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CONGRESS
LEGISLATION

PRELIMINARY
SESSION
LEGISLATION

A Bill to Abolish the Debt Ceiling

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The congressional debt ceiling shall be abolished.

SECTION 2. The “congressional debt ceiling” shall be defined as the upper set limit on the amount of money that the United States government may borrow that, once reached, shuts down the government.

SECTION 3. The Congressional Budget Office shall oversee implementation of this legislation.

SECTION 4. This legislation shall be enacted immediately upon passage.

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

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A Resolution to Rejoin the Trans-Pacific Partnership

WHEREAS, continuing economic and political tensions with China are exacting a significant economic toll on the United States; and

WHEREAS, rejoining the agreement would diversify American trade and make the United States less dependent on Chinese goods; and

WHEREAS, the agreement prevents foreign governments from subsidizing products, a practice that creates unfair competition; and

WHEREAS, several nations in the agreement have consistently reported strong economic growth. Now

THEREFORE, be it resolved by the BQCFL Student Congress here assembled that the United States rejoin the Trans-Pacific Partnership.

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A Bill to Ban Hydraulic Fracturing

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States will ban the practice of hydraulic fracturing.

SECTION 2. Hydraulic fracturing is defined as the practice of drilling down a distance equal to or exceeding one mile into the earth and injecting a water mixture at a high pressure in order to extract gas and oil from shale rock.

SECTION 3. The Environmental Protection Agency will oversee enforcement of this legislation.

A. Any corporation or individual found guilty of actions in violation of the aforementioned restrictions shall be subject to a fine not exceeding \$10,000,000 and/or jail time not exceeding five years for appropriate parties.

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

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

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A Bill to Return Manufacturing and Industry to the United States

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Large corporations choosing to relocate the manufacturing facilities of their products from abroad to within the United States will receive federal grants between 75 million and 7 billion dollars to manage construction, hiring, and transition costs. Additional grants will be given to corporations actively employing human workers and not automating their manufacturing process within the United States.

SECTION 2. “Large corporations” will be defined as a corporation with a taxable income of \$10 million dollars or more in the current tax year or in the three years preceding.

A. “Federal grants” will be defined as subsidies calculated and distributed by the Department of Commerce based on the operations and revenue size of the corporation.

SECTION 3. The implementation of this bill shall be jointly carried out by the Department of Commerce and the Department of Labor.

A. The Department of Labor will be responsible for creating quota of human employees per corporation based on corporation size and will suggest additional grants to the Department of Commerce for companies meeting the quota annually.

B. The Department of Commerce will oversee proper use of grants by corporations and can request more funds as needed subject to the approval of Congress.

SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect in FY 2022.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Xaverian High School.

SUPER SESSION
LEGISLATION

A Bill to Ban Semi-Automatic Assault Weapons and to Institute a Buyback Program

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. It shall be unlawful for a person to import, sell, manufacture, or transfer, in or affecting interstate or foreign commerce, a semi-automatic assault weapon.

SECTION 2. Certain terms are defined as follows:

- A. The term 'semi-automatic assault weapon' pertains to any semi-automatic rifle, pistol, or shotgun, regardless of country of manufacture or caliber of ammunition accepted
- B. A semi-automatic rifle that has the capacity to accept a detachable magazine and any 1 of the following: A pistol grip, a forward grip, a folding, telescoping, or detachable stock, a barrel shroud, or a threaded barrel.
- C. A semi-automatic pistol that has the capacity to accept a detachable magazine and any 1 of the following: A threaded barrel, a second pistol grip, a barrel shroud, the capacity to accept a detachable magazine at some location outside of the pistol grip, or a semi-automatic version of an automatic firearm.
- D. A semi-automatic shotgun that has any 1 of the following: A folding, telescoping, or detachable stock, a pistol grip, a fixed magazine with the capacity to accept more than 5 rounds, the ability to accept a detachable magazine, or a forward grip.

SECTION 3. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, in conjunction with each state's Police Department, will be responsible for the enforcement of this legislation.

- A. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives is further directed to work with each state's Police Department to develop an assault weapons buyback program.

SECTION 4. This legislation shall go into effect at the start of Fiscal Year 2023.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Xaverian High School

A Bill to Recognize the Sovereignty of Taiwan in Order to Defend Democracy in the Western Pacific

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States of America shall officially recognize the sovereignty of the Republic of China, establish an embassy in Washington D.C. for the Republic of China, formalize military alliances with the Republic of China, and establish a formal embassy in the Republic of China for the United 6 States of America.

SECTION 2. Certain terms are defined as follows:

- A.) “Sovereignty” shall be defined as the authority of a state to govern 8 itself or another state.
- B.) “Republic of China” shall be defined as the central government of the Republic of China, which is based in Taipei, Taiwan.
- C.) “Military alliance” shall be defined as an international agreement of security in which countries agree to mutual protection.

SECTION 3. Both the Department of State and the Department of Defense will oversee enforcement of this legislation. The Department of State will establish an embassy for the Republic of China in Washington D.C. The Department of State will also establish an embassy for the United States in the Republic of China. The Department of State and the Department of Defense will establish a joint-committee designated to develop a Taiwanese-American military alliance. The aforementioned committee will report directly to both the Secretary of State of State and the Secretary of Defense. It will also be required to publish reports to the 22 public detailing progress every year.

SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect immediately.

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

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