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CONGRESSIONAL DEBATE

Semi-Finals
Legislation

Congressional Revolving Door Ban Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** No individual serving as a Member of Congress on or after the date of
3 enactment of this Act shall, upon the completion of the Member's term
4 of office, accept compensation for offering any advice or engaging in
5 written or oral communication with regard to— (1) formulation,
6 modification, or adoption of Federal legislation (including legislative
7 proposals); (2) formulation, modification, or adoption of a Federal rule,
8 regulation, Executive order, or any other program, policy, or position of
9 the United States Government; (3) administration or execution of a
10 Federal program or policy (including the negotiation, award, or
11 administration of a Federal contract, grant, loan, permit, or license); (4)
12 nomination or confirmation of an individual for a position subject to
13 confirmation by the Senate; or (5) representation of any party in a
14 pending matter involving the Federal Government before a Federal court
15 or in a Federal administrative proceeding.

16 **SECTION 2.** Exception: §1 shall not apply to full-time employment by or elected
17 service in Federal, State, or local government, unless the activities
18 described in that subsection constitute a primary responsibility of
19 employment.

20 **SECTION 3.** Penalty: Whoever violates this section shall be fined the greater of not
21 greater than \$1,000,000 or the value of the compensation received by
22 the individual, imprisoned for not more than 5 years, or both.

23 **SECTION 4.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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A Bill to Reform the Census

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All questions on the 2020 Census shall be reviewed by an independent
3 commission to determine if each question is both relevant to the mission
4 of the census and will encourage, rather than discourage, participation in
5 the census. Any question which does not meet both requirements shall
6 be discarded from the Census form.

7 **SECTION 2.** The independent commission shall be comprised of individuals
8 appointed by members of the Senate and House Appropriations
9 Committees.

10 **SECTION 3.** The United States Census Bureau will receive the results of the
11 independent commission's report and shall adjust the 2020 Census as
12 deemed necessary. In the event that the USCB cannot adequately
13 change the questions on the census prior to September 1, 2019, the
14 decennial census shall be delayed until 2021.

15 **SECTION 4.** This shall take effect immediately upon passage.

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



Spring 2019 Item 12: A Resolution to Allow NASA to Extract Energy from Yellowstone to Save the World

1 **WHEREAS,** NASA, particularly the NASA Advisory on Planetary Defense has plans to
2 construct geothermal power plants, receiving safe and reliable energy
3 from the Yellowstone super volcano ; and

4 **WHEREAS,** the threat of a super volcano eruption causing catastrophic damage to
5 humans and property is at an all-time high. Yellowstone is long overdue
6 and can erupt at any moment; and

7 **WHEREAS,** the use of geothermal power plants in the region will lower the internal
8 temperature, effectively lowering the risk of eruption; and

9 **WHEREAS,** Yellowstone is capable of powering the entire planet twice over and can
10 provide power to the surrounding regions for tens of thousands of years;
11 and

12 **WHEREAS,** Geothermal energy is better for the planet compared to its greenhouse
13 gas producing counterparts; and

14 **WHEREAS,** Extracting geothermal energy will reduce the risk of catastrophe; now,
15 therefore, be it

16 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that By the Congress here assembled
17 that NASA will be allowed to build geothermal power plants in the
18 Yellowstone region, and any necessary funding, will be allocated

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