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P1. A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to End Supreme Court Nominations During a Presidential Election Year

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

6. **ARTICLE –**

7. **SECTION 1:** A President ought not to be able to appoint a Supreme Court
8. Justice during an election year. The people of the United States of
9. America ought to have a say in the nomination of Supreme Court
10. Justices. No nomination of a justice to the Supreme Court of the
11. United States shall occur during a Presidential Election year.

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

Submitted for Congressional Debate by Bellaire High School



P2. A Bill to Mandate Paid Vacation for Employees in the U.S.

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** Currently, in the status quo, the U.S. law does not mandate any paid vacation for employees
3. while many other countries are flourishing while still providing paid vacation.
4. **SECTION 2.** "Paid vacation" means giving workers a minimum of 20 days of vacation a year while still
5. paying their wages or salaries in addition to the holidays, sick days, maternity/paternity
6. leave, and general parental leave days that are already provided by the company. All
7. companies must abide to these rulings.
8. **SECTION 3.** The Department of Labor will be charged with the implementation of this bill.
9. A. Within one year of the implementation of this legislation, companies will need to report
10. to the Department of Labor and provide records as evidence that paid vacation was
11. provided.
12. B. Any company found in violation of this legislation will be subjected to fines and may also
13. be forced to pay restitution to any individual who has suffered harm due to not adhering to
14. the law.
15. C. All companies are free to implement more paid vacation and decide how it will be
16. distributed, but they must abide to the minimum of 20 paid vacation days per year.
17. **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect at the beginning of fiscal year 2022.
18. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Submitted for Congressional Debate by Lawrence E. Elkins High School



P3. A Bill to Counter Terrorism in the Sub-Saharan Africa

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** A. The U.S shall grant 200 million dollars in developmental aid to the
3. Sub Saharan annually
4. B. The U.S shall deploy 5,00 troops to the Sub Saharan who will focus on counter
5. insurgency and intelligent gathering operations
6. **SECTION 2.** Developmental aid shall define as assistance to promotes the economic
7. social and political development of countries and communities
8. **SECTION 3.** The Department of State will work in conjunction with the Department of
9. Defense to oversee the implementation of this legislation
10. A. The Department of State shall work with NGOS and international organizations to
11. distribute the developmental aid
12. B. The Department of State and the Department of Defense shall submit
13. an annual report on the progress of counter-insurgency efforts in the
14. Sub-Saharan to Congress
15. C. If there's no significance progress on counter-insurgency efforts in
16. five years, Congress shall withdraw the funding
17. **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect immediately after passing
18. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted by Lamar HS

P4. A Bill to Develop Driverless Vehicles

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** Automotive vehicles driven by human beings shall be phased out. Beginning
3. with the model year 2035, no more automotive vehicles shall be leased or
4. sold in the United States that require human drivers (excluding motorcycles,
5. mopeds, used vehicles manufactured in 2034 or prior years, or vehicles used
6. solely in professional racing).
7. **SECTION 2.** The U.S. Department of Transportation shall enact and implement regulations
8. and rules designed to further the intent of the legislation, including but not
9. limited to regulations concerning the testing and safety of driverless vehicles.
10. The Department of Transportation shall also devise, propose and levy
11. penalties to be levied in the event a dealer or consumer violates the terms of
12. this legislation.
13. **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Transportation shall also allocate subsidies of up to
14. \$500 million per year to encourage the development and production of
15. driverless passenger (noncommercial) vehicles.
16. **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect one year after the date of its enactment.
17. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Submitted for Congressional Debate by Liberty High School



P5. A Bill to Make Vaccinations Mandatory to Ensure Public Health

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2. **SECTION 1.** All naturally born or naturalized citizens participate in state or federally designated child vaccination
3. programs. In addition, electronic health records shall be implemented to track and store all shot records.
4. A. Amends the Public Health Service Act (PHSA) of 1944, Section 361 to replace state-level exemption
5. laws when it comes to youth vaccinations.
6. B. Amends Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 (Pub. L. 104-208, Div C, 110 Stat. 14 3009)
7. requiring full shot records be submitted as part of the I-9 employment verification processes.
8. C. Student enrollment in public, private, or parochial programs of instruction will be contingent upon
9. written proof of all appropriate immunizations prior to gaining access to any educational program.
10. Citizens over the age of majority must provide documentation of a current record of immunizations in
11. order to receive an application or approval of a state-issued driver license, marriage certificate, or voter
12. registration card.
13. **SECTION 2.** Mandatory Vaccines can be defined as vaccines for diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, measles, mumps,
14. rubella, hepatitis A, hepatitis B, meningococcal disease, human papillomavirus, varicella, polio, and
15. influenza that all citizens below the age of majority are required to receive.
16. **SECTION 3.** The Department of Health and Human Services in conjunction with the Center for Disease Control and
17. Prevention and the United States Citizenship and Immigration Service will oversee the promulgation of
18. appropriate regulations for implementation.
19. A. Sufficient block grants shall be distributed to state agencies to carry out the requirements of the
20. mandatory vaccination programs.
21. **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect at the beginning of fiscal year January 1, 2022.
22. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Submitted for Congressional Debate by the Congressional Clerk



P6. A Bill to Enact Mandatory Body Cameras for Police Officers

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2. **SECTION 1.** All police officers shall be required to wear recording devices on their persons

3 while on duty.

4. **SECTION 2.** Recording devices shall be defined as a small device recording audio and visual while turned on. On duty

5. shall be defined as a police officer actively on shift as a law enforcement officer.

6. A. The audio and video obtained from these cameras shall be kept private unless there is probable cause

7. and justifiable means for the video to be accessed.

8. B. At no time shall the footage obtained be edited, obscured, or otherwise tampered with during or

9. after recording.

10. **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice shall work with national, state, and local police forces to oversee the passage

11. of this legislation.

12. A. The \$20 million previously allocated from the Department of Justice budget to fund body cameras

13. shall be used for any funding this bill may require.

14. **SECTION 4.** This bill shall be enacted one month upon passage, with fully functional body cameras on all officers by

15. the year 2022.

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

Submitted for Congressional Debate by the Congressional Clerk



P7. A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to End Partisan Gerrymandering

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

6. **ARTICLE –**

7. **SECTION 1:** Each contested state shall be required to establish an independent,
8. non-partisan commission to determine congressional district boundaries.

9. **SECTION 2:** A contested state shall be defined as a state with more than one representative
10. to the United States House of Representatives.

11. **SECTION 3:** Any state who does not maintain compliance shall be prohibited from having
12. voting members in the United States House of Representatives or United States
13. Senate until compliance is met. Members of these delegations may continue to
14. carry out their other duties of office, but may not vote on any matter before the
15. United States House of Representatives or United States Senate until compliance
16. is met.

17. **SECTION 4:** Each state's commission shall also meet one of the following requirements:
18. A. The commission is made up of random citizens selected in a similar manner to
19. jury selection; or
20. B. The commission is made up of independent, non-partisan redistricting
21. experts; or
22. C. The commission is made up of a combination of citizens and experts discussed
23. in subsections "A" and "B" respectively.

24. **SECTION 5:** The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

Submitted for Congressional Debate by the Congressional Clerk



P8. A Bill to Mandate Paid Parental Leave for Companies with Fewer than 50 Employees

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2. **SECTION 1.** Companies with fewer than 50 employees will be required to offer employees a minimum of a 12-week

3. paid parental leave.

4. **SECTION 2.** A. Employees will be eligible to take a paid leave if they will care for or have birthed a newborn child or

5. are adopting or fostering a child.

6 B. The U.S. Department of Labor shall authorize grants to fund the paid leave. Appropriate use of the

7. grant funding includes, but is not limited to: paying employees who take leave, hiring new employees to

8. cover for the employees who take leave, etc.

9. C. At the end of each fiscal year, employers must report how much of the grant funding was used, how it

10. was used, and what the remaining money will be used for.

11. D. At the end of each fiscal year employers must also report how many employees took parental leave,

12. how much the employees were paid, and the amount of time that the employees were on leave.

13. E. Employees must be paid 100% of their salary during their leave.

14.**SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Labor shall provide grant funding for employers.

15. A. Employers who do not enforce the paid parental leave measures outlined in this bill shall face a fine

16. until the paid leave is implemented. Employers shall be annually fined a percentage of the income listed

17. on their annual tax returns until they implement a paid parental leave. The fine will begin with the

18. equivalent of 15% for the first year, and for every additional year that employers fail to comply, the

19. percentage of their income that will be fined shall increase by 5%.

20. **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on FY 2022.

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

Submitted for Congressional Debate by the Congressional Clerk



P9. A Bill to Create a Universal Basic Income

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** A. Each United States Citizen above the age of 18 shall receive Universal Basic Income monthly from the
3. United States Government.
4. B. The Universal Basic Income (UBI) shall be paid through a Value Added Tax of 10 percent.
5. **SECTION 2.** A. Universal Basic Income shall be defined as monthly payments of 1000 dollars
6. B. Value Added Tax shall be defined as a tax that is implemented on each stage of the supply chain to
7. sale.
8. **SECTION 3.** A. The Department of Treasury shall be responsible for enforcing the provisions of this bill.
9. **SECTION 4.** The provisions of this bill shall take effect immediately upon the 2022 Fiscal Year
10. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Submitted for Congressional Debate by the Congressional Clerk



P10. A Bill to Fund African Union Technology Infrastructure

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** The United States shall provide \$75 million in funds to the African Union's Scientific Technical Research
3. Commission.
4. **SECTION 2.** Funds shall be defined as monetary gains specifically outlined to the African Union's technology
5. infrastructure department. Development shall be defined as the growth in tech infrastructure to
6. eventually match technology standards of the west.
7. **SECTION 3.** The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) will oversee the implementation of
8. this bill.
9. A. The USAID shall allocate all funds necessary for the implementation of this bill.
10. B. Upon failure to utilize the funds properly or effectively, Congress shall retract funding.
11. **SECTION 4.** This bill shall go into effect on January 1, 2022.
12. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Submitted for Congressional Debate by the Congressional Clerk



F1. A Bill to Recognize Taiwan as an Independent Nation

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** The United States shall diplomatically recognize the Republic of China
3. (Taiwan) as an independent nation.
4. **SECTION 2.** The Republic of China (Taiwan) shall be defined as any and all territory
5. and sovereign waters currently controlled by the autonomous
6. government of the Republic of China (Taiwan). An independent nation
7. shall be defined as a government which has sovereignty over its territory.
8. **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of State shall oversee the implementation of this legislation.
9. **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on February 1, 2021.
10. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Submitted for Congressional Debate by Bellaire High School



F2. A Resolution for the US to Rejoin the Trans-Pacific Partnership

- 1 **WHEREAS**, The Trans-Pacific Partnership, or TPP, is a free trade agreement between Canada,
2 Mexico, Peru, Chile, New Zealand, Australia, Singapore, Malaysia, Japan,
3 Vietnam, and Brunei, countries that border the Pacific Ocean; and
- 4 **WHEREAS**, On January 23, 2017, President Trump withdrew the US from the TPP; and
- 5 **WHEREAS**, When we withdrew from the TPP, the US exacerbated regional doubts
6 about US international leadership and its role in Asia; and
- 7 **WHEREAS**, The U.S. has also alienated key allies through application of tariffs on steel imports
8 from the European Union, Japan, and Canada when we withdrew from the TPP; and
- 9 **WHEREAS**, Data from the U.S. International Trade Commission shows that U.S. trade with TPP
10 countries amounted to more than \$1.5 trillion, or about 40 percent of all U.S. trade,
11 before withdrawing; and
- 12 **WHEREAS**, The United States would greatly benefit from the TPP; now, therefore, be it
13. **RESOLVED**, By the Congress here assembled that the United States should rejoin the
14. Trans-Pacific Partnership as it is a comprehensive deal that would provide economic
15. growth.

Submitted for Congressional Debate by Lawrence E. Elkins High School

F3. A Resolution to Amend the Second Amendment

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

6. **ARTICLE –**

7. **SECTION 1:** The Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United
8. States shall be amended to read as follows:
9. A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of
10. a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear
11. Arms when serving in the Militia shall not be infringed.

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

Submitted for Congressional Debate by Liberty High School



F4. SHIPS Implementation Act

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** It is the sense of Congress that to achieve the national policy of the United States we must have
3. available, by fiscal year 2025, 355 battle force ships.
4. **SECTION 2.** To achieve this goal, the Secretary of the Navy will procure funding for and start construction
5. on the following: 12 Arleigh Burke-class destroyers; 10 Virginia-class submarines; 3 San
6. Antonio-class amphibious ships; 1 LHA-class amphibious ship; 6 John Lewis-class fleet oilers;
7. and 5 guided missile frigates.
8. A. Should any current Navy vessel be taken out of service, the Secretary of the Navy shall
9. identify necessary replacements and include those in any needed appropriations.
- 10.**SECTION 3.** The Secretary of Defense shall seek funding through the normal budgetary process sufficient for
11. the construction outlined in Section 2. The Secretary of the Navy shall ensure execution of the
12. program without cancellation.
- 13.**SECTION 4.** This shall take effect at the start of fiscal year 2022.
14. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Submitted for Congressional Debate by the Congressional Clerk



F5. A Bill to Expand the Supreme Court

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** Four associate justices shall be added to the United States Supreme Court.
4. **SECTION 2.** A. The justices shall be nominated immediately following passage of this legislation.
5. B. Only two of the new justices may identify as male.
6. C. The filibuster on judicial nominations shall be restored after the four openings have been
7. filled.
- 8.**SECTION 3.** The Senate Judiciary Committee shall be responsible for the implementation of this bill.
- 9.**SECTION 4.** This bill shall be implemented upon passage.
10. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Submitted for Congressional Debate by the Congressional Clerk



F6. A Bill to Increase Election Cybersecurity

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** Each state shall form an independent commission to review and make recommendations to its
3. Secretary of State as to how the state should spend money allocated by Congress to improve its
4. cybersecurity readiness in elections.
5. **SECTION 2.** Each state's commission shall consist of 20 members to be appointed by the Governor's office
6. for terms of 48 months.
7. A. Commission members must be highly knowledgeable on the topic by the discretion of the
8. Governor's office.
9. B. Additionally, an annual budget that is pulled from the original \$380 million allocated by
10. Congress will be set by the Governor.
11. C. An extra \$50 million will be allocated to the cybersecurity fund every two years.
12. **SECTION 3.** The Department of Homeland Security will be responsible for implementing this legislation.
13. **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect four months after passage.
14. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Submitted for Congressional Debate by the Congressional Clerk



F7. A Resolution to Fund the Offshore Wind Industry to Create Clean Energy

1. **WHEREAS**, The United States has a large offshore wind energy resource that is ready
2. to be utilized; and
3. **WHEREAS**, U.S. shores currently possess a power potential of over 2000 gigawatts or nearly double the
4. nation's current electricity usage and will be able to generate electricity for more than 115
5. million U.S. households; and
6. **WHEREAS**, Offshore Wind Energy has the potential to deliver large amounts of clean reliable energy and
7. reduce pollution oil spills; and
8. **WHEREAS**, Funding this industry will result in more than 200,000 jobs being created which is about twice
9. the number of jobs being created by other sources of energy such as offshore drilling; and
10. **WHEREAS**, Offshore Wind Energy will also help create more jobs in the shipbuilding and manufacturing
11. industry further fueling the U.S. economy; and
12. **WHEREAS**, Wildlife and marine ecosystems are positively impacted by offshore wind farms due to the fact
13. that they act as effective marine reserves; and
14. **WHEREAS**, Wind farms can act as artificial reefs and protection from fishing pressures creating extremely
15. positive effects; now, therefore, be it
16. **RESOLVED**, By the Congress here assembled that the United States shall fund the Offshore Wind Industry
17. to create clean energy.

Submitted for Congressional Debate by the Congressional Clerk



F8. A Bill to Ban Police Use of Facial Recognition Technology

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** All state, local, and federal law enforcement agencies are hereby prohibited from utilizing facial
3. recognition technology.
4. **SECTION 2.** Facial recognition technology shall be defined as any technology utilizing landmarking
5. methodology for feature extraction. This includes skin texture analysis, thermal cameras, or any
6. other biometric authentication in software capable of identifying or verifying information about
7. a person's physical characteristics.
8. **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice will be responsible for enforcement of the law, and agencies
9. non-compliant with law shall be subject to repercussions.
10. A. Use of facial recognition technology by law enforcement shall now be viewed as a violation
11. of Section 12601 of Title 34 of U.S. Code.
12. B. Data collected using facial recognition technology can no longer be utilized to meet probable
13. cause standards or be brought up as evidence before a jury.
14. **SECTION 4.** The bill goes into effect January 1, 2022.
15. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Submitted for Congressional Debate by the Congressional Clerk



F9. A Resolution to Adopt European Union Big Tech Regulations

1. **WHEREAS**, digital giants such as Google, Facebook, Apple, and Amazon have been monopolizing and
2. consolidating power; and
3. **WHEREAS**, the EU has addressed that consumers are directly affected by data breaches, a lack of
4. competition among internet platforms, and algorithms which promote harmful content; and
5. **WHEREAS**, safety, privacy, competition, and honesty are four areas that need regulation; and
6. **WHEREAS**, following the EU's recommendations, it is important for the United States to protect consumers
7. and their fundamental rights online which will lead to fairer and more open digital markets for
8. everyone; and
9. **WHEREAS**, regulations will foster innovation, growth, and competitiveness and provide users with more
10. reliable online services; and
11. **WHEREAS**, regulation is the precursor of the scaling up of micro, small, and medium sized enterprises
12. which are at the forefront of our economy; and now, therefore, be it
13. **RESOLVED**, By the Congress here assembled that the United States takes the necessary steps to adopt the
14. Digital Markets Act and Digital Services Act and consults with the EU on how to successfully
15. implement these policies.

Submitted for Congressional Debate by the Congressional Clerk



F10. A Resolution to Intervene in Myanmar

1. **WHEREAS**, For two years, Myanmar's minority Rohingya have been fleeing the country to surrounding
2. countries; and
3. **WHEREAS**, The humanitarian crisis has kept the area in a constant state of instability; and
4. **WHEREAS**, The Myanmar government is directly responsible for the crisis; and
5. **WHEREAS**, Children that have been displaced are vulnerable and run the risk of being exploited, or
6. trafficked; now, therefore, be it
7. **RESOLVED**, By the Congress here assembled that the United States intervene militarily in the Myanmar
8. Rohingya humanitarian crisis.

Submitted for Congressional Debate by the Congressional Clerk