



**NSDA Florida Manatee District**

**Congressional Debate Preliminary Legislation**

**House and Senate**

**2022**

## **A Bill to Reduce Military Spending to Aid Americans**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** The United States Federal Government shall cap the annual defense budget at \$415 billion dollars and designate the additional \$300 billion dollars from the defense budget for annual budgetary reprioritization initiatives.

**SECTION 2.** Budgetary reprioritization initiatives are defined as initiatives that provide funding for a \$300/month universal child tax credit, the State Department, education programs, Medicare, and Medicaid.

**SECTION 3.** The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and the parliamentarians of the Senate and House will oversee the implementation of the provisions of this bill and ensure appropriate spending levels in accordance with Section 1.

A. The OMB may alter the amounts designated in Section 1 and Section 2 to conform with annual inflation rates in cooperation with the Department of the Treasury.

B. Defense appropriations proposed by the President and by Congress shall be regulated according to the limits set in Section 1 by the OMB and congressional parliamentarians.

**SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect for the budgetary process of FY 2023.

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

## **A Resolution to Establish Diplomatic Relations with Afghanistan**

- WHEREAS,** The United States maintains relationships with several nations with problematic human rights records; and
- WHEREAS,** Ceding diplomatic influence in Afghanistan to nations such as China or Pakistan can have long-term negative geopolitical consequences throughout central Asia; and
- WHEREAS,** Afghanistan is rich in rare-earth metals, which are essential elements of many modern electronics; and
- WHEREAS,** Refusal to establish diplomatic relations with the current government of Afghanistan will diminish U.S. influence in the region; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that the United States reestablish its embassy in Kabul; and be it
- FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the United States seek to establish formal diplomatic relations with the current governing authority in Afghanistan.

## **A Bill to Enact a Ranked Choice Vote**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) shall hereby be used in all federal congressional district elections and presidential elections.

**SECTION 2.** The following definitions apply:

A. "Ranked Choice Voting" shall be defined as a method of achieving proportional representation where voters rank their choices rather than just voting for one candidate. A minimum quota of votes needed to win a seat shall be set, based on the number of seats up for election.

**SECTION 3.** The Federal Election Commission shall be tasked with the enforcement of this legislation.

A. \$2 billion shall be allocated to invest in the technology and infrastructure necessary to implement RCV in elections.

B. \$500 million shall be allocated to voter education programs aimed at training voters to accommodate the RCV system.

**SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect for the 2024 election period.

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

## **A Resolution to Fund Lab Grown Coral to Help Reverse Coral Extinction**

**WHEREAS,** Many factors such as disease, overfishing, pollution, and climate change

have contributed to the extinction of coral reefs; and

**WHEREAS,** Coral reefs are essential to marine ecosystems as they provide a direct

source of food, shelter, and protection for marine life.

**WHEREAS,** Due to the economic and social benefits that coral reefs provide like

seafood, tourism, and even medicine, coral reefs are an outlet worth

more than 30 billion dollars per year; and

**WHEREAS,** Coral reefs also help prevent coastal erosion and offer protection from

storm surge; and

**WHEREAS,** As climate change has put coral reefs under stress, it causes bleaching,

which has wiped out more than half of the entire coral population since

1980; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that government funding be provided

for coral preservation and lab grown coral to ensure a decline in the rate

at which coral reefs are dying .

# **A Bill to Raise Taxes on the Rich**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- SECTION 1.** The top tax rate shall be increased for individuals with an income of \$523,600 or more and \$628,300 or more for married couples filing jointly from 37% to 45%.
- SECTION 2.** Federal Income Taxes shall be defined as the tax levied by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) on the annual earnings of individuals and married couples.
- SECTION 3.** This legislation shall be overseen by the Internal Revenue Service.
- a. Any action taken to evade an assessment of tax will earn an individual to five years in prison against not paying taxes.
- SECTION 4.** This shall be the effective tax rate for this income brackets starting in the 2022 tax year.
- SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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## **A Bill to Create Special Visas for At-Risk Afghans**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** A new Special Immigrant Visa (SIV) for at-risk populations in Afghanistan, including women, transgendered or gender non-conforming individuals, journalists, and social justice advocates, shall be created.

**SECTION 2.** Immigrant visas are issued to foreign nationals who intend to live permanently in the United States. The "Special Immigrant" category includes people who qualify for a green card, or permanent resident status, under the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) special immigrant program.

**SECTION 3.** The U.S. Citizenship and Immigrations Services (USCIS) will oversee the implementation of the new visa. The USCIS will establish more specific criteria for awarding the new special visas, but the intent is to be as inclusive as possible. The process will also be expedited, and new personnel and resources will be provided to avoid delays or backlogs.

**SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect immediately upon passage, and the USCIS will have two months to begin processing applications.

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

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## **A Resolution to Refocus the Prosper Africa Initiative to Solely Prioritize Sustainable Development**

- WHEREAS,** The Prosper Africa initiative was launched in 2018 by the Trump Administration in an attempt to streamline US Aid to the continent; and
- WHEREAS,** Prosper Africa has pursued a variety of different avenues to promote economic growth across the region; and
- WHEREAS,** This lack of focus has diluted the economic impact of the program; and
- WHEREAS,** Developing nations suffer greater impacts from climate change, including increased food insecurity, extreme weather events, and resource depletion; and
- WHEREAS,** Sustainable development practices help countries grow in ways that adapt to the challenges posed by climate change; and
- WHEREAS,** The UN estimates that developing countries will need to spend \$3.3 to \$4.5 trillion per year to meet their Sustainable Development Goals; and
- WHEREAS,** The US has a direct interest in promoting stability across the world's fastest-growing region, as it will directly affect long-running bilateral relationships; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED,** By the Congress here, assembled that the US government should refocus resources in the Prosper Africa initiative to focus solely on promoting sustainable development.



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## **A Resolution to Impose Sanctions on Qatar**

**WHEREAS,** In the past ten years, Qatar has embarked on an unprecedented building program, largely in preparation for the FIFA 2022 football tournament; and

**WHEREAS,** More than 6,500 migrant workers from India, Pakistan, Nepal, Bangladesh, and Sri Lanka have died in Qatar since it won the right to host the World Cup ten years ago; and

**WHEREAS,** Qatari authorities have failed to investigate the deaths of thousands of migrant workers over the past decade, despite evidence of links between premature deaths and unsafe working conditions; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that the United States impose sanctions on the Country of Qatar for its role in the abuse of migrant workers for the development of the infrastructure for the FIFA 2022 football tournament.