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A. A Bill to Establish a Ban on all Usage of Handheld Devices While Driving

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Use of any and all hand-held devices while driving is banned, unless placing a call to emergency services.

SECTION 2. A handheld device is one small enough and light enough to fit in the palm of a hand. Handheld devices include but are not limited to: Cellphones, music devices, Ipads, gaming devices, etc.

SECTION 3. This bill will be overseen by the US Department of Transportation. All states willing to comply and implement this new law will get additional grant funding provided by the Support Safe Driving Behaviors Program from the Department of Transportation in 2022.

A. The Support Safe Driving Behaviors Program issues “grants to States for modernization of data collection and reporting to gather, use, and better understand the data in real time along with human factors, and enhancements to vehicle safety.”

B. The only exception to the law is in the case of placing a call to emergency services.

SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect immediately. However, states will not get supplemental funding until the beginning of the following year, January 2022. All other laws that are in conflict with this new policy shall hereby be declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Northland Preparatory Academy.

B. The Orion Act of 2021

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States shall make a concerted effort to expand research of nuclear pulse propulsion (NPP) systems in space travel through nuclear recycling of retired nuclear warheads under the Orion Project.

SECTION 2. Nuclear pulse propulsion systems shall be defined as any spaceflight system which takes advantage of controlled nuclear explosions in the form of pulse momentum. In order for research to be conducted, the following conditions must be met:

NASA shall be granted at least 200 nuclear warheads from the United States' stockpile of retired weapons ready to be dismantled for research purposes entirely.

The DOD must guarantee that NPP systems will not be militarized or weaponized.

SECTION 3. The National Aeronautics and Space Administration shall have control over enforcement and implementation of this piece of legislation, with minor assistance from the Department of Defense. 15 billion USD shall be allocated from the Department of Defence for this research project.

SECTION 4. This system shall be implemented by January 1st 2022.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Sunnyslope High School.

C. A Bill to Enforce a National Standard for Use of Force

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Virtually all jurisdictions allow police officers to use as much force as is necessary in their powers of arrest. Police brutality cases are evaluated case by case because there is a vague legal definition of excessive force. The national standard henceforth shall be that any action resulting in death or serious injury is excessive force. \$630 million shall be allocated towards providing body cameras to every police officer in the United States to ensure that this standard is being enforced. If a police officer is accused of using excessive force in a court of law, and it is discovered that they turned off their body cam during the incident, they will be charged with obstruction of justice.

SECTION 2. Excessive force is defined as the use of unnecessary force by personnel affiliated with law enforcement duties when dealing with suspects and civilians. The term is also applied to abuses by corrections personnel in municipal, state and federal penal facilities including military prisons.

Serious injury is defined as a personal injury which results in death; dismemberment; significant disfigurement; a fracture; loss of a fetus; permanent loss of use of a body organ.

SECTION 3. The Department of Justice shall oversee the enforcement of this legislation.

A. Necessary funding for this legislation shall be taken from the Department of Justice budget for fiscal year 2021.

SECTION 4. This legislation shall be implemented on January 1st, 2022.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Desert Ridge High School.

D. A Bill to Implement a System for the Promotion of Electric Vehicles

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States shall adopt a buy-back system in conjunction with consumer and production subsidies to promote the use of electric vehicles, also known as EVs, to reduce dependency on gasoline and diesel in an attempt to combat climate change.

SECTION 2. The Electric Vehicle Transfer System (EVTS) shall be comprised of two Parts:

A buy-back system for any diesel-based or hybrid vehicle to be replaced or converted free of cost to an electric vehicle subsidized by the US Government. Cars with worse fuel economies will be subsidized with a grant of up to 7,500 USD as determined by state and local DOTs.

Funding for oil consumer and production subsidies will be cut by 50% and be transferred to EV production subsidies and subsidies for the creation and sustenance of electric charging stations. 30% of the funding will be provided to companies who convert cars to or create cars with an electric fueling mechanism. 20% will be provided to cities who sponsor the creation of charging stations.

SECTION 3. Funding will be provided by previous gasoline/diesel subsidies in conjunction with 30 billion USD annually from the Department of Transportation.

Implementation for this legislation will be formed through a council composed of members from both the US Department of Commerce and the US Department of Transportation.

SECTION 4. This system shall be implemented over the span of 5 years beginning with Fiscal Year 2022. Gasoline and diesel subsidies will be reduced and EV subsidies will increase by 10% every year.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Sunnyslope High School.

E. A Resolution to Support the Middle East

WHEREAS President Biden's recent actions in Afghanistan have contributed to political, social, and economic turmoil in the Middle East; and

WHEREAS members of Congress from diverse political perspectives have expressed concern and regret over the methods and timing of withdrawal of remaining United States' forces and its allies in Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS the Taliban were unable to secure Kabul's airport resulting in casualties to United States' military personnel and our allies; and

WHEREAS Middle East political, social, and economic stability is essential to the interests of the United States and its allies; and

WHEREAS United States' efforts to combat terrorism remain long after our withdrawal from Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS the United States has troops stationed throughout the Middle East; and

WHEREAS there are United States' citizens, allies, and vulnerable populations who will remain long after August 31; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED by the Congress here assembled that we implore the Commander-in-Chief of the United States' Armed Forces to increase personnel and equipment for our allies in the Middle East, including but not limited to troop deployment on or near Afghan borders, and to provide a check against other states, including Syria and Iran, that consider our departure from Afghanistan as a signal that we are abandoning our allies in the Middle East.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the NSDA.

F. An Amendment on State Antitrust Venues

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

SECTION 1. To amend title 28 of the United States Code to prevent the transfer of actions arising under the antitrust laws in which a State is a complainant.

SECTION 2. Section 1407 of title 28 of the United States Code is amended
1) in subsection (g) by inserting “or a State” after “United States” and
2) striking subsection (h).

SECTION 3. The Federal Trade Commission and the United States Department of Justice will oversee enforcement of this legislation.

SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect January 1, 2022.

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

Note: This bill mirrors H.R. 3460 and is currently under review by the judiciary committee.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the NSDA.

G. A Bill to Support Climate-Vulnerable Island Nations

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

SECTION 1. Create an Island Nation Fund of \$100 billion for climate-vulnerable independent coastal states to take active measures to repair damage and protect states from climate change disasters.

SECTION 2. The Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS) and its 39 member states will submit funding and action proposals to an Island Nation Congressional Committee.

SECTION 3. The Department of State will oversee enforcement and distribution of the funds.

SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect immediately.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the NSDA.