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Item 1: A Bill to make the Speaker of the House an Electable Position by the Public

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The position of Speaker of the house will become an electable position
3 voted on every two years. The election will follow the already established
4 voting system on the federal level. Also follow presidential requirements
5 on if a candidate is eligible, and same campaign rules as a presidential
6 election.

7 **SECTION 2.** The Speaker as the House will be defined as is the political and
8 parliamentary leader of the House of Representatives. Also the term
9 electable position will be defined as a position that is voted on by the
10 electoral college.

11 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Election Commission (FEC) and the National Archives and
12 Records Administration (NARA) will oversee the election process.

13 A. \$75 million will be allocated to the FEC to cover the cost of the
14 presidential public funding program, and any other cost to oversee
15 the elections.

16 B. The \$75 million will be re-allocated from the Federal Reserve
17 overnight loan program. After the initial election cycle the \$3 tax
18 checkoff will be increased to \$6 and also pay for the Speaker of the
19 house election.

20 **SECTION 4.** This Bill will go into effect immediately after being passed, but the first
21 election will be held in the 2022 election cycle.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Russellville High School

Item 1A: A Bill to Require All Eligible Citizens to Complete 4 Years of Military Service

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 SECTION 1. All eligible citizens will be drafted into the armed forces when or if they
3 meet the criteria for acceptance.

4 SECTION 2. Eligibility is defined as anyone between the ages of 18 and 35, is a citizen
5 of the United States and does not have a disqualifying medical disability.

6 SECTION 3. The Department of Defense will oversee the enforcement and -
7 implementation of this bill.

8 A. All eligible citizens in the United States that have not completed their
9 mandatory service by the age of 35 will be required to complete 8000
10 hours of community service within 8 years.

11 B. If an eligible citizen fails to complete the required community service
12 within 8 years and still has time to complete, they will serve one day
13 of jail time for every hour they did not complete unless they have
14 completed at least 6999 hours, at which point they will only be
15 imprisoned for their time remaining.

16 SECTION 4. This bill will go into effect immediately for anyone turning 18 and beyond
17 in 2020.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Jonesboro High School

Item 2: Bill to Remove the Electoral College to Create Fair Elections

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The electoral college will be removed as the United States method of
3 electing a president.

4 **SECTION 2.** Electoral College is a body of people representing the states of the US,
5 who formally cast votes for the election of the president and vice
6 president.

7 **SECTION 3.** All punishments for states which fail to comply with the new public
8 opinion voting model shall follow the same punishments used
9 currently for failure to comply with the electoral college.

10 **SECTION 4.** The National Archives and Records Association and the Federal Election
11 Commission will administer the removal of the Electoral College and
12 replace it with the popular vote model. The popular vote model is
13 defined as electing the president by popular vote.

14 **SECTION 5.** The new model will be implemented by November 2rd, 2020

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

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Item 3: The Russian Rebuke Resolution

WHEREAS, *the Central Intelligence Agency, Office of the Director of National Intelligence, Federal Bureau of Investigation, National Security Agency, Department of Justice, Department of Homeland Security, and both the House and Senate Intelligence Committees have all concluded that the Russian Federation intentionally interfered in the 2016 United States Presidential Election; and*

WHEREAS, *the United States holding secure and independent elections is vital to both our democracy and the international community; and*

WHEREAS, *Russian interference has called the security and independence of United States elections into question throughout the world; and*

WHEREAS, *the Russian Federation has refused to acknowledge that the interference took place; and*

WHEREAS, *all signs point to the conclusion that Russians will interfere in the 2020 Presidential Election; now, therefore be it*

RESOLVED, *by the Congress here assembled that we do hereby forcefully condemn the Russian Federation for their role in interfering in the 2016 United States Presidential Election.*

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Item 4: A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to

Allow Line Item Vetoes

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

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

7 **ARTICLE 28**

8 **SECTION 1.** The Congress shall have the power to empower the President to sign only
9 a portion of bills sent to them for approval.

10 **SECTION 2.** The President may only exercise this power when explicitly granted the
11 authority to do so by an act of Congress.

12 **SECTION 3.** The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate
13 legislation.

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Item 5: The Universal Pre-K Act of 2020

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Federal Government shall provide grants to all states

3 for the implementation of a Universal Preschool program.

4 **SECTION 2.** States will be responsible for the distribution of grants and the

5 implementation of the Universal Preschool programs.

6 **SECTION 3.** States shall retain the right to refuse the grant funding in Section 1 of this

7 legislation and the right to not establish a Universal Preschool program.

8 **SECTION 4.** Funding for the grants mandated by Section 1 of this legislation shall be

9 derived from the Department of Education's Fiscal Year 2021 budget.

10 **SECTION 5.** This legislation shall be implemented by the Department of Education.

11 **SECTION 6.** This legislation shall go into effect on October 1st 11, 2021.

12 **SECTION 7.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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Item 6: A Resolution to Recognize Kurdistan as a Sovereign Nation

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The Kurdish are an independent ethnic group that make up the majority of the
2 residents of Kurdistan, a region within Western Asia divided between Syria, Iraq,
3 Iran and Turkey; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** The Kurds have been suppressed by the regimes their ancestral lands fall under,
5 and have suffered human rights abuses and been denied education due to
6 ethnic conflict and discrimination; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** Have shown interest in forming an independent democratic government in a
8 region of autocratic regimes to escape suppression by regional governments;
9 and
- 10 **WHEREAS,** The Kurdish Peshmerga has been instrumental in combating ISIS and other
11 terror organizations and the spread of the Syrian autocracy; and
- 12 **WHEREAS,** The United States has informally dealt with Kurds as a separate nation, and has
13 used their independent militias to further our agenda in the Middle East; now,
14 therefore, be it,
- 15 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that the United States of America recognize
16 Kurdistan as a sovereign nation and support the development of a stable
17 democratic government of Kurdistan through developmental and diplomatic
18 aid.

Item 7: A Resolution to Protect Alaskan National Parks and Forests

- 1 **WHEREAS,** President Trump and his administration are trying to remove protections
2 against oil drilling and logging in Alaskan National Parks, Wildlife Refuges,
3 and Forests; and;
- 4 **WHEREAS,** the National Parks and Wildlife Refuges harbor and protect threatened
5 animal species, like polar bears, sea otters, seals, and caribou; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** the Tongass National Forest is the largest remaining temperate rainforest
7 in the United States; and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** oil drilling and logging will not only displace and harm the threatened
9 animal species but also destroy a biodiverse forest unlike any other left
10 on the planet; now, therefore, be it
- 11 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that the executive removal of
12 protections for oil drilling and logging in Alaskan National Parks, Wildlife
13 Refuges, and Forests should be blocked by the legislative branch; and, be
14 it
- 15 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That similar protections are extended across National Parks,
16 Wildlife Refuges, and Forests to avoid threats of oil drilling, logging, and
17 other detrimental activities in the future.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Dripping Springs High School.

Item 8: The Freedom Dividend Act of 2020

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All US Citizens over the age of 18 will be guaranteed Freedom Dividend

3 payments of \$1000 per month. Current welfare and social program

4 beneficiaries will be given the choice between their current benefits and

5 the Freedom Dividend. A Value Tax will be implemented for cost.

6 **SECTION 2.** The Freedom Dividend shall be defined as a government payout of 1000

7 United States Dollars per month to US Citizens over the age of 18. The

8 Value Tax will be defined as a 10% tax on the production of goods and

9 services a company produces.

10 **SECTION 3.** The US Social Security Administration in Conjunction with the IRS will be

11 responsible for the enforcement of this legislation. Go into further details

12 if necessary.

13 **A.** Congress will provide up to 1 Trillion Dollars per year to make up for

14 any funding not made in the Value Tax. All Value Tax funds collected

15 by the IRS will be given to the social security administration for

16 implementation.

17 **SECTION 4.** Full Implementation for this legislation is due January 1, 2021.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Northland Christian School



Item 9: The Immigration Coordination & Efficiency (I.C.E.) Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall reallocate resources from border control to

3 immigration courts for the purpose of increasing court efficiency.

4 **SECTION 2.** Border control is defined as measures adopted by the U.S. to regulate

5 and monitor immigration and traffic along the U.S.-Mexico border.

6 **E.** \$100 million shall be removed from the annual Customs and Border

7 Protection (CBP) budget.

8 **F.** The money from Section 2A shall be reallocated into the annual

9 Executive Office for Immigration Review budget to fund the

10 acquisition of new immigration justices and support staff.

11 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the Department of

12 Justice (DoJ) shall be tasked with the implementation of this bill.

13 **A.** The DHS shall reorganize the remaining CBP budget to reflect on the

14 changes made in Section 2A.

15 **B.** The DoJ shall oversee the implementation of Section 2B.

16 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall take effect in FY 2021.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Clements High School

Item 10: A Resolution to Recognize Hong Kong's Government

1 **WHEREAS,** Hong Kong's civilians have sought political and economic independence

2 from the People's Republic China for years on end; and

3 **WHEREAS,** China is encroaching on Hong Kong's economic and legal autonomy as a

4 global business hub; and

5 **WHEREAS,** China has restricted Hong Kong's political freedom and silenced pro

6 democracy voices and organizations in the region; and

7 **WHEREAS,** Protests by Hong Kong civilians against Chinese law enforcement have

8 grown increasingly violent on both sides over the years; and

9 **WHEREAS,** Hong Kong has no official political allies aiding them in their policy

10 objectives; now, therefore, be it

11 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that the United States formally

12 acknowledge the independent government of Hong Kong and extend

13 political support to its civilians.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Saint Mary's Hall.

Item 11: A Resolution to Recognize Native American Genocide in the United States

1 **WHEREAS,** Genocide is defined by the UN as “acts committed with intent to destroy,

2 in whole or in part, a national, ethnical, racial or religious group”; and

3 **WHEREAS,** on the international stage, the United States can’t morally criticize other

4 nations for their acts of genocide when it refuses to recognize its own;

5 and

6 **WHEREAS,** since its founding the United States has sought to erase Native cultures

7 for its own gain; and

8 **WHEREAS,** Native territories were stolen and their societies destroyed to make way

9 for white settlement; and

10 **WHEREAS,** Native populations were decimated by the United States, through forced

11 relocation, aggressive assimilation, and outright murder; and

12 **WHEREAS,** Native Americans still endure widespread marginalization and oppression

13 in our nation; and

14 **WHEREAS,** The United States need to take responsibility for its transgressions and

15 heal its relationship with the Native American community; now,

16 therefore, be it

17 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that United States recognizes the

18 genocide it committed against Native Americans populations.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Earl Warren High School



Item 12: A Bill to Implement a Firearm Owner Certification System to Decrease Gun Violence

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Federal Government will institute a federal permitting
3 system requiring firearm purchasers nationwide to meet guidelines
4 established by law enforcement and healthcare professionals in order to
5 be certified as being fit to purchase and/or possess firearms.

6 **SECTION 2.** Permits are assurances issued by a government authority allowing a
7 licensee to buy, own, possess, or carry a firearm. Permits are specific to
8 firearm types and subtypes established by US criminal justice code §921.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Firearm Owner Certification System would be overseen by the
10 Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF).

11 A. Guidelines for certification would be established by the Federal
12 Bureau of Investigation (FBI) with cooperation from the Substance
13 Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and
14 National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS).

15 B. State agencies will create and administer a firearm safety test to
16 certify applicants' knowledge of safe handling procedures.

17 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented by January 1, 2021

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Jack C. Hays High School



Item 13: A Resolution to Remove US Troops from Afghanistan

- 1 **WHEREAS,** There are 14,000 US troops within Afghanistan; and
- 2 **WHEREAS,** US troops are being used as propaganda for the Taliban; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** Since the end of President Obama's final term to President Donald Trump
- 4 current term, these administrations have promised to remove troops
- 5 from Afghanistan; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** The War in Afghanistan has cost taxpayers \$45 billion dollars per year;
- 7 and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** 8% of the half-million who served in Afghanistan and Iraq have been
- 9 diagnosed with PTSD; now, therefore, be it
- 10 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that US troops will be removed from
- 11 Afghanistan by January 1, 2021.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Plano Senior High School

Item 14: A Bill to Declare Puerto Rico as an Autonomous State

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Puerto Rico shall hereby be independent from the United States and will
3 be recognized as an autonomous state. The United States will continue
4 sending disaster relief for Puerto Rico and engage in open trade with the
5 country to spur economic growth. The U.S. will also forgive all debt owed
6 by Puerto Rico.

7 **SECTION 2.** An Autonomous State shall be defined as a country that is sovereign.
8 Disaster relief shall be defined, but not limited to, aid sent for the
9 purpose of repairing infrastructure due to storms within the past five
10 years. Debt shall be defined as money owed specifically to the United
11 States.

12 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Commerce, Department of Treasury, and Department
13 of State shall be tasked with the implementation of this bill.

14 A. The Department of Commerce shall hereby forgive all debt owed to
15 the United States by Puerto Rico and engage in open trade with
16 Puerto Rico.

17 B. The Department of Treasury will provide foreign aid for the country of
18 Puerto Rico.

19 C. The Department of State will oversee the secession of Puerto Rico
20 from the United States.

21 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect in the year 2024.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Hebron High School.



Item 15: A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Regard Solitary Confinement as Cruel and Unusual Punishment

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

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

7 **ARTICLE 28**

8 **SECTION 1.** No inmate in any prison or jail within the jurisdiction of the United States
9 shall be confined alone in a cell without the opportunity to see or speak
10 to other persons for more than fourteen (14) hours in one day.

11 **SECTION 2.** Any violation of Section 1 of this article shall be considered an act of
12 Cruel and Unusual Punishment under the 8th article of amendment to the
13 United States Constitution.

14 **SECTION 3.** The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate
15 legislation.

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