



Arizona State University

## Hugh Downs School of Human Communication Invitational 2020

### Congressional Debate Docket – Preliminary Sessions

The tournament will be contested by NSDA rules, except where indicated below. Please be sure that your students are familiar with NSDA policies and parliamentary procedures:

Each session will begin with the election of the presiding officer for that round. Each session will follow NSDA definitions for a change of session.

The agenda for the Preliminary sessions will be set by a caucus in chambers at the beginning of session one.

The number of preliminary chambers and the number who advance from each will be determined based on total entries at the start of the competition.

Preliminary chamber assignments will be provided at the opening assembly.

If a school has more competitors than chambers, they will be sectioned in chambers so that one chamber is opened for their judges to participate. One or two scorers and a parliamentarian will be assigned to each preliminary session, depending on the availability of the judge pool. Scorers will rotate; the parliamentarian will stay the same throughout the prelims.

Advancing students will be selected by judge ranks, using NSDA tiebreakers where applicable.

# 1 - The Education Reform Act 2020

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Government will hereby provide Categorical Grants to states  
3 of a total of 300 billion dollars to invest in Universal Preschool. The funding will  
4 go into the following educational measures:

5 **A:** Specialized training in pre-K for teachers

6 **B:** Vision, hearing, and health screenings for children, and at least one support  
7 service

8 **C:** At least 15 hours/year of professional learning.

9 **SECTION 2.** The following terms shall be defined:

10 **A** Categorical Grant is defined as grants issued by the United States Congress,  
11 which may be spent only for narrowly defined purposes.

12 **B** Universal Preschool is defined as government-funded preschool programs  
13 which ensure preschool is available to every child in the U.S.

14 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education will oversee the implementation of this bill.

15 **A:** This legislations funding shall come from issuing a wealth tax of 2 percent on  
16 households with a net worth of over 50 million dollars.

17 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect Fiscal Year 2020.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Presentation High School*

## 2 - A Bill to Improve the Democratic Republic of Congo's Infrastructure

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** \$500 million will be allocated to the government of the Democratic Republic of  
3 Congo (DCR) for the purposes of expanding and improving infrastructure.

4 **SECTION 2.** Infrastructure will be defined as roads, bridges, power grids, sewage systems,  
5 water filtration systems, and schools.

6 **SECTION 3.** The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) & the State  
7 Department will oversee the implementation of this legislation.

8 A. USAID will work with the DCR government to ensure that funds are spent on  
9 infrastructure projects outlined above. The State Department shall conduct  
10 audits every year to ensure the money is being spent on infrastructure.

11 B. If the audits report that the DCR is not using the money for infrastructure  
12 projects, the funding will be retracted.

13 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be funded by taking money out of the Overseas Contingency  
14 Operations Funding (OCO).

15 **SECTION 5** This bill will go into effect in Fiscal Year 2021.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Presentation High School*

### 3 – A Bill to Improve the Treatment of Uighur Muslims in China

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Federal Government shall impose trade restrictions upon

3 Chinese companies that have been found to be complicit in the operation of  
4 Chinese Uighur Muslim re-education camps.

5 **A.** All domestic and foreign branches of United States depository institutions  
6 shall be directed to deny financial services to Chinese companies that have been  
7 found to be complicit to the aforementioned involvement.

8 **SECTION 2.** Trade restrictions are to be defined as tariffs or quota restrictions upon goods,  
9 technology, or services designated for export to a given country, or imported  
10 from that given country.

11 **B.** A complicit company is to be considered as one that has provided economic,  
12 logistical, or material support to the construction, maintenance, or function of  
13 Chinese Uighur Muslim re-education camps.

14 **C.** Financial services will be defined as the provision of access to or service of the  
15 financial accounts of a given entity, including but not limited to the conduction  
16 of investments, loans, deposits, withdrawals, and general financial transactions.

17 **SECTION 3.** The United States Office of Foreign Assets Control shall administer and enforce  
18 this legislation.

19 **D.** The extent and magnitude to which restrictions on goods and services will be  
20 applied shall be determined by the United States Department of the Treasury.

21 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be implemented immediately upon passage.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Leland High School*

#### 4 – A Resolution to Increase Public School Teacher Pay

1   **WHEREAS,**     the proficiency of students in terms of math, reading, and science in the USA is

2 lagging behind other developed countries in the global status quo, and

3 **WHEREAS,** teachers often have to provide for their students' materials through their own

4 budget, and

5     **WHEREAS,** teachers often work more hours than their funding calculates, and

6     **WHEREAS,**     the median annual salary for high school teachers was \$57,200 in 2015,

7 therefore, be it

8     **RESOLVED,**     That the Congress here assembled make the following recommendations to

9 increase public school teacher pay by 15%, and be it

10 **FURTHER RESOLVED** That the Congress make the additional recommendation to remove

11 academic tenure from public schools.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Leland High School*

## 5 - A Bill to Reform Counterterrorism in the Sahel Region

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States will transition current hard power aid in the Sahel  
3 region to soft power.

4 **A.** \$40 billion shall be invested in humanitarian aid in the region

5 **B.** Military spending and personnel will be reduced for the Sahel region  
6 by 15% each year

7 **SECTION 2.** The Sahel Region is defined as: Mauritania, Mali, Burkina Faso, Niger,  
8 Nigeria, Chad and Sudan

9 **A.** Humanitarian aid includes but is not limited to: food, water, education,  
10 vocational training, and medical supplies.

11 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Defense will oversee the reduction of military  
12 spending and personnel in the Sahel Region.

13 **A.** USAID will oversee the implementation of humanitarian aid.

14 **B.** A senate oversight committee will be created to review USAID  
15 discretionary spending.

16 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect January 1, 2020

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Hamilton High School*

## 6 – A Resolution to Protect Workers from Sexual Harassment

1   **WHEREAS,**   Non-Disclosure Agreements relating to sexual harassment prevent victims from

2 sharing traumatic experiences; and,

3   **WHEREAS,**       Companies in the United States often include Sexual Harassment provisions in

4 such Non-Disclosure Agreements; and,

5     **WHEREAS,**     Victims who violate the Non-Disclosure Agreement are subject to heavy fines

6 and company retaliation; therefore, be in

7 **RESOLVED,** Sexual harassment provisions in Non-Disclosure Agreements will be prohibited

8 in every state and United States territories.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Hamilton High School*

## 7 - A Bill to Fix our Healthcare System

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Americans with inadequate health insurance will be covered adequately by  
3 private insurance companies operating across state lines. Insurance companies  
4 who provide coverage in the manner described above will receive a \$50 million  
5 tax break. The price controls included in the Affordable Care Act will also be  
6 repealed.

7 **SECTION 2.** Inadequate coverage will be defined as insurance plans that do not cover  
8 preexisting conditions, common ailments, unexpected emergencies, necessary  
9 surgeries and biological-sex specific concerns by 80% or more.

10 **SECTION 3.** The implementation of this legislation will be overseen by the Department of  
11 Health and Human Services along with the Internal Revenue Service.

12 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1st, 2022.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Horizon High School*



## 8 - A Bill to Require States to Release Marijuana Offenders

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Any state that legalizes marijuana medically and/ or recreationally must  
3 also release all prisoners convicted of marijuana offenses. These states  
4 must also expunge the criminal records of these released offenders.  
5 These actions do not release offenders with non-marijuana related  
6 convictions.

7 **SECTION 2. A.** Expunge is defined as removing a conviction from a defendant's  
8 criminal record as well as the public record.

9 **B.** Marijuana offenses are defined as the possession and/ or distribution of  
10 marijuana.

11 **SECTION 3.** States that legalize marijuana must determine the funds needed to  
12 process these releases and allocate the funds from their prison budget.

13 **A.** Prisoners will be released based on time of imprisonment to allow  
14 those who have been incarcerated the longest to be released first.

15 **B.** Each state's Department of Justice shall oversee the expungement of  
16 the criminal records.

17 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented upon passage.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Desert Ridge High School*

## 9 - A Bill to Reform the Juvenile Criminal Justice System

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Any child that is 15 or younger can no longer be placed on the sex  
3 offender registry, and those who were placed on the registry at these  
4 ages shall be removed from the registry.

5 **SECTION 2.** “Sex Offender Registry” is defined as a system designed to allow  
6 government authorities to keep track of the activities of sex offenders,  
7 including those who have completed their criminal sentences.

8 **SECTION 3.** The US Department of Justice shall oversee the implementation of this  
9 bill.

10 **A.** States that do not immediately adhere to the new system will pay a  
11 fine of \$500,000.

12 **B.** States that continue to ignore the new system will be required to give  
13 up their jurisdiction of sex offender cases to the national government.

14 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall be implemented at the start of 2020 fiscal year.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Desert Ridge High School*

## 10 - A Bill to Grant Humanitarian Aid to Colombia and Peru

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** 96 million dollars in Humanitarian Aid will be given to the country of  
3 Colombia and Peru to assist in taking in migrants/refugees coming from  
4 Venezuela.

5 **SECTION 2.** Humanitarian aid is defined as funding for the purposes of addressing  
6 food security, providing medical and hygienic supplies, and shelter for  
7 those refugees.

8 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of State and the United States Agency for  
9 International Development shall jointly oversee the enforcement of this  
10 bill.

11 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall go into effect immediately upon passage.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Advanced Technical Academy*

## 11 - A Resolution to Demilitarize Kashmir

1     **WHEREAS,**     The people of Kashmir have been oppressed since 1947 by both India and  
2                     Pakistan; and

3     **WHEREAS,**     The reason being is that both countries have been trying to gain control of the  
4                     region by using military forces as well as political interventions; and

5     **WHEREAS,**     Due to this, hundreds of civilians die each year because of India and Pakistani  
6                     armed forces as well as an uprising of local terrorist groups; and

7     **WHEREAS,** Kashmiris have been losing access to basic human needs such as  
8                   pharmaceuticals, water, internet access and so forth and conflict in the region  
9                   has only been growing as India and Pakistan are making moves to take full  
10                  control of the region; now, therefore, be it

11     **RESOLVED,**     That the Congress here assembled urges India and Pakistan to remove all  
12                             military forces within a 50-kilometer radius of Kashmir by March 1<sup>st</sup> 2020, and  
13                             be it

14     **FURTHER RESOLVED** That if India or Pakistan do not oblige, then the United States will stop  
15                   arms sales and/or reduce foreign aid to countries not in compliance.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Advanced Technical Academy*

## 12 - A Bill to Ban the Use of Subminimum Wage

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The federal government shall ban the use of subminimum wage for a  
3 disabled employee by any employment.

4 **SECTION 2.** Subminimum wage will be defined as any wage that is lower than the  
5 designated minimum wage. Disabled will be defined as impaired or  
6 limited by a physical, mental, cognitive, or development condition.

7 **SECTION 3.** The US Department of Labor will oversee the enforcement of this  
8 legislation.

9 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will be enacted at the start of the next fiscal year.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Northridge High School*

### 13 - A Resolution to Halt Military Aid to Egypt

1     **WHEREAS,**     The United States' relationship with Egypt was created to ensure  
2                    continual access to Persian Gulf energy resources and shipping lanes; and

3     **WHEREAS,**     the United States is now the world's largest producer of crude oil and no  
4                     longer needs to spend 1.6 billion dollars per year in military aid to  
5                     maintain this access; and

6     **WHEREAS,** Egyptian President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi misuses United States military  
7     resources and provides little to no aid and support in return; and

8     **WHEREAS,** Human rights violations continue to occur in Egypt despite threats to pull  
9     back on military aid commitments; now, therefore, be it

10     **RESOLVED,**     By the Congress here assembled that the United States of America cuts  
11                     its military aid to Egypt.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Durham Academy*

## 14 - A Resolution to Rejoin the CPTPP to Promote Economic Growth and Integration

1   **WHEREAS,**     eleven (11) nation-states have created the Comprehensive and  
2                   Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP), putting U.S.  
3                   businesses at a significant competitive disadvantage, and

4   **WHEREAS,**     the United States withdrew its signature from the Trans-Pacific  
5                   Partnership Agreement (TPP) on January 23, 2017, as part of President  
6                   Donald Trump’s economic strategy of “putting America first,” costing the  
7                   United States billions in potential economic gains, and

8   **WHEREAS,**     the TPP would have provided greater market access opportunities for  
9                   America’s workers across a variety of industries, and

10   **WHEREAS,**    the CPTPP would foster free trade between Australia, Brunei, Canada,  
11                   Chile, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Peru, Singapore, Vietnam,  
12                   and the United States, boosting the global economy therefore be it

13   **RESOLVED,**    By the Congress here assembled make the following recommendation  
14                   that the US join the CPTPP.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Durham Academy*

## 15 - A Bill to Implement a Universal Basic Income

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States federal government shall distribute 1000 US dollars a month  
3 to each adult and 500 US dollars a month to each child currently residing in the  
4 United States.

5 **SECTION 2.** In order to be eligible, the child and adult must be a legal resident, defined as a  
6 person who by place of birth, nationality of one or both parents, or by going  
7 through the naturalization process has sworn loyalty to a nation.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Treasury will oversee implementation of this bill. All  
9 necessary funding will be collected from a 5% increased income tax on  
10 individuals whose income exceeds 1 million dollars per year.

11 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented at the beginning of the new fiscal year.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Mesa High School*



## 16 - A Bill to Increase the Funding to School Teachers

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All Department of Education funding shall be withheld if they don't not follow a  
3 new requirement; all funding distributed to district administration will be  
4 decreased by 10%. All remaining funds shall be reallocated to teachers.

5 **SECTION 2.** District administration is defined as any person that is employed by a federally  
6 funded school district that doesn't actively work in a school building.

7 **SECTION 3.** The department of education shall oversee the implementation of this  
8 legislation.

9 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be implemented in the year following the passage of the  
10 bill.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Bingham High School*

# 17 - A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Mandate Judicial Oversight of Presidential Pardons

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

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

7 **ARTICLE --**

8 **SECTION 1:** All Presidential pardons must be approved by the Supreme Court of the United States of  
9 America. The Supreme Court has the choice to deny outright the pardon or their approval must adhere  
10 to these criteria, the person being pardon must not have; committed treason against these United  
11 States of America, committed a violent felony, or be a former associate of the president either public  
12 or private.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Bingham High School*

## 18 - A Bill to End Sanctions on Russia

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall end all economic sanctions placed upon Russia since  
3 2014.

4 Sanctions upon specific individuals, including but not limited to Executive Orders  
5 13660, 13694, and 13685, shall remain in place.

6 **SECTION 2.** The United States Department of State shall initiate efforts to increase trade  
7 and economic investment between the United States and Russia.

8 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of State will oversee the implementation of this  
9 bill.

10 **SECTION 4.** The legislation shall take effect on January 1st, 2020.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Desert Vista High School*

## 19 - A Bill to Withdrawal from the Enhanced Defense Cooperation Agreement

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Philippines has participated in worsening human rights abuses  
3 throughout the last decade. The Enhanced Defense Cooperation  
4 Agreement continues to support their government, military, and parts of  
5 their economy. The United States will thus remove our signature on the  
6 EDCA.

7 **SECTION 2.** The EDCA is an agreement signed in 2014 between the United States and  
8 the Philippines. It was written with a purpose of providing joint military  
9 support for both parties through joint use of bases, vehicles, and troops.

10 **SECTION 3.** Congress and the current Ambassador to the Philippines shall oversee the  
11 implementation of this legislation.

12 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect upon the next diplomatic mission from  
13 the current ambassador.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Copper Hills High School*

## 20 - A Resolution to Push for Ukraine's Entrance Into NATO

1     **WHEREAS,**       Russia has shown increased aggression toward Ukraine, especially in the  
2                       region of the Crimea; and

3     **WHEREAS,**     Ukraine’s entrance into NATO will ensure that that their sovereignty is  
4                     protected; and

5   **WHEREAS,**   The United States has immense sway over the actions of NATO; and

6     **WHEREAS,**     Russia will be very reluctant to continue their aggression if they risk the  
7                     retribution of the NATO Alliance; and

8     **WHEREAS,**     Ukraine Falling into Russian hands would a serious blow to democracy in  
9                    Eastern Europe; now, therefore, be it

10     **RESOLVED,**     By the Congress here assembled that the United States Formally  
11                         recommend and support Ukraine’s entrance into NATO.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Mountain Crest High School*

## 21 - A Resolution to Add Funding to Social Security

- 1    **WHEREAS,**    Social Security is predicted to run out within the next two decades; and
- 2    **WHEREAS,**    Without Social Security many older people will suffer for lack of money in
- 3                      retirement; and
- 4    **WHEREAS,**    Many people who are currently contributing to Social Security will not get
- 5                      any benefits from it; and
- 6    **WHEREAS,**    The United States has a very large aging population; and
- 7    **WHEREAS,**    Many retirement aged Americans will not have a comfortable retirement
- 8                      without the addition of Social Security; now, therefore, be it
- 9    **RESOLVED,**    By the Congress here assembled that the Federal Government allocate
- 10                     additional funds to the Social Security program.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Mountain Crest High School*

## 22 - A Bill to Implement Funding for Safe Injection Sites

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Bill will provide for 70 million US dollars to go towards the funding  
3 and creation of Safe Injection Sites. Safe Injection Sites will also now have  
4 more federal inspections. These federal inspections will happen once  
5 each economic quarter.

6 **SECTION 2.** Safe Injection Sites will be defined as medical supervision sites for people  
7 who want to inject pre-obtained drugs, that have at least one  
8 rehabilitation center. A rehabilitation center is an addiction treatment  
9 center that provides supervised medical detox and rehab programs to  
10 treat alcoholism, drug addiction and co-occurring mental health disorders  
11 such as PTSD, depression and anxiety.

12 **SECTION 3.** Implementation will be overseen by the Food and Drug Administration  
13 and the Department of Environmental Quality.

14 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect immediately upon passage.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Brophy College Prep*

## 23 - A Bill to Promote Geothermal Energy

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States government shall enact an additional 15% corporate  
3 income tax on all companies that use hydraulic fracturing to extract  
4 natural gas or petroleum. All funds collected from the tax will be invested  
5 in geothermal energy through supporting private energy companies.

6 **SECTION 2. A.** Hydraulic fracturing is defined as a technique in which water is mixed  
7 with sand and chemicals, and the mixture is injected at high pressure into  
8 a wellbore to create fractures, along which natural gas and petroleum  
9 may migrate to the well for extraction.

10 **B.** Private energy companies are defined as companies that devote at  
11 least 60% of their investments toward geothermal energy production.

12 **SECTION 3. A.** The U.S. Department of Energy and the U.S. Department of the  
13 Treasury shall oversee the implementation of this legislation.

14 **B.** The House Ways and Means Committee shall be given the task to  
15 allocate funding to private energy companies.

16 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect on January 1, 2020.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Brophy College Prep*





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## Hugh Downs School of Human Communication Invitational 2020

### Congressional Debate Docket – Semifinals and Finals

**Rules and Guidelines:** Semifinals and Finals will each last three hours. Each session will begin with the election of the presiding officer. The agenda will be set by a caucus in chambers.

The Semifinals and Finals will feature direct examination with each questioner receiving a 30 second period. The presiding officer will keep a separate recency chart to determine questioners.

For the Semifinal and Final rounds, competitors will be considered Senators. All legislation is adapted from items which have passed the House of Representatives in the 116<sup>th</sup> Congress but have not been debated by the Senate. This legislation should be treated as if Senator McConnell has permitted it to come to the floor.

# S1 – Raise the Wage Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Section 6(a)(1) of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 is amended to  
3 read as follows:

4 (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, not less than:  
5 (A) \$8.40 an hour, beginning on the effective date in Section 4;  
6 (B) \$9.50 an hour, beginning 1 year after such effective date;  
7 (C) \$10.60 an hour, beginning 2 years after such effective date;  
8 (D) \$11.70 an hour, beginning 3 years after such effective date;  
9 (E) \$12.80 an hour, beginning 4 years after such effective date;  
10 (F) \$13.90 an hour, beginning 5 years after such effective date;  
11 (G) \$15.00 an hour, beginning 6 years after such effective date;  
12 (H) Beginning on that date 7 years after such effective date, the  
13 amount determined by the Secretary of Labor.

14 **SECTION 2.** Employees whose wages are supplemented by tips shall have a cash  
15 wage of \$3.60 an hour, which shall raise by \$1.50 for each successive  
16 year.

17 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Labor shall oversee enforcement of this legislation.

18 **SECTION 4.** This shall take effect 90 days after passage.

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

*Adapted from HR 582, as passed by the House of Representatives in the 116<sup>th</sup> Congress*

## S2 – Elijah E. Cummings Lower Drug Costs Now Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** On an annual Basis, the Secretary shall publish a list of selected drugs  
3 which the Secretary projects will result in the greatest savings to the  
4 Federal Government, enter into agreements with manufacturers of  
5 selected drugs, and negotiate and, if applicable, renegotiate maximum  
6 fair prices for such selected drugs.

7 **SECTION 2.** The “maximum fair price” for a selected drug means the price published  
8 in the Federal Register for that year, taking into account the price  
9 negotiated for the previous year. Pharmaceutical companies may not  
10 charge federal programs more than the maximum fair price for any drug  
11 on this Register.

12 **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of Health and Human Services shall oversee  
13 implementation of this legislation.

14 **SECTION 4.** This shall take effect on January 1, 2021, with the initial price applicability  
15 year to begin on or before January 1, 2023.

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

*Adapted from HR 3, as passed by the House of Representatives in the 116<sup>th</sup> Congress*

## S3 – American Dream and Promise Act of 2019

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Department of Homeland Security and the Department of Justice  
3 shall cancel removal proceedings against certain aliens who entered the  
4 United States as minors and grant such aliens conditional permanent  
5 residence status for 10 years.

6 **A.** To qualify for such status, the alien must have been continuously  
7 present in the United States for a minimum of 10 years, be enrolled in  
8 or have completed a post-secondary education program, and not  
9 have been convicted of violent criminal offenses.

10 **SECTION 2.** DHS shall administer an application to this program and shall streamline  
11 procedures for those who received Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals  
12 status and were not disqualified for renewal.

13 **A.** DHS shall remove the conditional status for any alien who serves at  
14 least two years and receives an honorable discharge from a  
15 Uniformed Service.

16 **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security and the Attorney  
17 General shall oversee implementation of this legislation.

18 **SECTION 4.** This shall take effect on June 30, 2021.

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

*Adapted from HR 6, as passed by the House of Representatives in the 116<sup>th</sup> Congress*

# F1 – Voting Rights Advancement Act of 2019

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Any state or any political subdivision within that state which is found to  
3 have committed fifteen or more voting rights violations within that state  
4 in the previous 25 years; or ten or more voting rights violations during  
5 the previous 25 years in which the state itself (as opposed to a political  
6 subdivision within the state) was found to be at fault shall be required to  
7 obtain preclearance prior to any change in method of election, change to  
8 jurisdiction boundaries, change in redistricting, change in qualifications or  
9 documentation to vote, change in multilingual voting materials, or  
10 changes that reduce, consolidate, or relocate voting locations, or reduce  
11 voting opportunities.

12 **SECTION 2.** A “voting right violation” shall consist of violations of the fourteenth and  
13 fifteenth amendments as well as provisions of the Voting Rights Act of  
14 1965.

15 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice shall identify violations of this act, as well as  
16 oversee preclearance for those states found in violation.

17 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect upon passage.

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

*Adapted from HR 4, as passed by the House of Representatives in the 116<sup>th</sup> Congress*

## F2 – Bipartisan Background Checks Act of 2019

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** It shall be unlawful for any person who is not a licensed importer,  
3 manufacturer, or licensed dealer to transfer a firearm to any other  
4 person who is not so licensed, unless a licensed importer, manufacturer,  
5 or dealer has first taken possession of the firearm for the purpose of  
6 completing a federal firearm background check as outlined in Section 922  
7 of title 18, U.S.C.

8 **SECTION 2.** No provision of Section 1 shall be construed to apply to a loan or bona  
9 fide gift between spouses, domestic partners, parents and children  
10 (including step-parents and step-children), between siblings, or between  
11 grandparents and grandchildren, if the transferor has no reason to  
12 believe that the transferee will use the firearm in a crime or is prohibited  
13 from possessing firearms under State or Federal law.

14 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Bureau of Investigation, through the National Instant  
15 Criminal Background Check System, shall oversee such checks. Nothing in  
16 this act shall constitute a national registry of firearm ownership.

17 **SECTION 4.** This shall take effect immediately after passage.

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

*Adapted from HR 8, as passed by the House of Representatives in the 116<sup>th</sup> Congress*

## F3 – Climate Action Now Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Not later than 120 days after the enactment of this act, the President  
3 shall develop and submit to the appropriate congressional agencies a  
4 plan for the United States to meet its nationally determined contribution  
5 under the Paris Agreement. Such plans shall include:

6 **A.** How the United States will achieve a target of reducing its  
7 greenhouse gas emissions by 26 to 28 percent by 2025.

8 **B.** The impact of several factors on the United States' ability to reach  
9 such targets, including American jobs and wages; the cost of energy  
10 such as electricity and gasoline for consumers; and the ability to  
11 develop and deploy new, innovative, domestically produced  
12 technologies.

13 **SECTION 2.** No federal funding shall be authorized to be appropriated, obligated, or  
14 expended to take any action to advance the withdrawal of the United  
15 States from the Paris Agreement.

16 **SECTION 3.** The Departments of Veterans Affairs and Health and Human Services  
17 shall coordinate the process of reimbursement as outlined in Section 1.

18 **SECTION 4.** This shall take effect on March 1, 2020.

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

*Adapted from HR 9, as passed by the House of Representatives in the 116<sup>th</sup> Congress*