

Philhistorian Invitational Congressional Debate Docket

March 27, 2022

Round 1: A Bill to Implement a Carbon Tax

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **Section 1.** A carbon tax of \$40 per metric ton will be imposed on all carbon dioxide
3 emissions. All revenue will be used for programs that aim to mitigate
4 climate change.

5 **Section 2.** Climate change mitigation programs shall be defined as measures that
6 limits the magnitude or rate of long-term climate change. CLimate change
7 mitigation also involves programs that reduce emissions of greenhouse
8 gasses.

9 **Section 3.** The Environmental Protection Agency and Internal Revenue Service will
10 be charged with the enforcement of this bill.

11 **Section 4.** This bill will be implemented in the beginning of fiscal year 2023.

12 **Section 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation shall be declared null and void.

Round 2: A Bill to Prioritize the Removal of Space Debris

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

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

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

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

14 **Section 4.** NASA shall oversee the implementation of this legislation, with the
15 exception of 12 Section 3, which shall be taken over by the Internal
16 Revenue Service (IRS).

17 **Section 5.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2023.

18 **Section 6.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are declared null and void.

Round 3: A Bill to Limit Gene Editing Technologies

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

Section 1. CRISPR and other Gene editing technologies may only be used on medical patients in the event of a life-threatening disease or one that seriously impedes the quality of the patient's life.

5 **Section 2.** Life threatening diseases are defined as:

6 **A. Impairment of physical bodily functions.**

7 **B. Disease involving substantial risk of death.**

8 Individuals have the right to accept or refuse care, and provide advance
9 directive for care.

10 **Section 3.** The department of Health and Human Services will oversee the
11 implementation of this bill.

12 **Section 4.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2023.

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

Final Round: A Bill to Implement a Universal Basic Income

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **Section 1.** A cash payment of \$750 shall be made to every American citizen of at
3 least 18 years of age every 6 months.

4 **Section 2.** The funds for the Universal Basic Income program will coe from a
5 Value-Added Tax of 5%.

6 **Section 3.** Every five years the amount of money given out will be revised to remain
7 proportional to economic inflation.

8 **Section 4.** The United States Department of Health & Human Services will oversee
9 the implementation of this bill.

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