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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.** Every state shall be required to establish independent commissions which shall be
9 empowered to draw boundaries for Congressional and state legislative districts. Such
10 commissions shall consist of an equal number of members of the two largest political
11 parties in the state and a number of independents that is one fewer than the number of
12 slots allocated to each major party. These commissions shall prioritize drawing districts
13 based on contiguity, compactness and equalizing the number of eligible voters per
14 district. To adopt any legislative map, a majority of each party group and the
15 independents must agree to said legislative map.

16 **SECTION 2.** States that fail to establish independent commissions as identified above will have the
17 size of their congressional delegation reduced by one-fourth, rounded up, in any such
18 election in which no commission is in place.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the Magnolia District

A Bill to Tax Labor Automation

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All companies utilizing automation to reduce or offset labor
3 costs shall be taxed in order to fund a universal basic income. The rate of
4 taxation shall be one third of the gross salary for the jobs lost to
5 automation and will be paid by the company in question for up to five
6 years. These funds will be used for job training as well as a universal basic
7 income for displaced employees.

8 **SECTION 2.** Labor automation is defined herein as the process of utilizing technology
9 in place of human labor to carry out various tasks and professions.

10 **SECTION 3.** A universal basic income is defined herein as a guaranteed income for
11 certain citizens of the United States valued at \$1000 per month. This
12 universal basic income would be distributed to those whose jobs are lost
13 to automation.

14 **SECTION 4.** Government agencies that will hereby be appointed to the enforcement
15 of this legislation and preside over case by case deliberations include:

16 A. United States Department of Commerce

17 B. United States Department of Labor

18 C. United States Department of the Treasury

19 **SECTION 5.** This legislation will take effect immediately upon passage.

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

Introduced for Debate by the California Coast district.

A Bill to Implement Ranked Choice Voting on a National Level to Promote Fair Elections

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Voters will rank their top three choices of candidates in order of
3 preference for all federal elections.

4 **SECTION 2.** A. Ranked Choice voting (RCV) is a preferential system of voting.

5 B. If a candidate wins a majority of first-preference votes, he or she will
6 be declared the winner of the election.

7 C. If no candidate wins a majority of first-preference votes, the
8 candidate with the fewest first-preference votes will be eliminated, lifting
9 the second-preference choices indicated on those ballots.

10 D. A new tally will be conducted to determine if any candidate has won
11 a majority of the adjusted votes.

12 E. The process will be repeated until a candidate has an outright
13 majority.

14 **SECTION 3.** A. The Federal Election Committee will oversee implementation.

15 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented before the 2020 presidential election. Any
16 districts that do not use ranked choice voting in federal elections must re-
17 do the vote.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Rocky Mountain North district.

A Bill to Provide Mandatory Minimum Paid Maternity and Paternity Leave

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States federal government shall hereby establish a mandatory
3 minimum paid and job-protected paternal and maternal leave of 20
4 weeks per year following the adoption or birth of a child.

5 **SECTION 2.** “Maternal and paternal” shall be defined as relating to mother and
6 father. “Paid leave” shall be defined as time away from work during
7 which employees receive compensation.

8 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Labor shall oversee implementation of this bill.

9 A. Failure to comply will result in a fine equivalent to 5% the
10 establishment’s annual income and shall increase by 2% for every
11 infraction after.

12 B. Employees are to give a 30-day notice to employers if birth or
13 adoption is foreseeable.

14 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall go in to effect at the start of fiscal year 2020.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the Tall Cotton district.

A Bill to Cease Sale of Weaponry to Saudi Arabia

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Federal Government will no longer sell or provide
3 weaponry to Saudi Arabia.

4 **SECTION 2.** Sell is defined as to give up property to another for something of value,
5 such as money.

6 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Political-Military Affairs (PM)
7 will oversee the implementation of the cease in sales. All instances of
8 weapon sales to Saudi Arabia, both directly and indirectly, shall be
9 investigated by non-partisan organizations and all complicit actors in the
10 sale of weaponry to Saudi Arabia will be given life sentences with
11 opportunity for appeal and bail.

12 **SECTION 4.** This cease of sale of weapons to Saudi Arabia will be implemented June
13 2019.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the Central Texas district.

A Resolution to Amend the U.S. Constitution to End Private Companies Use of Eminent Domain

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1 **WHEREAS,** the Supreme Court ruling *Kelo v New London* allowed local and state governments to
2 use eminent domain to obtain landowners property and give to a private company.
3 **WHEREAS,** with the assistance of state governments private utilities companies have used eminent
4 domain to take land owners property and damage valuable crop land to construct
5 underground power lines and oil pipelines; and
6 **WHEREAS,** the use of eminent domain should be reserved for government purposes only; like city
7 parks, schools, public buildings or highways that have a direct impact on the citizens;
8 and
9 **WHEREAS,** private companies can acquire land use rights by leasing or purchasing the property
10 from landowners; now, therefore, be it
11 **RESOLVED,** By two-thirds of the Congress here assembled, that the following article is proposed as
12 an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all
13 intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of
14 three-fourths of the several states within seven years from the date of its submission by
15 the Congress:

ARTICLE --

17 **SECTION 1.** Eminent domain cannot be used to benefit private companies or corporations.

18 **SECTION 2.** No city, county, state or federal government institution can act on behalf of the private
19 company or corporation to acquire the property.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the East Iowa District.

A Bill to Appropriately Represent Prison Populations for the Purposes of Redistricting

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Districts shall no longer be allowed to count prisoners in their census
3 populations for the purpose of redistricting unless said prisoners are fully
4 enfranchised to vote in all elections.

5 **SECTION 2.** Districts shall be defined as the wide variety of small polling areas, such
6 as election districts, precincts, or wards, that state and local governments
7 create for the purpose of administering elections.

8 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall be enforced jointly by the U.S. Census Bureau and
9 the Federal Election Commission.

10 A. The responsible agencies will conduct audits of each redraw district to
11 regulate compliance with this policy.

12 B. If a district has violated this policy, the district will be mandated to
13 forfeit all seats gained maliciously by manipulating the voting
14 population by including prisoners.

15 **SECTION 4.** This law will be effective immediately upon passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the Florida Panther district.

**A Resolution to Urge the United Nations to Expand Permanent
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- 1 **WHEREAS,** The United Nations Security Council is comprised of 15 member nations
2 with 5 of these nations being permanent members; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** These 5 permanent member nations hold the power of “veto”, thus
4 effectively being able to block any action; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** The 5 permanent member nations are the United States, Great Britain,
6 France, Russia, and China; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** The Southern Hemisphere is not represented; and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** Entire continents are not represented; therefore, now, be it
- 9 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled to urge the United Nations to expand
10 permanent membership status on the Security Council to India, Nigeria,
11 South Africa, and Brazil with the same “veto” power that current member
12 nations possess.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the Deep South district.