



# **Shark Showdown 2018 Congress Legislation Packet**

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**B1 A Bill to Reinstate the Individual Health Insurance Mandate**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 SECTION 1. Individuals are required to maintain health insurance for themselves and  
3 their dependents with no more than one two-month lapse in coverage  
4 per year.

5 SECTION 2. Section 1 may be satisfied by providing proof of insurance with a filed  
6 income tax return. Failure to satisfy Section 1 will result in a tax of 2.5%  
7 of gross income per person or \$695 per person, whichever is greater.

8 Individuals who can demonstrate that purchasing coverage would prove  
9 an unmanageable financial burden or those with sincerely held religious  
10 objections to health insurance are exempt from fines in this legislation.

11 SECTION 3. This legislation will be enforced by the Internal Revenue Service.

12 SECTION 4. This legislation will go into effect January 1, 2020.

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

**B2 A Bill to Ban Prison Privatization**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 SECTION 1. The United States federal government will no longer be able to hire  
3 companies to run for-profit places of confinement for federal inmates.

4 SECTION 2. Private prisons will be defined as a system where for-profit companies  
5 contract with the government to run prison facilities.

6 SECTION 3. This bill will be enforced by the Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP).

7 SECTION 4. This bill will be implemented January 1, 2019.

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

**B3 A Bill Ban the Use of Private Military Contractors**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 SECTION 1. The US Armed forces will be barred from the usage of Private Military  
3 Contractors (PMCs).

4 SECTION 2. Private Military Contractors shall be defined as non-governmental  
5 companies contracted by the United States Armed forces for purposes  
6 including, but not limited to, security, logistics, and infrastructure  
7 development.

8 SECTION 3. The Department of Defense will be tasked with the execution and  
9 funding of this bill.

10 SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect January 1st, 2020.

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

**B4 A Bill to Stabilize South and East Asia by Increasing U.S. Military Support to the Region**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 SECTION 1. The United States will provide military support to promote stability  
3 in Southeast Asia, the South China Sea, and the Sea of Japan.

4 SECTION 2. Military aid will include both troops and technological assistance.

5 A. The United States will increase its overall military presence in the  
6 region by adding 25 F-16 Fighter Jets and 25 A-10 Warthogs in  
7 addition to their crews and support personnel to be stationed in  
8 South Korea. Adjustments can be made as needed in the future.

9 B. Technological assistance will include enhancement of the South  
10 Korean military by installing Aegis Ballistic Missile Defense and  
11 Terminal High Altitude Area Defense (THAAD) systems.

12 SECTION 3. The Department of Defense will be responsible for the implementation of  
13 this bill and funding allocations will come from the current U. S. Defense  
14 Budget.

15 SECTION 4. This legislation will begin enforcement immediately upon passage with  
16 full implementation completed within two years.

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

**B5 A Bill to Regulate and Register Cryptocurrency**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 SECTION 1. All forms of cryptocurrency and alternative digital currency available to  
3 U.S. citizens of The United States must be registered with the U.S.  
4 Securities and Exchange Commission.

5 SECTION 2. Cryptocurrency shall be defined as digital assets that work as a medium  
6 of exchange, including but not limited to, Bitcoin, Litecoin, and more.

7 SECTION 3. The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission will be responsible for  
8 making this change and regulating the currencies.

9 SECTION 4. Will be put into action January 1, 2019.

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

**B6 A Bill to Raise the Minimum Wage to a Living Wage**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 SECTION 1. The minimum wage in American corporations will be raised to a living  
3 wage according to state standards.

4 SECTION 2. A minimum wage shall be defined as the current pay of workers, a living  
5 wage shall be defined as a wage that supports the basic standards of  
6 living, state standards shall be defined as the state's government's  
7 interpretation of what a worker needs to make to enjoy the basic  
8 standards of living in that state. Every 2 years the state's government is  
9 required to carry a census about the state's cost of living to ensure that  
10 their definition of a basic standard of living keeps with the status quo.  
11 This information will be tuned into the U.S. Department of Health and  
12 Human Services. States that refuse to implement this legislation will see a  
13 cut on categorical grants to fund the creation and maintenance of  
14 highways.

15 SECTION 3. The United States Department of Labor in conjunction with the  
16 Department of Health and Human Services shall oversee the enforcement  
17 of this legislation.

18 A. The Department of Labor will ensure that corporation CEOs are  
19 raising the wage of their workers.

20 B. Corporations that do not comply with legislation ore release workers  
21 of their duty to save their earnings will receive a tax increase of 50%.

22 C. The amount of jobs allowed to be outsourced by a corporation will be  
23 monitored to limit tax evasion.

24 SECTION 4. This legislation shall go into effect immediately after passage.

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

**B7 A Bill to Revise the U.S. Tax System to Rebuild America's Infrastructure**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 SECTION 1. \$100 Billion dollars shall be appropriated to establish the National  
3 Infrastructure Bank. The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 shall be amended  
4 to set the estate tax exemption at \$5.5 million, return the top individual  
5 tax rate to 39.6% and return the AMT to previous levels.

6 SECTION 2. The National Infrastructure Bank shall be defined as an institution which  
7 is authorized to issue bonds, tax credits and loan guarantees to state and  
8 local governments and their various private partners for the purpose of  
9 supporting the development of roads, bridges, highways, water and  
10 sewer systems, railroads, renewable energy power plants, broadband  
11 and airports.

12 SECTION 3. The National Infrastructure Bank shall be an independent agency led by a  
13 5 member board appointed by the President of the United States of  
14 America to 5 year terms and subject to Senate approval.

15 SECTION 4. This bill shall take effect beginning in Fiscal Year 2020

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



**B8 A Bill to Mandate Every State in the United States Make Use of Mail in Ballots to Increase  
Voter Participation**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 SECTION 1. All federal elections will be conducted by mail in ballots. Ballots will be  
3 mailed to registered voters two to three weeks prior to the election and  
4 be returned by the specified date for vote counting. Late ballots will not  
5 be accepted.

6 SECTION 2. Voter participation shall be defined as the number of US citizens who are  
7 registered voters casting ballots in elections. Late ballots shall be defined  
8 as those postmarked later than the specified Election day.

9 SECTION 3. This bill will be overseen by individual state Election Commissions

10 A. Any states that so choose may retain physical ballot drop offs.

11 B. It will be the responsibility of the state Election Commissions to  
12 oversee signature matching to verify the identities of those casting  
13 votes and to physically count and keep track of votes.

14 SECTION 4. This bill will be enacted at the close of the 2018 legislative session. States  
15 will be required to supply all registered voters with mail-in ballots by that  
16 state's first election in the year 2020.

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

**B9 Assault Weapons Ban of 2018**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 SECTION 1. Section 922 of Title 18, United States Code, is amended by adding the  
3 following: It shall be a crime to knowingly import, sell, manufacture, transfer, or possess  
4 a semiautomatic assault weapon (SAW) or large capacity ammunition feeding device  
5 (LCAFD). The above shall not apply to any current or retired law enforcement  
6 officer, including sworn campus law enforcement.

7 SECTION 2. A semiautomatic assault weapon means any repeating weapon that utilizes  
8 a portion of the energy of a firing cartridge to extract the fired cartridge case and  
9 chamber the next round; and requires a separate pull of the trigger to fire each  
10 cartridge. A large capacity ammunition feeding device is any accessory which has a  
11 capacity of more than 10 rounds of ammunition without requiring manual reloading  
12 of the weapon. These definitions shall not apply to any firearm that is permanently  
13 inoperable, an antique, or manually operated by bolt, pump, lever, or slide action.  
14 Any transfer or sale of any item listed above must be reported to the Bureau of  
15 Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms for registration and must be accompanied by a  
16 federal background check.

17 SECTION 3. The Department of Justice shall be required to track, and publically report,  
18 any crime involving a SAW, and shall indicate the make, model, and legal status of said  
19 SAW.

20 SECTION 4. This shall take effect six months after passage.

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

**B10     A Bill to Limit the Use of Opioids**

1     BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2     SECTION 1. Prescriptions for opioids written for first-time users 18 or older shall not  
3             exceed the appropriate dosage for a 7-day period.

6     SECTION 2. Prescriptions for opioids written for any minor shall not exceed the  
7             appropriate dosage for a 7-day period.

8     SECTION 3. “Opioids” shall be defined as an opium-like compounds that bind to one or  
9             more of the three opioid receptors of the body.

10    SECTION 4. Physicians must be aware of a patient’s history of opioid usage as well as  
11            any family history of addiction before ordering a refill for their patient.

12    SECTION 5. This bill shall be implemented immediately.

13    SECTION 6. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

**B11 A BILL TO PROTECT VICTIMS OF SEXUAL HARASSMENT IN THE  
WORKPLACE**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 SECTION 1. The United States hereby prohibits the inclusion of mandatory sexual  
3 harassment arbitration clauses in employee contracts.

4 SECTION 2. 'Sexual harassment' is hereby defined as unwelcome sexual advances,  
5 requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual  
6 nature when submission to or rejection of such conduct, explicitly or  
7 implicitly, affects an individual's employment, unreasonably interferes  
8 with an individual's work performance or creates an intimidating, hostile  
9 or offensive work environment without regard to actual economic injury to  
10 or discharge of the individual.

11 SECTION 3. The United States Department of Justice and the United States  
12 Department of Labor will create a joint task force that oversee this piece of legislation.

13 SECTION 4. This legislation will go into effect on September 1, 2018.

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

**B12 A RESOLUTION TO RESTORE EPA FUNDING**

1 WHEREAS, President Trump’s budget proposal for the fiscal year 2019 contains a 25  
2 percent cut to Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) funding; and

3 WHEREAS, The EPA is the sole agency responsible for ensuring that our air, water, land  
4 and endangered species are protected so that future generations may  
5 continue to inhabit this earth; and

6 WHEREAS, Clean air and water are essential to people’s health and safety, not only within  
7 the United States, but worldwide; and

8 WHEREAS, Communities of color, low-income communities and indigenous populations  
9 are already exposed to more pollution than the average person in the United  
10 States; and

11 WHEREAS, Only the EPA can ensure that corporate greed is not allowed to hit these  
12 communities even harder; now therefore be it

13 RESOLVED By this Student Congress here assembled that the budget of the  
14 Environment Protection Agency be restored to 2016 levels and protected  
15 by Congress.

**B13 A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Abolish the Electoral College**

1 RESOLVED, By two-thirds of the Congress here assembled, that the following article  
2 is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States,  
3 which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution  
4 when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several states  
5 within seven years from the date of its submission by the Congress:

6 SECTION 1: The Constitution of the United States is hereby amended  
7 as follows:

8 The Electoral College will no longer be a in effect and the  
9 Presidential candidate will no longer be elected by the  
10 Electoral college, but by the popular vote of the registered  
11 voters of America.

12 SECTION 2: The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by  
13 appropriate legislation.

14 SECTION 3: This law will take effect in the election 2020.

15 SECTION 4: All laws in conflict with this piece of legislation are hereby  
16 declared null and void.

**B14 A Resolution to Urge the United States to Ratify the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea**

1 WHEREAS, The United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) was  
2 adopted by Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea in  
3 December 1982, and entered into force in November 1994 to establish a  
4 treaty regime to govern activities on, over, and under the world's oceans;  
5 and

6 WHEREAS, The convention has been ratified by 167 parties, which includes 166  
7 states and the European Union, but not the United States; and

8 WHEREAS, Relying on other nations to assert claims on behalf of the United States  
9 at the Hague Convention is woefully insufficient to defend and uphold  
10 United States sovereign rights and interests; and

11 WHEREAS, Given strategic challenges the United States faces in the Asia-Pacific  
12 region; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the Congress here assembled urge the Senate to give its advice and  
14 consent to ratify the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea  
15 (UNCLOS); and, be it

16 FURTHER RESOLVED, That this Congress recommend the President become a signatory  
17 to the UNCLOS.

**B15 A Bill to Save the Earth by Mandating Cleaner Trucks**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 SECTION 1. All new semi-trailer trucks sold in the United States must have an EPA  
3 rating of at least 10 Miles Per Gallon

4 SECTION 2. The Miles Per Gallon should be the calculated average with a fully loaded  
5 trailer on level ground

6 SECTION 3. A. The EPA will measure and report on the fuel efficiency of all semi-  
7 trailer trucks for sale in the United States.

8 B. The seller of any new truck that does not meet these guidelines is  
9 subject to a fine of \$50,000 per offending vehicle sold

10 C. The Department of Transportation will be responsible for monitoring  
11 the sale of trucks and enforcing this legislation through legal action

12 SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect January 1, 2025

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



**B16 Local Control of School Lunch Act**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 SECTION 1. For purposes of determining minimum nutrition requirements under  
3 section 9(a)(1)(A) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42  
4 U.S.C. 1758(a)(1)(A)) the Secretary of Agriculture shall— (1) not establish  
5 or apply any requirements with respect to— (A) target 1 sodium; (B)  
6 calorie limitations; or (C) the percentage of grains made with enriched or  
7 whole grain flour; and (2) with respect to grains and meats served in  
8 school breakfasts, apply section 220.8 of title 7, Code of Federal  
9 Regulations, as such section was in effect on September 12, 2008.

10 SECTION 2. Repeal Of Paid Equity Requirements.—Subsection (p) of section 12 of the  
11 Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1760) is repealed.

12 SECTION 3. Regulations.— (1) The Secretary of Agriculture shall update and issue  
13 regulations to carry out this section and the amendments made by this  
14 section. (2) WAIVER.—The Secretary of Agriculture shall offer a State and  
15 local waiver for secondary schools with respect to the requirements  
16 under section 210.14(e) of title 7, Code of Federal Regulations.

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