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A Resolution to Establish a National High-Speed Rail System

WHEREAS, Climate change is expected to reach a critical point of no return as early as 2027; and

WHEREAS, Cars and trucks contribute to 1/5th of all US emissions; and

WHEREAS, Over 20 countries now have a national high speed rail system; and

WHEREAS, Our countries' public transportation system consistently lags behind other countries despite plentiful tax funding; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Congress here assembled that grants shall be set aside to establish a national high-speed rail system.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Elise Noonan.

The Insulin for All Act of 2020

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States shall place price caps on all insulin products to only \$25 dollars per vial.

SECTION 2. A. Insulin products shall be defined as any pharmaceutical drug that contains the protein insulin

B. A vial shall be defined as 10ml of the insulin product

SECTION 3. The Food and Drug Administration as well as The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services shall oversee the legislation.

A. For every insulin vial sold at a price exceeding \$25, the corresponding pharmaceutical company shall be fined \$1,000 per vial until the price cap is upheld

SECTION 4. The bill shall be implemented by October 2020.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Jay Bhatia

A Bill to Increase Research Funding to the National Cancer Institute

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Congress will increase research funding to the National
3 Cancer Institute by 50% of the current allocated budget of \$5 billion.

4 **SECTION 2.** The National Cancer Institute provides a number of benefits to public
5 health

6 A. The NCI leads the nation's research efforts to improve cancer
7 prevention, detection, diagnosis, and survivorship

8 B. The NCI supports targeted cancer research training for individuals
9 from backgrounds underrepresented in the biomedical and behavioral
10 sciences to achieve and sustain a diverse workforce

11 **SECTION 3.** This legislation will be implemented by the United States National
12 Institute of Health and within that the National Cancer Institute.

13 A. The NCI shall operate in accordance with legislation guidelines;
14 including research, accounting and documentation.

15 B. Fiscal oversight will be maintained by the US Congress and the
16 National Institute of Health.

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

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Kayleigh Langston

A Bill to End U.S. Colonial Rule of Puerto Rico

BE IT HERE ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- SECTION 1. Puerto Rico became a colony of the United States after the Spanish-American War in 1898, forcing the people on the island to live under U.S. rule.
- SECTION 2. The Commonwealth of Puerto Rico shall be released from the jurisdiction of the United States of America, ending U.S. colonial rule and granting the Commonwealth independence.
- SECTION 3. The United States will assist Puerto Rico in the drafting of their constitution, recognizing Puerto Rico as a sovereign nation upon completion of the processes needed to ensure self-governance and financial stability.
- SECTION 4. The Governor of Puerto Rico, the U.S. Department of State, the U.S. Department of the Interior, as well as any other needed bodies, including Congress, will oversee the the implementation of this bill as needed, including providing material support yet to be determined.
- SECTION 5. This legislation will take effect gradually between the passage of this bill and January 1, 2025.
- SECTION 6. All laws in conflict with the legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Jeffrey Bulen.

A Bill to Raise the National Minimum Wage

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The US National Minimum Wage shall rise from \$7.25 per hour to \$15.00 per
2 hour by 2024. The minimum wage shall increase by \$2.00 per hour every year,
3 starting from the year 2025.
- 4 **SECTION 2.** The US Minimum wage shall be defined as the lowest payable wage paid to
5 workers from employers under federal guidelines.
- 6 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Labor shall enforce this bill and oversee its implementation.
- 7 **A.** If any company that fails to comply with this bill, the Department of Labor
8 shall cut 100% of federal loans and subsidies going towards that company.
- 9 **B.** Any company found in violation of this bill shall be charged with a fine of
10 15% of their total corporate income for the fiscal year in which the violation
11 occurred.
- 12 **C.** All revenue generated from the fine shall be collected and given as subsidies
13 to businesses that employ less than 50 workers.
- 14 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall go into effect on January 1st, 2021. The \$2.00 per hour increase
15 shall go into effect on January 1st, 2025.
- 16 **A.** Afterwards, the Minimum Wage shall be increased on January 1st yearly.
- 17 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Samik Gupta

A Bill to Peace in Our Time (POT) Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The use of any drug, regardless of schedule, shall be decriminalized,
3 marijuana shall be legalized medicinally for those above the age of 16 and
4 recreationally for those above the age of 21, and any non-violent drug
5 offender shall be immediately exonerated. Drug addiction shall be
6 classified as a mental health issue. Any drug currently requiring a
7 prescription will still require one.

8 **SECTION 2.** (A) Decriminalized is defined as ceasing to treat (something) as illegal or
9 as a criminal offense. This does not mean those drugs will be available for
10 the public to purchase.

11 (B) Legalized is defined as permitted under law, available for public
12 purchase.

13 (C) Medicinally is defined as used for medical purposes, prescribed by a
14 licensed physician.

15 (D) Exonerated is defined as absolving from blame for a fault or
16 wrongdoing and subsequently releasing from prison.

17 (E) Non-violent Drug offender is defined as persons that have possession
18 of drugs or have consumed illegal substances but are not inherently
19 violent.

20 **SECTION 3.** The Drug Enforcement Agency and the Food and Drug Administration
21 shall oversee the implementation of this legislation. The Department of
22 Justice shall ensure compliance with the states. The Department of
23 Health and Human Services shall establish help centers to assist those
24 who are addicted to drugs.

25 **SECTION 4.** This shall take effect on January 1st, 2021 All laws in conflict with this
26 legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Shane Hockett

A Resolution to Condemn China

- 1 **WHEREAS,** the United Kingdom and the people of Hong Kong were promised a high
2 degree of autonomy of Hong Kong; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** the passage of the Hong Kong National Security Law limits Hong Kong's
4 autonomy; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** the Secretary of State, and the United Kingdom Foreign Secretary have
6 formally condemned the passage of the National Security Law; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** the United Nations Human Rights office has expressed alarm over arrests
8 made in Hong Kong; and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** the people of Hong Kong should have the fundamental human rights to
10 free speech and assembly; and
- 11 **WHEREAS,** the National Security Law breaks the promise made to the United
12 Kingdom and the people of Hong Kong; and
- 13 **WHEREAS,** the people of Hong Kong have had their fundamental human rights
14 stripped from them; now, therefore, be it
- 15 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that we do forcefully condemn the
16 People's Republic of China for passage of the Hong Kong National
17 Security Law.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Anjail Singh.

A Bill to Defund the Police to Create a System of Community-Led Self-Policing.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The government will pull 50% of its funding from all local police
2 departments. Half of this cut funding will be put directly towards local
3 schools in the area, and the other half will go to local rehab and substance
4 abuse non-profits in the community. Police will not be stepping in unless
5 there is a true and dire emergency, encouraging community-led
6 self-policing. All states who do not comply will receive a \$10,000 fine per
7 violation.
- 8 **SECTION 2.** Community-led self-policing is defined as (of a community) independently
9 responsible for keeping and maintaining order. True and dire emergency
10 shall be defined by the community, they will make the decision whether or
11 not the police should intervene. A violation is defined as any misuse of
12 funds or failure to meet this legislation's expectations e.g. failure to
13 allocate funds, allocating funds where they are not intended to go etc.
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- 15 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice, Department of Treasury, Department of
16 Transportation, and the United States Department of Education will form a
17 committee to oversee, ensure, and enforce all the responsibilities this
18 legislation grants.
- 19 A. The Treasury will ensure all funding will be reallocated where it needs
20 to go. The Department of Justice will oversee that local departments
21 are defunded whilst the Department of education ensures this funding
22 is distributed equally to local schools.
- 23 B. If any of these departments report funding is being misused, held, or
24 not properly allocated or distributed by local governments, the
25 Treasury will collect the \$10,000 and reallocate it.
- 26 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect during the next fiscal year. All laws in conflict
27 with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
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Introduced for Congressional Debate by Mykalia Mason

A Bill to Stop Gerrymandering to Promote Better Democratic Representation

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Each state will have an independent commission that will be solely
3 responsible for the redistricting process in that state. The commission will
4 focus on increasing competition and redrawing irregularly connected
5 districts. Each commission will also publish a report to the public after
6 redistricting stating the reasoning used drawing districts to promote
7 transparency.

8 **SECTION 2.** A) An “independent commission” is a group of an equal number of
9 geographers from the two largest parties in the state, chosen by their
10 respective party’s leaders. These geographers will jointly select an
11 independent geographer to serve as chair. The commission will have
12 seven state residents total.
13 B) “Irregularly connected districts” are very jagged, are not continuous,
14 and/or have very thin connections.

15 **SECTION 3.** State governments will oversee the enforcement of this law.

16 **SUBSECTION 1:** The money that states have been using for their
17 redistricting processes will be used to fund this new redistricting process.

18 **SUBSECTION 2:** Future federal election funding will be contingent upon
19 each state’s enactment of the provisions in this bill.

20 **SECTION 4.** bill will be enacted before each state’s next round of redistricting. All
21 laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Saket Reddy.

A Bill to Expand the Supreme Court

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Four associate justices shall be added to the United States Supreme Court.

SECTION 2. A. The justices shall be nominated after the inauguration of the 2020 President-Elect.

B. Only two of the new justices may identify as male.

C. The filibuster on judicial nominations shall be restored after the four openings have been filled.

SECTION 3. The Senate Judiciary Committee shall be responsible for the implementation of this bill.

SECTION 4. This bill shall be implemented upon passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Yash Mangalick

A Resolution to Support Taiwan in Joining the World Health Organization

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Taiwan has been successful in combatting the coronavirus; and
- 2 **WHEREAS,** Global health has clearly become a major concern for the future; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** Democracy continues to grow stronger in Taiwan; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** The US and Taiwan have long been allies and relations continue to
- 5 improve; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** Taiwan's participation in the World Health Organization could bolster
- 7 future response to global pandemics; now, therefore, be it
- 8 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that the US support Taiwan's bid to join
- 9 the World Health Organization.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Natalie Pang.

A Bill to End Qualified Immunity in the United States

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Section 1979 of the Revised Statutes (42 U.S.C. 1983) is amended by
3 adding at the end the following: "It shall not be a defense or immunity to
4 any action brought under this section that the defendant was acting in
5 good faith, or that the defendant believed, reasonably or otherwise, that
6 his or her conduct was lawful at the time when it was committed. Nor
7 shall it be a defense or immunity that the rights, privileges, or immunities
8 secured by the Constitution or laws were not clearly established at the
9 time of their deprivation by the defendant, or that the state of the law
10 was otherwise such that the defendant could not reasonably have been
11 expected to know whether his or her conduct was lawful."

12 **SECTION 2.** The judicial branch of the United States Federal Government will be
13 tasked with ensuring prior immunities are no longer applied following the
14 passage of this bill.

15 **SECTION 3.** This bill will go into effect immediately upon passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Luke McDermott.

A Resolution to Fund the Offshore Wind Industry to Create Clean Energy

- WHEREAS,** The United States has a large offshore wind energy resource that is ready to be utilized; and
- WHEREAS,** US shores currently possess a power potential of over 2,000 gigawatts or nearly double the nation's current electricity usage and will be able to generate electricity for more than 115 million US households; and
- WHEREAS,** Offshore Wind Energy has the potential to deliver large amounts of clean reliable energy and reduce pollution oil spills; and
- WHEREAS,** Funding this industry will result in more than 200,000 jobs being created which is about twice the number of jobs being created by other sources of energy such as offshore drilling; and
- WHEREAS,** Offshore Wind Energy will also help create more jobs in the shipbuilding and manufacturing industry further fueling the US economy; and
- WHEREAS,** Wildlife and marine ecosystems are positively impacted by offshore wind farms due to the fact that they act as effective marine reserves; and
- WHEREAS,** Wind farms can act as artificial reefs and protection from fishing pressures creating extremely positive effects; and
- RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that the United States shall fund the Offshore Wind Industry to Create Clean Energy.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Angel Chen.

A Bill to Eliminate the Department of Defense's Hand-Me-Downs

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Section 1033 of the National Defense Authorization Act of 1997 shall be
3 stricken from the text of the Act and the program, commonly referred to as
4 the “1033 Program,” shall cease.

5 **SECTION 2.** The National Defense Authorization Act of 1997 references H.R. 3230
6 from the 104th Congress.

7 **SECTION 3.** The “1033 Program” shall be defined as the program permitted under
8 Section 1033 of H.R. 3230 that allows the Department of Defense to
9 dispose of excess military equipment by passing it off to local law
10 enforcement.

11 **SECTION 4.** The Department of Defense shall be responsible for the oversight and
12 implementation of this legislation.

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

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Clare McIntyre.

A Bill to Enact a National Mask Mandate

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- SECTION 1.** Everyone in the United States is required to wear a mask in public spaces..
- SECTION 2.** “Public spaces” shall be defined as places in which a person could come into contact with people who aren’t family members or others who share the same home.
- SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services shall work with state governments to enforce this mandate. Those for whom mask usage would put their life at risk are excused from this
- SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect immediately upon passage. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Rep. Gabriel Holguin.