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A Bill to Provide Recurring Stimulus Payments

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

SECTION 1. United States taxpayers will receive recurring stimulus checks until Congress has determined that COVID-19 is sufficiently under control to warrant tapering or complete elimination of recurring payments.

SECTION 2. United States taxpayers and their families who were eligible for earlier coronavirus stimulus checks will be eligible for recurring stimulus payments as determined by the Internal Revenue Service.

SECTION 3. All eligible U.S. adult citizens will receive $1000 stimulus checks each month and each eligible child of U.S. adult citizens will receive $500 stimulus checks each month.

SECTION 4. The Department of the Treasury and the Internal Revenue Service shall oversee implementation of this legislation.

SECTION 5. This legislation takes effect immediately.

SECTION 6. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
A Resolution to Encourage Municipal Ownership of Internet Services

WHEREAS the U.S. Senate passed a bipartisan infrastructure package with $65 billion for Internet connectivity; and

WHEREAS consumer advocacy groups argue that cities should build their own Internet services to expand connectivity nationwide; and

WHEREAS municipal broadband is that which is partially or fully owned by local governments; and

WHEREAS municipal broadband is not motivated by profits but by providing services to its residents; and

WHEREAS the original American Jobs Plan included the promotion of competition by eliminating “barriers that prevent municipally-owned or affiliated providers and rural electric co-ops from competing on an even playing field with private providers”; and

WHEREAS the digital divide must be narrowed; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED by the Congress here assembled that municipal development and ownership of Internet services should be encouraged and that individual states should support the efforts of municipalities, including, but not limited to, easing regulatory burdens or eliminating outright bans of municipal Internet ownership.
A Bill to Provide Wildfire Aid

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

SECTION 1. Aid will be provided to Algeria, Greece, and Turkey to combat wildfires.

SECTION 2. $10 billion in aid may be in the form of direct payments, firefighting supplies and equipment, personnel, or some combination thereof.

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

SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect immediately.

SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
An Amendment to the American Rescue Plan

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

SECTION 1. Permit the use of American Rescue Plan funding for debt relief by states and cities.

SECTION 2. This action overturns the temporary ban of spending on debt relief by Secretary Yellen and makes Congressional intent clear.

SECTION 3. The original rescue plan provides $350 billion in aid to state and local governments. This amendment allows state and local governments to maintain autonomy to determine how those funds are appropriated.

SECTION 4. The Department of the Treasury will honor and oversee the enforcement of this legislation.

SECTION 5. This legislation will take effect immediately. For those state and local governments that have already issued determinations of how their funds will be spent, they may amend their appropriations to allow for debt repayment within two months of the passage of this bill.

SECTION 6. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
A Bill for Worldwide Vaccine Distribution

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

SECTION 1. The United States will share 25% of its surplus vaccine stock through direct donations and share another 25% of its surplus vaccine stock through COVAX’s multi-lateral pool.

SECTION 2. Surplus stock consists of vaccine supplies that are above-and-beyond that needed to fully vaccinate the United States’ population with one or two shots, based upon the vaccine’s dosage for full vaccination. Stock for a third booster shot may not be pulled from the portion of the surplus designated for donation.

SECTION 3. The Department of State and the Department of Health and Human Services will oversee the distribution of vaccine surpluses.

SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect immediately.

SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
A Resolution to Address Concerns with COVAX

1 WHEREAS COVAX has distributed fewer than 200 million doses worldwide at the time of the writing of this resolution, far short of its goal of 640 million doses; and

2 WHEREAS some supplies of COVAX vaccines have expired prior to distribution in countries lacking infrastructure for cold storage, delivery, and distribution; and

3 WHEREAS all nations, both wealthy and non-wealthy alike, are affected by uncontrolled spread of COVID variants; and

4 WHEREAS the needs for each country vary in terms of the assistance needed and the specific type of vaccines required to address the most prominent variants of COVID affecting their region; and

5 WHEREAS some nations have a surplus of vaccines while others wait for months to gain access to life-saving vaccinations; and

6 WHEREAS as Dr. Ayoade Alakija, co-chair of the African Union’s vaccine delivery program, has stated, “Covax hasn’t failed, but it is failing. We really have no other options. For the sake of humanity, Covax must work”; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED by the Congress here assembled that COVAX concerns must be addressed by the governing officers, partners, and nations which contribute to its success. The United States is prepared to offer additional resources and personnel to the success of COVAX as these concerns are addressed. These concerns include, but are not limited to, 1) ensuring sufficient supplies and protection of vaccines; 2) ensuring cold storage chains; 3) training of health professionals to administer the shots; 4) ensuring appropriate methods of deployment from delivery to distribution; 5) mobilizing people to attend vaccination centers, when vaccines are available; 6) combat social media disinformation and misinformation campaigns; 7) Work with the World Health Organization to create a roadmap for rapid, yet realistic, vaccination efforts worldwide.
A Bill to Regulate Graduate Schools

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

SECTION 1. Establish caps for Grad Plus loan programs of $50,000 for a master’s degree and $100,000 for a terminal degree (e.g., M.F.A, J.D. Ph.D).

SECTION 2. Eliminate loan forgiveness programs that waive remaining debt after a 20 to 25 year payoff period.

SECTION 3. The Department of Education will oversee the enforcement of this legislation.

SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect January 1, 2023. Forgiveness programs for those who took out loans prior to January 1, 2022 will remain intact.

SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
A Resolution to Support the Middle East

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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.
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.
A Bill to Support Climate-Vulnerable Island Nations

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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.