

Extensive Healthcare Reform Act

(HERA)

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- I.** Medicare Part A is now recategorized as HERA Part A. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services will now pay for all deductibles, in addition to current payments on Part A insurance.
- II.** Medicare Part B is now recategorized as HERA Part B. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services will now fully subsidize HERA Part B premiums, and will subsidize half of Part B deductibles.
- III.** Medicare Part C is declared null and void.
- IV.** HERA Part C:
 - a. Standard vision, dental, and hearing healthcare shall be made available through existing Medicare providers.
 - b. Vision, dental, and hearing plans may be purchased individually, or all in one plan.
 - c. Premiums and deductibles will not be subsidized by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.
 - d. Enrollment in HERA Part C can be completed independently of enrollment in HERA Parts A and B. Enrollment in Parts A and B is not required for participation in Part C plans.
- V.** Medicare Part D is now recategorized as HERA Part D.
 - a. The cost of covering drugs protected by the seven-year market exclusivity provision within the Orphan Drug Act shall be subsidized by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services on the order of 25%.
- VI.** HERA Part E:
 - a. The Food and Drug Administration will organize an Office of Pharmaceutical Price Regulation. The Office of Pharmaceutical Price Regulation will:

- i. Evaluate the cost-effectiveness of drugs based on quality-adjusted life years, which measure the ability of a drug to both extend and improve a patient's life.
 - ii. Prioritize the quality of a patient's welfare and the welfare of the healthcare system over the welfare of pharmaceutical companies.
 - iii. Negotiate and approve list prices of pharmaceutical drugs in the United States before their full Food and Drug Administration approval.
 - b. This price negotiation will occur retroactively on all approved-for-use pharmaceutical drugs right now.
 - c. For new drugs in the approval process, the price negotiation will occur as the final step before full Food and Drug Administration approval of the drug.
 - d. The negotiated price will be considered a price ceiling on the drug, and that price ceiling will be unchangeable for seven years. After seven years, the original developer and sponsor of the drug can apply yearly to raise the price of the drug at the rate of inflation, and nothing more.
 - e. List prices of drugs sponsored by the Orphan Drug Act will not be negotiated until the end of the seven-year market exclusivity provision.
- VII.** The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services will be renamed to the Centers for Healthcare Services.
- VIII.** All laws in conflict are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted for Congressional Debate by Lincoln High School.

A Bill to Cut Funding to Nuclear Energy

BE IT ENACTED BY CONGRESS ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** Funding will be cut from nuclear energy plants by half of its funding, to
2 reduce the issue of cost as well as nuclear waste. Instead these funds will be
3 allocated to companies decided by a special committee for the further
4 development of renewable energy.

5 **SECTION 2.** Nuclear waste shall be defined as: Waste type containing radioactive chemical
6 elements that does not have a practical purpose.

7 Nuclear energy shall be defined as: Energy that is created by splitting apart the
8 nuclei of atoms.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Energy will oversee the cuts to the budget.

SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect at the start of the October 1st, 2020.

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

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Subsidizing America Act

WHEREAS, the middle and lower income classes of American citizens are struggling to make ends meet, being faced with a tax system that works against them and an overwhelming income delta between themselves and the upper class; and

WHEREAS, the middle and lower classes are the backbone of American society and the American economy,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- I. Single individuals reporting less than \$50,000 in income per year will be eligible for a \$3,000 tax credit when filing their taxes. Single individuals with children making less than \$100,000 in income per year will be eligible for the same \$3,000 tax credit. Married individuals reporting less than \$100,000 when filing will be eligible for a \$6,000 tax credit when filing their taxes.
- II. The tax credit will be available at the time of filing, or filers will be able to claim their tax credit in the form of a monthly check delivered by mail. This option is to be selected when filing tax and begins when the tax form is filed.
- III. Implementation of this act will be carried out by the Internal Revenue Service. This tax credit will be made available to filers by April of 2019, by the Internal Revenue Service.
- IV. This act will take effect immediately.

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A Bill to Privatize the USPS

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The USPS will no longer be a governmentally supported enterprise and
2 shall be privatized, with current offices to be gradually sold to the private
3 sector.
- 4 **SECTION 2.** Privatize: to change from public to private control or ownership.
- 5 **SECTION 3.** The USPS will gradually dissolve themselves with oversight from a
6 congressional committee assembled upon passage of the bill.
- 7 **SECTION 4.** Phase-out will begin upon passage of this bill with complete privatization
8 set for 2020.
- 9 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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Puppies Assisting Wounded Servicemembers (PAWS) Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall provide service dogs to veterans
3 with mental illnesses who do not have mobility impairments, as well as
4 provide hardware clinically determined to be required by the dog to
5 perform tasks necessary to assist with veterans' diagnosed disorders.

6 **SECTION 2.** Service dogs are defined by Titles II and III of the Americans with
7 Disabilities Act; and for purposes of this act, they must be certified by
8 Assistance Dogs International, have wellness verification from a licensed
9 veterinarian, and pass the American Kennel Club Community Canine test
10 and the ADI Public Access Test prior to permanent placement with a
11 recipient.

12 **SECTION 3.** Veterans shall be eligible for this benefit if they are enrolled with the
13 Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) under 38 U.S.C. §1705, and has been
14 treated and has completed an established evidence-based treatment for
15 post-traumatic stress disorder yet remains diagnosed with post-traumatic
16 stress disorder by a qualified health care provider as rated on the post-
17 traumatic stress disorder checklist (PCL-5).

18 **SECTION 4.** Once in receipt of the service dog, each veteran must care for the dog
19 including providing food and veterinary care. If at any point, the veteran
20 is no longer able or willing to care for the service dog, the organization
21 that provided the service dog and the veteran shall determine the
22 appropriate recourse to ensure the safety of both the veteran and the
23 service dog.

24 **SECTION 5.** This bill shall take effect upon passage. All laws in conflict with this
25 legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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Voting Opportunities Throughout Elections (VOTE) Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. For all elections for Members of Congress, and the President, the following standards shall apply:

- A. Same-day voter registration must be allowed.
- B. States shall require photo identification only for same-day voter registrants.
- C. Early voting shall be allowed for at least 30 days, with time allotted on at least one weekday evening per week until 9 p.m., and for at least six hours on one weekend day (Saturday or Sunday) each week.
- D. Non-incarcerated individuals who have completed their sentence, including supervised release – but not parole, probation, nor any registration registry requirement – must be allowed to vote.
- E. States may not restrict voter registration drives, efforts, or campaigns.
- F. States may not purge registered voters within a ten-year period of voting.
- G. No restrictions shall be placed on college or university students.

SECTION 2. The Federal Elections Commission shall establish administrative policies related to enforcement of this act. The Department of Justice shall ensure compliance by states.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect for the first federal election following passage.

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

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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:

7 **SECTION 1:** The first sentence of Article 1 of the 14th Amendment
8 shall be reworded as: “All persons born to citizens or legal
9 residents of the United States, or naturalized in the United
10 States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens
11 of the United States and of the state wherein they reside.”

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A Bill to Enforce Responsible Gun Ownership

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Localities that are not covered by a law declaring “It is unlawful for an
3 adult to leave an unsecured firearm owned or controlled by the adult in a
4 manner that the adult knows or reasonably should know is accessible to a
5 child” is not eligible for federal grants” will not be eligible to receive any
6 federal grants for education or law enforcement.

7 **SECTION 2.** (A) “Adult” is person who has attained 18 years of age
8 (B) “Child” is person who has not attained 18 years of age
9 (C) “Firearm” utilizes the definition in 18 U.S.C. §921.
10 (D) “Secured” means in a locked safe or rendered inoperable by means
11 of a lock or other secure gun storage or safety device and where no one
12 other than the owner has access to the code, combination, or key.

13 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice will monitor the compliance of states and
14 localities and alert the relevant people in the appropriations process at
15 the Department of State and Department of Education to prevent the
16 dispersal of funds to ineligible localities. Localities may be covered by
17 state, county, or local laws as long as:
18 (A) The law is substantively similar to Section 1
19 (B) Laws convey criminal liability for crimes committed by children given
20 unlawful access to firearms with said firearms upon the responsible
21 adult.

22 **SECTION 4.** States have 18 months from the date of enactment to comply with this
23 law.

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

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Space Policy Advancing Commerce & Economy (“SPACE”) Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The government will consolidate and reduce regulatory burdens to create a favorable economic environment for commercial space activities.

SECTION 2. 51 U.S.C. §50701 shall be amended to change the name of the Office of Space Commerce to the Bureau of Space Commerce.

SECTION 3. 51 U.S.C. §50702 shall be amended:

A. Establish Bureau of Space Commerce within the Dept. of Commerce, with an Asst. Secretary for Space Commerce, to be appointed by the President and to report directly to the Secretary of Commerce. The Bureau shall promote, coordinate, and regulate space commerce activities including to: foster conditions for economic growth in space industry; coordinating negotiations to promotes U.S. space commerce abroad; promoting geospatial technologies; and providing support to Federal organizations working on space-based positioning navigation.

B. The U.S. Government shall not compete with commercial providers.

SECTION 4. 51 U.S.C. §60121 shall be amended by striking paragraph (a)(2), removing a limitation on the Secretary of Commerce’s licensing authority related to private space systems; and strike §60124 and delegates authority to regulate remote sensing activities to the Bureau of Space Commerce.

SECTION 5. The Secretary of Commerce shall consult with commercial space industry representatives to seek input on policy and regulatory updates. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.) shall not apply to interactions described herein.

SECTION 6. Appropriations of \$10 million shall be made for each of the fiscal years 2020 through 2024.

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Saudi Crown Prince Sanction Act of 2018

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Crown Prince Mohammad bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud (MBS) of
3 Saudi Arabia shall be placed on the Treasury Department, Office of
4 Foreign Asset Control's (OFAC) Specially Designated Nationals and
5 Blocked Persons List (SDN).

6 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect upon passage, and remain in place through FY
7 2020, at which point, status of Crown Prince MBS shall be reevaluated.

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A Resolution to Amend Senate Rules for Presidential Nominations

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The Constitution of the United States vests in the Senate a sacred duty to
2 ensure scrutiny of Presidential nominees for top-level Executive and
3 Judicial Branch officials are the best candidates fit for their positions, and
4 not obligations of favor to the President; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** To be impartial adjudicators of the law, all judges and Justices must
6 affirmatively demonstrate their ability to be unencumbered with political
7 bias and must exhibit a temperament fitting of that impartiality; and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** Presidentially-appointed Executive Branch officials exert high authority and
9 crucial administrative rulemaking for laws passed by this Congress; and
- 10 **WHEREAS,** In a highly partisan contemporary climate, the American people deserve a
11 process for advice and consent not marked by political tribalism or self-
12 interest motivated by impending elections; now, therefore, be it
- 13 **RESOLVED,** That the Senate here assembled amend Rule XXXI: Executive Session -
14 Proceedings on Nominations included in *Standing Rules of the Senate*,
15 to add a new Rule 3, and renumber subsequent rules as 4-8:
16 “Proceedings on a nomination shall be suspended indefinitely in the event
17 of credible allegations of criminal, immoral, or unethical behavior, until
18 such allegations are resolved satisfactorily upon the concurrence of the
19 committee chair and ranking minority member, and this rule may not be
20 suspended without two-thirds of a committee concurring.”

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Postal Operation for Security and Tampering (POST) Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Office of Postal and Shipping Security (OPSS) is herewith established
3 in the Department of Homeland Security, with establishment of a
4 Presidentially-appointed Director, who shall report directly to the
5 Secretary.

6 **SECTION 2.** The OPSS shall be tasked with recommending to Congress no later than
7 180 days following appointment of a Director protocols and budgetary
8 appropriations necessary for scanning and vetting every single mail piece
9 and package shipped by the United States Postal Service (USPS), as well
10 as private industry security requirements for scanning packages sent by
11 non-USPS carriers.

12 **SECTION 3.** The OPSS shall work closely with the USPS Postal Inspection Service, the
13 Postmaster General, and representatives of the three largest private
14 shipping companies in the United States.

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

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Korematsu-Takai Civil Liberties Protection Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Section 4001 of title 18, United States Code, is amended—

3 (1) by redesignating subsection (b) as subsection (c); and

4 (2) by inserting after subsection (a) the following:

5 “(b) Prohibition On Detention Based On Protected Characteristics.

6 “(1) IN GENERAL.—No individual may be imprisoned or otherwise
7 detained based solely on an actual or perceived protected
8 characteristic of the individual.

9 “(2) DEFINITION.—In this subsection, the term ‘protected
10 characteristic’ includes— (A) race; (B) ethnicity; (C) national
11 origin; (D) religion; (E) gender; (F) gender identity; and (G) sexual
12 orientation.”

13 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect upon passage.

14 **SECTION 3.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Ensure Succession Stability and Executive Accountability Regarding Treaties

WHEREAS, Each new President inherits stewardship of treaties previously ratified to
by the United States of America in good faith in the international
community; and

WHEREAS, The President must obtain advice and consent of the Senate before ratifying a treaty, so it logically follows the Senate should offer advice and consent in withdrawal from a treaty; now, therefore, be it

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

ARTICLE --

SECTION 1: The President must obtain Advice and Consent of the Senate to withdraw from any treaty previously ratified by the United States of America.

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

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