

BQCFL
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CONGRESS
LEGISLATION

A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Ban Faithless Electors

RESOLVED, By two-thirds of the Congress here assembled, that the following article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several states within seven years from the date of its submission by the Congress:

ARTICLE XVIII

SECTION 1: Electors may not cast their votes for a Person not having the most Number of Votes in their respective States.

SECTION 2: The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Michael Farrell of Xaverian High School

A Bill to Prioritize the Removal of Space Debris

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

SECTION 1. The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) shall receive an additional \$1 billion annually for the express purpose of funding research into the removal of space debris as well as actual efforts at removing space debris.

SECTION 2. Space debris shall be defined as the remnants of defunct satellites or other machinery placed in space by humans. U.S.-made space debris shall be prioritized for removal, but other debris may be removed using this funding as well.

SECTION 3. Funding for this bill shall be supported by a new 35% tax on the annual revenue of private spaceflight corporations, to be defined as any corporation currently engaged in efforts to transport human passengers into outer space.

SECTION 4. NASA shall oversee the implementation of this legislation, with the exception of Section 3, which shall be overseen by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

SECTION 4. This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2023.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the BQCFL Tab Staff

A Bill to Promote Immigration of Climate Refugees

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

SECTION 1. Any non-citizens designated by the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) as refugees for reasons related to severe weather events and climate change shall be given preference and support as United States' immigrants.

SECTION 2. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) shall receive an additional \$500 million per year to be used to publicize this program, locate refugees who qualify, and provide them immigration and resettlement support. This funding shall be sourced from a carbon tax of \$1 per metric ton of carbon dioxide emitted to be levied on all corporations, as determined by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

SECTION 3. An additional \$500 million per year shall be made available to states and municipalities that create programs to welcome and support these refugees, with preference given to communities that are less susceptible to the effects of climate change based on the determinations of the EPA. These funds shall also be sourced from the aforementioned carbon tax and will be administered by the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR).

SECTION 4. Any remaining funds from the aforementioned carbon tax shall be diverted into the Department of Energy to be used to fund research into and development of renewable energy sources.

SECTION 5. This legislation shall take effect immediately upon passage.

SECTION 6. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the BQCFL Tab Staff

A Bill to Reset the Priorities of the United States Transportation System

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

SECTION 1. Over the next decade, federal highway funding will be reduced by 5% from its current level each year until it reaches 50%. All of this funding will be redirected to and split evenly between the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). After a decade, funding for these two organizations shall continue to grow through an annual increase of the gasoline excise tax equal to 10 cents per gallon, to be continued for twenty years.

SECTION 2. Funding directed to Amtrak is to be used to improve current rail capabilities, extend public rail transportation to unreached communities, research high speed rail, convert heavily trafficked routes into high speed routes, and reduce the cost of fares. Funding directed to the FTA is to be used to improve public transportation within metropolitan areas and to reduce fares.

SECTION 3. The Department of Transportation and the Department of Energy shall jointly oversee the implementation of this legislation.

SECTION 4. This legislation shall take effect at the start of the next fiscal year.

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

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