

2020 Jack Howe Memorial Tournament

Student Congress Docket OPEN Division

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Notes:

1. Each round in the **OPEN** division will debate the two bills listed for that round. The chamber may decide the order of the docket within each round.
2. Bills listed in the docket for the semifinal round will only be debated if a semifinal round occurs.

B/R #101: A Bill to Reorganize and Offset Basic Occupational Tumult (ROBOT Act)

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The US Government shall implement a 14% tax rate on businesses that replace
3 human workers with automated technology, this rate being an addition to the
4 existing 21% corporate tax rate

5 **SECTION 2.** Automated technology is defined as any and all machinery, artificial intelligence
6 (AI), or any other computerized/automated-nonhuman interface

7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Treasury and the Internal Revenue Service shall be in charge
8 of the implementation of this legislation. They shall coordinate with the
9 Department of Commerce and the Department of Labor as needed.

10 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect on October 1st, 2021

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

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B/R #102: A Bill to Raise the National Minimum Wage in Order to Align with Worker Productivity

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The US Federal Minimum wage shall be raised from \$7.25 per hour to \$15.00 per
3 hour by 2025, and raised to \$22.00 per hour by 2029. Following this, the
4 minimum wage shall be indexed to US median wages and adjusted based on the
5 growth in the US median wage annually.

6 **SECTION 2.** The Federal Minimum wage shall be defined as the lowest wage payable by
7 employers to employees covered by the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA). The
8 US Median Wage shall be defined as the wage "in the middle." That is, half of
9 FLSA workers earn below this level.

10 **SECTION 3.** The implementation of this bill shall be overseen by the Department of Labor

11 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall go into effect on January 1st, 2021. By each January 1st thereafter,
12 the Minimum wage shall be increased by \$1.85, until 2029.

13 A. Following the scheduled increases, the Minimum wage shall be increased on
14 January 1st yearly, with a percentage increase matching the growth of the US
15 Median Wage

16 B. The Median Wage shall be calculated by the Bureau of Labor Statistics

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

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B/R #201: A Bill to Sanction Companies to Bring About Justice for the Amazon's Imperiled Rainforest

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The US shall impose sanctions on companies engaging in deforestation in
3 the Amazon Rainforest.

4 **SECTION 2.** "Deforestation" shall be defined as destruction of trees and pastures via
5 illegal logging and illegal cattle grazing, whether goods yielded by these
6 aforementioned practices were due to a company's direct management or
7 simply within a company's supply line.

8 A. "Sanctions" shall be defined as embargoes on commercial interaction
9 between these identified companies and American companies.

10 **SECTION 3.** The implementation of this bill shall be overseen by the Department of
11 Commerce.

12 A. The Department of Commerce may not relax sanctions on these
13 companies until the Secretary can certify to Congress that any of these
14 companies has not engaged in deforestation practices for a period of one
15 year preceding the certification.

16 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall go into effect on January 1st, 2021.

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

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B/R #202: A Bill to Increase Military Support to Combat Increasing Terrorism in West Africa

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The US shall provide enhanced military support to West African nations
3 threatened by the increasing spread of terrorist outfits.

4 **SECTION 2.** “Enhanced military support” shall be defined as further intelligence
5 sharing, tanks, and 1,500 additional ground troops dedicated to train-and-
6 assist programs.

7 A. “West African nations” shall be defined as Benin, Togo, Ghana, Côte
8 d’Ivoire, Burkina Faso, Niger, and Mali.

9 B. “Terrorist outfits” shall be defined as Islamic State in the Greater Sahara
10 (ISGS) and Jama’at Nasr al-Islam wal Muslimin (JNIM).

11 **SECTION 3.** The implementation of this bill shall be overseen by the Department of
12 Defense.

13 A. The Department of Defense shall release a report on the effectiveness of
14 these efforts every six months.

15 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall go into effect on January 1st, 2021.

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

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B/R # 301: A Bill to Create the United States Pandemic Employment Relief Administration to Alleviate Economic Disruption caused by COVID-19

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Pandemic Employment Relief Administration (herein referred
3 to as USPERA) is established.

4 **SECTION 2.** The administration's chief charge shall be to employ American residents who
5 experienced unemployment as a result of economic disruptions brought about by the
6 pandemic in projects focused on the public good, including but not limited to
7 infrastructure, education, and the arts.

8 **SECTION 3.** USPERA will be allocated \$5 trillion USD in accordance with Section 4.

9 A. At least \$1.5 trillion must be allocated to wage-paying of employees.

10 I. All those employed by USPERA shall earn \$15 per hour, for a maximum of
11 40 hours per week and a minimum of 35 hours per week, in order to ensure all
12 USPERA employees are earning wages above the federal poverty level for a
13 family.

14 II. One individual per household of up to 5 persons is eligible for USPERA
15 employment. Households of 6 or more may have two individuals employed by
16 USPERA.

17 B. The remaining \$3.5 trillion shall be allocated to individual projects/subdivisions of
18 USPERA by its chair and their team.

19 C. Congress can approve future funds for USPERA at its discretion.

20 D. The chair of USPERA shall be appointed by the President and confirmed with a
21 simple majority vote of the Senate.

22 E. USPERA funds may not be used to provide stimulus packages or bailouts to any
23 corporate entity, federal agency, state government or their agencies, or local
24 government or their agencies.

25 F. Non-citizens residing in the United States legally are eligible for USPERA
26 employment.

27 G. USPERA shall be disbanded after US unemployment reaches 4%, at which point no
28 new projects will begin and all in-progress projects will be brought to their
29 conclusion as quickly and safely as possible.

30 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall be carried out by November 1st, 2020, to allow time for fund
31 allocation and chair confirmation.

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

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B/R #302: A Bill to Decrease Recidivism Amongst Law Enforcement (The D-RALE Violence Act)

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Office of Police Misconduct Oversight is established as a branch of the
3 Department of Justice.

4 **SECTION 2.** The Office of Police Misconduct Oversight is charged with compiling and
5 maintaining a complete and accurate record of all civilian complaints and misconduct charges
6 against law enforcement officers of any and all jurisdictions within the United States, and to
7 provide background checks against this database for all law enforcement officer applications.

8 **SECTION 3.** The implementation of this bill shall be carried out by the Department of Justice.

9 A. The Department of Justice shall be allocated \$200 million for the establishment of the Office
10 of Police Misconduct Oversight, to be reassessed and reallocated at Congress's discretion in
11 each successive budget.

12 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall take effect at the beginning of January 1st, 2021.

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

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B/R #S01: A Bill to Safeguard American Telecommunications from Chinese Influence

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The US shall ban the purchase of all equipment from Huawei

3 Technologies, hereafter referred to as Huawei.

4 A. The Department of Commerce may not remove Huawei from the entity
5 list maintained by the Bureau of Industry and Security until the Secretary
6 can certify to Congress that Huawei is no longer a national security risk to
7 the US.

8 **SECTION 2.** “National security risk” shall be defined as theft of US intellectual
9 property, threat to US telecommunications systems, and/or the violation of
10 sanctions imposed by the US and the UN by senior members of Huawei
11 for a period of six years preceding the certification.

12 **SECTION 3.** The implementation of this bill shall be overseen by the Department of
13 Commerce.

14 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall go into effect on January 1st, 2021.

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

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B/R #S02: A Resolution to Sanction Turkey to Combat Russian Military Influence

1 **WHEREAS**, Turkey has recently purchased an S-400 missile system from the Russian
2 Federation, despite prior U.S. condemnation; and

3 **WHEREAS**, The US has routinely supplied Turkey with F-35 fighter planes and other
4 military equipment; and

5 **WHEREAS**, The purchase of such military equipment threatens NATO security against
6 the Russian Federation; and

7 **WHEREAS**, Turkey has habitually moved toward a friendlier relationship with the
8 Russian Federation and a more acrimonious one with many of its
9 traditional NATO allies, including the US; now, therefore, be it

10 **RESOLVED**, That the Congress here assembled strongly encourages the enforcement of
11 sanctions on Turkey in accordance with the Countering America's
12 Adversaries Through Sanctions Act (CAATSA).

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B/R #F01: A Bill to Allow Non-Violent Felons the Right to Vote in Federal Elections

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Non-violent felons shall be given the right to vote in federal elections.

3 **SECTION 2.** Non-violent felons shall be defined as individuals whose offenses did not involve
4 the use or threat of any force and did not result in physical injury to another party.

5 **SECTION 3.** This bill shall be enforced by the Federal Election Commission (FEC)

6 A. This bill **will** apply to felons while in prison, on parole, or post-incarceration

7 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall be implemented by November 8, 2022, with two-hundred-million
8 dollars allocated to its implementation.

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

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Amendment #F02: A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Alter Requirements for the Presidency of the United States

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
3 proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be valid
4 to all 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 XXVIII**

8 **SECTION 1.** All citizens of the United States who have been citizens for at least
9 fourteen years, and residents of the United States for that entire period of
10 time, shall be eligible to the Office of President. No person who has not
11 achieved the age of 35 years at the time of their inauguration or who has
12 matured past the age of 70 years at the time of their inauguration is
13 eligible to the Office of President.

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

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