
- 6 **WHEREAS**, The cost of a college education has significantly outpaced increases in wages and
7 the cost of living meaning many students will not be able to afford college
8 without taking on crippling debt; and
- 9 **WHEREAS**, A lack of exposure to basic programming and coding before college reduces the
10 chances that students will eventually choose to pursue a degree in tech fields; and
- 11 **WHEREAS**, For many students to succeed in college they need the skills to make money so
12 that they can work their way through school; and
- 13 **WHEREAS**, Students who do not feel college is the best option still need to be able to find
14 employment and support themselves and their families in the present; now,
15 therefore, be it
- 16 **RESOLVED**, That the Congress here assembled recommends that the Title I programs decrease
17 their focus on college preparatory education and place a greater emphasis on
18 providing vocational education to students of lower socioeconomic levels; and, be
19 it
- 20 **FURTHER RESOLVED**, That students of all socioeconomic levels should have access to
21 courses in coding and computer sciences that prepare them to immediately enter
22 the workforce.

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B/R #502
A Bill to Increase Diversity Within the
Field of Information Technology

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** Companies employing individuals in the United States in the “Technology
2 Sector” will receive a tax credit between the amount of \$3,200 and \$12,800 for the hiring and
3 employing of graduates from Historically Black Colleges and Universities.
- 4 A. Companies will receive \$3,200 credit for the first complete year of
5 employment and \$6,400 for the second complete year of employment in a
6 non-management role.
- 7 B. Companies will receive a one-time \$9,400 credit after 2 complete years of
8 employment and a one-time \$12,800 credit after 4 complete years of
9 employment in a management position.
- 10 C. Companies may collect a one-time credit of the highest appropriate quantity
11 from subsections A and B for HBCU graduates in their employ at the time of
12 this bills enactment.
- 13 D. Any companies firing individuals for the purpose of creating openings to
14 receive this tax credit or found to be treating graduates of HBCUs in their
15 employ discriminately or prejudicially will forfeit all tax credits from the
16 previous 36 months.
- 17 **SECTION 2.** The technology sector refers to companies engaged in manufacturing
18 semiconductors, communications equipment, computer hardware, programming,
19 technology-related office equipment, as well as providers of consulting and IT
20 services.
- 21 **SECTION 3.** The IRS will be responsible for the creation of the correct schedule form and
22 collection of the appropriate taxes.
- 23 F. The SEC will investigate claims of discrimination and prejudice and will levy
24 the appropriate fines on companies to be collected by the treasury.
- 25 **SECTION 4.** This law will be enacted at the start of the next full tax year after passage.
- 26 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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