Winter Trophy Docket

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A. A Resolution to Reduce Importation of Crude Oil from OPEC to Promote Domestic Oil Productivity

WHEREAS, The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) has pledged to increase oil output by 400,000 barrels per day; and

WHEREAS, The amount of oil productivity pledged is not sufficient to resolve the trends of surging oil and gasoline prices in the United States; and

WHEREAS, The average cost of crude oil from OPEC is US dollars (USD) per barrel is predicted to remain at $82 per barrel throughout the fourth quarter of 2021; and

WHEREAS, Due to record-high inflation, the average American consumer is becoming increasingly unable to afford to adequately fuel their vehicles and other energy-relevant needs; and

WHEREAS, National oil productivity may be progressively developed to help resolve the financial struggles induced by growing oil and gasoline prices; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Congress here assembled moves to temporarily reduce importation of crude oil from OPEC and subsidize domestic oil corporations to promote the expansion of domestic oil production; and,

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Congress here assembled moves to temporarily utilize the United States Strategic Petroleum Reserves until the US inflation rate decreases to below 3 percent.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Tolleson Union High School
B. A Bill to Expand the Postal Banking Pilot Program

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States Postal Service shall expand the current postal banking pilot program to all USPS locations and begin allowing people to complete typical banking functions at their local post office branch.

SECTION 2. Postal banking is defined as the provision of low-cost, consumer-driven financial services via the Postal Service. The definition of typical banking functions shall include but is not limited to deposits, withdrawals, bill payments, check cashing, opening savings accounts, and providing small-dollar loans.

SECTION 3. The United States Postal Service in conjunction with the Federal Reserve shall oversee the implementation and funding of this legislation.

SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect at the start of FY 2023.

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

Introduction for Congressional Debate by Tempe Preparatory Academy.
C. A Bill to Honor Indigenous Populations

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. “Columbus Day” will be replaced with “Indigenous Peoples Day”. In addition, the history of Indigenous peoples will be taught in schools under an education standard introduced by this bill.

SECTION 2. “Columbus Day” is the current federal holiday that occurs on the second Monday of October. “Indigenous Peoples Day” will be a holiday that celebrates the diversity, contributions, and achievements of Native American populations. Indigenous History is defined as any history that is related to Native American populations. Native Americans refers to any indigenous peoples in North, South, and Central America.

SECTION 3. The Bureau of Indian Affairs and the US Department of Education will oversee the implementation of this bill

A. If schools do not comply with the education standards introduced by the aforementioned departments, they will not receive federal funding for the subsequent school year

B. The introduced education standards will require that Native American history will be taught under United States history courses

SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2022. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Mountain Ridge High School
D. A Bill to Subsidize Workforce Housing to Help Solve the Housing Crisis

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development shall receive $10 billion in funding to subsidize workforce housing.

SECTION 2. “Workforce Housing” shall be defined as housing affordable to households earning between 60 and 120 percent of area median income.

SECTION 3. The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development shall oversee the implementation of this legislation to ensure the proper allocation of funds.

A. Subsidies shall be in the form of housing vouchers, which will be given to eligible recipients that apply.

B. Eligible recipients shall be households earning between 60 and 120 percent of area median income.

SECTION 4. This bill shall take effect immediately upon passing.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Hamilton High School.
E. The I.N.I.T.I.A.T.E. (Instituting Negotiations with Iran To Induce A Tactical Embargo) Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States shall negotiate with the Iranian government for the conditional removal of sanctions levied against Iranian officials and firms on October 29th, 2021. Sanctions shall be removed only if the unconditional requirements of the Iranian government halting its production and use of lethal UAVs are met.

A. If Iran agrees to the requirements above by February 3, 2022, American diplomats shall be authorized to reinitiate negotiations for the United States to rejoin the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action.

SECTION 2. The sanctions in SECTION 1 refer to any individuals, entities, and changes added to OFAC’s SDN list by the Department of Treasury on October 29th, 2021. UAVs, or unmanned aerial vehicles, are aircraft without a human pilot.

SECTION 3. The Departments of State and Treasury shall jointly oversee all negotiations with the Iranian government and shall be responsible for assigning specific diplomats to carry out negotiations. Any funding necessary shall come from their respective budgets.

SECTION 4. This legislation shall go into effect immediately upon passage.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Desert Vista High School*
F. A Bill to Fund Government Programs for the Development of Quantum Computing

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States federal government shall allocate $5 billion to fund programs into the research and development of quantum computing at US national laboratories.

SECTION 2. A. A national laboratory is defined as any federally funded facility overseen by the US Department of Energy that is involved with scientific and technological research.

B. Quantum Computing is defined as any form of computation that relies on quantum mechanics to complete calculations, including but not limited to superconducting qubits and photonic quantum computing.

SECTION 3. The Department of Energy shall oversee the implementation of this bill. National laboratories that conduct such programs shall be determined at the discretion of the Department of Energy.

SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect at the beginning of FY 2022.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Brophy College Preparatory
G. A Bill to Increase Sanctions on Belarus

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States Federal Government shall impose targeted sanctions on all Belarusian officials and add Belavia to the list of sanctioned entities. The United States shall also place an embargo to prevent Belarus from selling its sovereign debt on the American market.

SECTION 2. Targeted sanctions on individuals and entities shall be defined as blocked travels into the U.S. and frozen U.S assets to prevent assets owned from being sold or moved.

SECTION 3. The Department of State shall oversee the implementation of this legislation.

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.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Tempe Preparatory Academy.
H. A Resolution to Introduce Taiwan as a Member-State into NATO

WHEREAS, The People’s Republic of China, or China, has seen the Republic of China, or Taiwan, as an illegitimate state; and

WHEREAS, China has threatened Taiwan’s sovereignty by increased military presence in the South China Sea; and

WHEREAS, The Brussels North Atlantic Treaty Summit Communique highlighted China’s contradictory behavior to international order; and

WHEREAS, The United States holds geopolitical interests in safeguarding Taiwan as a democratic regime; and

WHEREAS, The American military has been training the Taiwanese military; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Congress here assembled urges Taiwan’s introduction as a member-state into the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

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