

2021 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 Resolution to Standardize Healthcare Licensure Standards

1 **WHEREAS**, Occupational licensing discrepancies make it harder for people to find jobs in the
2 healthcare sector

3 **WHEREAS**, Current issues of cost and shortages of workers are leading to more rapid closures
4 of healthcare facilities in the United States

5 **WHEREAS**, The average American spends more on their healthcare than many of the other
6 peer nations with similar, or generally better, healthcare outcomes.

7 **RESOLVED**, That the Congress here assembled standardized occupational licensing for all jobs
8 related to the healthcare industry, which includes but is not limited to: primary
9 care doctors, nurses, and surgeons.

10 **FURTHER RESOLVED**, current licenses shall expire one year after Congress has drafted and
11 constructed a uniform set of guidelines to meet the new requirements.

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B/R #102: A Bill to Stop Offering Military Contracts with Civilian Technology Companies

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT

2 **SECTION 1.** The US military shall be barred from initiating contracts with large tech
3 companies that also provide consumer products.

4 **SECTION 2.** Large tech companies shall be defined as large private enterprises—such as
5 Facebook, Google, and Amazon—which primarily develop technologies through
6 the internet or through technology information sciences. This also includes
7 companies which provide expertise in data science, cloud computing, and
8 cybersecurity.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Departments of Commerce and Defense shall enforce this legislation.

10 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect in FY 2022

11 **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 Support India's Security by Investing in the Indian-Afghanistan Relationships

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The US shall allocate \$500 million in economic aid every year from Fiscal
3 Year (FY) 2023 to FY 2028 towards joint economic ventures between
4 India and Afghanistan

5 **SECTION 2.** Joint economic ventures shall be defined as business and infrastructure
6 projects which expand cross-border trade.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of State and USAID shall be in charge of enforcing this
8 legislation.

9 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect in FY 2022

10 **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 Protect the India-Pakistan Border

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The US will support \$3 billion expansions of counter-narcotics and
3 counter-terrorism operations on the Pakistan-Indian border. over the next
4 five years. The US will also spur trilateral engagement between Indian and
5 Pakistan, with the hopes of also engaging Afghanistan's narcotic and
6 terrorism threats as well.

7 **SECTION 2.** Counter-terrorism operations shall be defined as military training, arms
8 sales, and coordination between militaries to interdict the movement of
9 organizations and individuals designated as terrorists. Counter-narcotics
10 shall be defined as efforts to limit the trafficking of narcotics across
11 borders and the farming of poppy.

12 **SECTION 3.** The Department of State and USAID shall be in charge of enforcing this
13 legislation.

14 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect in FY 2022

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

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B/R #301: A Resolution to End Uranium Mining on Public Land

1 **WHEREAS**, The United States' government's leasing of federal lands for mining of radioactive
2 materials has failed to be regulated by environmental regulations, and

3 **WHEREAS**, Proximate populations suffer from health and community harms from the mining
4 of these resources, and

5 **WHEREAS**, The large lobbying efforts by vested interests has paralyzed local, state, and
6 federal entities alike, along with silencing the voices of Indigenous populations,

7 **RESOLVED**, That the Congress here assembled shall ban all mining of uranium on public lands
8 through the cessation of the issuance of new contracts.

9 **FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Congress will match, dollar per dollar, the revenue generated
10 from the extraction of uranium until current contracts expire in the form of grants
11 to Indigenous populations for their local governments.

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B/R #302: A Resolution to Restructure Tribal Colleges

1 **WHEREAS**, Many tribal colleges in the United States lack adequate funding, and

2 **WHEREAS**, The communities they serve are already chronically exploited, and

3 **WHEREAS**, The education provided by tribal colleges goes beyond the norm that is provided

4 by institutions of higher learning and are integral in preserving the cultural

5 integrity of Indigenous populations, and

6 **WHEREAS**, The US federal government does not properly support these colleges even though

7 they do enroll US citizens.

8 **RESOLVED**, Tribal colleges in the United States should be given extra support from State and

9 Local education budget proportionate to the number of Indigenous citizens they

10 enroll.

11 **FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Congress will give these colleges priority in the allocation of

12 specific grants to college students to afford tuition.

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Note: on 9/2/2021 @ 12:09 PDT, the word “underserved” in line 2 was changed to “exploited.”

B/R #S01: A Bill to Restructure The Mérida Initiative

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States will allocate one billion dollars every year for the next
3 decade to counter-narcotics and development within Mexico.

4 **SECTION 2.** Counter-narcotics will be spearheaded by drug interdiction through greater
5 collaboration between the US Coast Guard and Mexican Navy with
6 increased targeting for smuggling networks. Economic development will
7 be defined as aid packages to develop agricultural industries and business
8 development for cartel-ridden areas.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Department of State, in collaboration with the Department of Defense
10 and USAID, will enforce this legislation.

11 A. Congress will receive annual updates regarding the status of each policy
12 annually and its totality biannually

13 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect in FY 2022

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

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B/R #S02: A Bill to Invest in Artic Cutters

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Coast Guard shall be allocated \$2 billion over the next five years for
3 research and development, repair, and construction of new arctic cutters.

4 **SECTION 2.** The grants will be allocated between the above sections by the Coast
5 Guard Polar Cutter Security Program. At least 50% of the funds must be
6 allocated towards construction of new ships.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Departments of Defense and Homeland Security will enforce this
8 legislation.

9 A. Congress will receive annual updates regarding the status of each policy
10 annually

11 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect in FY 2022

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

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B/R #F01: A Resolution to Support Egypt in the Dispute Over the Nile River Dam

1 **WHEREAS**, the Nile River is a the primary source of water for Egypt and countries along the
2 Nile River, and

3 **WHEREAS**, Egypt is dependent on the Nile River for Agriculture and Commerce, and

4 **WHEREAS**, the Nile River Dam threatens Egypt's viability, and

5 **WHEREAS**, a weakened Egypt affects Middle East relations between Egypt and other
6 countries, which may harm US and European interests, and

7 **WHEREAS**, The United States and Egyptian relationship is important for regional strategic
8 interests and stability,

9 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the United States supports Egypt in its dispute with Ethiopia over the
10 Nile River Dam, and

11 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the United States mediates a treaty between Egypt, Sudan,
12 and Ethiopia regarding water access along the Nile River.

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B/R #F02: A Resolution to Close Military Bases located in Okinawa

1 **WHEREAS,** The Okinawa Military bases currently fails to adequately meet American
2 military interests and further disrupts the lives of those in the immediate
3 area.

4 **WHEREAS,** Decades of issues stemming from poor planning will continue to plague
5 the bases

6 **WHEREAS,** Current allegations against soldiers have yet to repair themselves, straining
7 American-Japanese unity

8 **RESOLVED,** That the US military bases in Okinawa be closed within 5 years.

9 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** The United States and Japanese government shall launch joint
10 and independent investigations to the potential crimes committed as a
11 result of the bases, with the intent of delivering financial reparations to
12 victims or, if they are deceased, their next of kin.

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