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A Bill to eliminate sodium nitrate from marketed foods

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** It will be illegal to use sodium nitrate in any marketed food items.

3 **SECTION 2.** Sodium nitrate is a harmful chemical in many processed foods that cause
4 heart disease.

5 **SECTION 3.** The Food Safety and Inspection Service will oversee the enforcement of
6 this bill.

7 1. Any company found breaking this law will be fined with 150% of their
8 profit from the product.

9 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2024. All laws in conflict with
10 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Zoe O’Cull.

A Bill to Repeal the Jones Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Merchant Marine Act of 1920, Public Law 66-261, known as the
3 “Jones Act” is hereby repealed.

4 **SECTION 2.** This legislation will take effect on October 1, 2023. All laws in conflict
5 with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Samuel Gonser.

A Resolution to allow an increased appropriation of funds to heighten and innovate border security to stop the transport of Fentanyl across the United States and Mexico border

- 1 **WHEREAS,** in 2021, 11,000 pounds of fentanyl arrived in the United States; and
2 **WHEREAS,** more than half of this fentanyl came through Mexico; and
3 **WHEREAS,** the leading exporter of fentanyl is China, a major economic competitor
4 with the United States; and
5 **WHEREAS,** the CDC cited that drug overdose related deaths increased fifteen
6 percent from 2020 to 2021 and thirty percent from 2019 to 2020; and
7 **WHEREAS,** deaths from fentanyl rose to 71,238 in 2021 from 57,834 in 2020; and
8 **WHEREAS,** death from fentanyl ranks in the top ten causes of death in the United
9 States and is the leading cause of death for persons ages 18-45; and
10 **WHEREAS,** a range of other deadly narcotics such as cocaine, methamphetamine,
11 and heroin enter America through its southern border with Mexico; now,
12 therefore, be it
13 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled increase funding for border security to
14 prevent the transport of fentanyl and other deadly narcotics into the
15 United States.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Michael Fialcowitz.

A Resolution to Pressure Israel to End its Human Rights Abuses

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The United States provides military aid and financial support to the state
2 of Israel; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** Israel violates the sovereignty of Palestine and purposely endangers
4 Palestinian citizens, leading to about 5,590 Palestinian deaths from 2008
5 to 2020 and injuring many more; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** through the contribution of \$30 billion in military aid to Israel during the
7 same period, and a further commitment of \$38 billion until FY2028, the
8 U.S. supports these abuses; and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** the U.S., as a nation that prides itself as a beacon of democracy, freedom,
10 equality, and fair treatment, cannot, in good faith, actively support a
11 government that takes these human rights away from others; now,
12 therefore, be it
- 13 **RESOLVED,** by the Congress here assembled will limit Israel's encroachment into
14 Palestine and commit to the two-state solution outlined in the 1947
15 United Nations Partition Plan for Palestine by leveraging U.S. financial
16 and military support to the State of Israel.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lukas Tomsich.

A Bill to Restore the Right to Repair

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** A. All owners of a technological product shall have the right to make
3 physical repairs on their devices without losing licensure to the software.

4 B. All equipment manufacturers of technological products shall provide
5 consumers and independent repair businesses equal access to repair
6 documentation, diagnostics, tools, service parts, and firmware as their
7 direct or authorized repair providers.

8 **SECTION 2.** A. Technological product shall be defined as a physical unit of equipment
9 that contains a computer or microcontroller worth over \$100 USD
10 according to the manufacturer's suggested retail price.

11 B. Equipment manufacturers shall be defined as companies that produce
12 parts and equipment used to construct technological products.

13 C. Physical repairs shall be defined as maintenance performed on the
14 material components of a technological device.

15 **SECTION 3.** A. The Federal Trade Commission shall be charged with the
16 implementation 14 and enforcement of this bill.

17 B. Companies found in violation with this bill shall be fined 25% of all
18 revenue accumulated from sales of any technological products not in
19 accordance.

20 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall take effect on all technological products manufactured after
21 January 1, 2023.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Noah Hersh.

The Women's Health Protection Act of 2022

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The full text of the Women's Health Protection Act of 2021 (HR. 3755) is
3 hereby enacted. The WHPA achieves these purposes:

4 A. "To permit health care providers to provide abortion services without
5 limitations or requirements that single out the provision of abortion
6 services for restrictions that are more burdensome than those
7 restrictions imposed on medically comparable procedures, do not
8 significantly advance reproductive health or the safety of abortion
9 services, and make abortion services more difficult to access."

10 B. "To promote access to abortion services and women's ability to
11 participate equally in the economic and social life of the United
12 States."

13 **SECTION 2.** "Medically comparable procedures" are defined as "medical procedures
14 that are similar in terms of health and safety risks to the patient,
15 complexity, or the clinical setting that is indicated."

16 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice shall oversee implementation.

17 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect immediately upon passage

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Tessa Kelly.

A Bill to Recognize Taiwan's Independence

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States is hereby committed to defending Taiwan's security.

3 A. The United States shall end its policy of strategic ambiguity by

4 committing to defend Taiwan in the event of a Chinese attack.

5 B. The United States shall end its recognition of the "One China Policy".

6 C. The Department of Defense shall build a military base in Taiwan and

7 rebuild its presence in the South China Sea. Additional funding shall

8 be appropriated at the recommendation of the Senate Committee on

9 Armed Services.

10 **SECTION 2.**

11 A. "Strategic ambiguity" is hereby defined as "being intentionally

12 ambiguous about foreign policy decisions".

13 B. "One China Policy" is hereby defined as "The United States'

14 recognition of Taiwan as part of China".

15 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Defense shall oversee the implementation of this

16 legislation, with assistance from the Department of State.

17 A. Oversight and funding shall be provided by the Senate Committee on

18 Armed Services.

19 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall go into effect immediately upon passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Nathan Moldover.

A Bill to Change U.S. Immigration Laws to Help Small Businesses

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The requirements for Mexican citizens to claim TN Nonimmigrant Status
3 shall be changed to be the same as the current requirements for
4 Canadian citizens. The list of occupations those claiming TN
5 Nonimmigrant Status are allowed to work in shall be updated to include
6 any occupation for a small business.

7 **SECTION 2.** Small business shall be defined according to the U.S. Small Business
8 Administration size standards.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Homeland Security shall oversee the enforcement of
10 this legislation.

11 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2023. All laws in conflict with
12 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Jacob Bowen.

A Bill to Provide Universal School Lunch to Combat Hunger

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The National School Lunch Program shall fully subsidize school meals.

3 **SECTION 2.** The National School Lunch Program is the current federal program under
4 the US Department of Agriculture formed by the 1946 National School
5 Lunch Act which partially subsidizes school meals. School meals shall be
6 defined as breakfast and lunch provided on the property of public and
7 public-charter K-12 schools during the school year.

8 **SECTION 3.** The US Departments of Agriculture and Education shall oversee the
9 implementation of this legislation.

10 A. All additional funding used to implement this legislation shall be
11 reallocated from the Department of Defense.

12 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on FY 2023. All laws in conflict with this
13 legislation are hereby declared null and void

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Patrick Bai.

A Bill to Limit the Amount of Nutrient Pollution Contaminating Water

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The amount of nutrient pollution released into water shall be limited and
3 lowered by instituting farm and field catchment management.

4 **SECTION 2.** Nutrient pollution shall be defined as contamination of sources such as
5 water sources due to chemicals such as nitrate and harmful chemicals in
6 common fertilizers. Catchment management shall be defined as a
7 system-based approach to use more sustainable practices in which water
8 is held in a drainage basin.

9 **SECTION 3.** The United States Environmental Protection Agency shall oversee and
10 enforce this bill along with the United States Department of Agriculture.
11 A. Both agencies shall make sure that the use of chemicals causing water

12 contamination and pollution is limited/lowered by implementing
13 more sustainable processes such as the catchment management
14 system.

15 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall go into effect as of January 2023 and shall be reviewed
16 annually.

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

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Introduced for Congressional Debate by Melanie Claro.

A Bill to Raise Workers' Wages to Counteract Inflation

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All wages are mandated to increase at the same rate as inflation. The
3 minimum wage shall also increase with the rate of inflation.

4 **SECTION 2.** Wages are defined as fixed regular payments made by an employer to an
5 employee. The rate of inflation is defined as the rate of the increase in
6 prices over a given period of time.

7 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Labor shall implement this legislation.

8 A. Wages shall increase monthly in accordance to the rate of inflation
9 the Consumer Price Index reports.

10 B. If the minimum wage or employees' wages increase more than the
11 rate of inflation, then all succeeding months' increases shall be based on
12 the new wage.

13 C. If wages stagnate or are increased below the rate of inflation, it shall
14 be considered a cut in pay and the employers must inform their
15 employees of the change.

16 D. If companies do not conform, they will pay a fine equal to the amount
17 they did not pay their employees.

18 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall be implemented beginning fiscal year 2024.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Sarayu Cheemalapati.

A Bill to Repeal the USA Patriot Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States will repeal the Uniting and Strengthening America by
3 Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct
4 Terrorism Act.

5 **SECTION 2.** This act will be implemented and administered by the Department of
6 Justice.

7 A. All individuals detained under the USA Patriot Act must be given a fair
8 and speedy trial in a United States Federal Court.

9 B. Investigations must establish probable cause before anti-terrorism
10 surveillance can occur.

11 C. An independent audit to establish any abuses or improper uses of the
12 USA Patriot Act powers.

13 **SECTION 3.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2024

14 **SECTION 4.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Neil Sash.

A Resolution to Halt Human Trafficking in the Sinai Peninsula

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The Eritrean government has subjected its citizens to widespread forced
2 labor and conscription, prompting waves of refugees to seek asylum in
3 Israel through the Sinai Peninsula; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** Sudan has been plagued by food insecurity, political instability, and
5 currency depreciation, motivating thousands of refugees to use the same
6 route; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** Eritrean and Sudanese refugees passing through Sinai face violence, sexual
8 exploitation, forced servitude, extortion, and involuntary organ removal
9 at the hands of human traffickers; and
- 10 **WHEREAS,** Israel has violated international law by punishing, detaining, and
11 deporting asylum seekers who have successfully crossed its border; now,
12 therefore, be it
- 13 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled pledges \$20 million to fund NGOs in
14 Egypt that combat trafficking and provide rehabilitation services to
15 survivors; and
- 16 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the United States embassy in Jerusalem shall work with
17 Israeli authorities to resettle 500 refugees per month beginning January
18 31, 2023; if Israel refuses to cooperate, the US shall decrease military aid
19 by 2% monthly until they comply.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Grace Rosenberg.

A Resolution to Restore Democracy in Myanmar

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The Myanmar military, or Tatmadaw, staged a coup on February 1, 2021,
2 seizing control of Myanmar following a general election won by
3 Myanmar's ruling party, the National League for Democracy; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** The Myanmar military has maintained control of Myanmar through
5 violence and imprisonment, resulting in the death or displacement of
6 several hundred thousand citizens; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** The United States has repeatedly condemned the military's oppression of
8 Myanmar's people and democracy; now, therefore, be it
- 9 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled demand that full control of Myanmar
10 be returned to the democratically elected National League for
11 Democracy; and
- 12 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That upon passage of a global arms embargo, the U.S. shall levy a
13 20% tariff on imports from any country that provides military aid to the
14 Tatmadaw.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Kobi Silver.

A Resolution to Revive African Agriculture

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Over a quarter of Africa’s total population is currently facing severe food
2 insecurity, specifically concentrated in the Horn of Africa, despite
3 donations totaling several billions of dollars in foreign food aid; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** Ineffective and unsustainable donation practices have contributed to
5 both reliance on foreign aid and widespread food inaccessibility; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** Prolonged drought within the Horn of Africa, ongoing warfare in Ukraine,
7 and rising grain prices across the globe have exacerbated this problem;
8 now, therefore, be it
- 9 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled to provide \$500 million in agricultural
10 aid to NGOs such as SOS Sahel, the Nippon Foundation, and Farm Africa
11 to be used in support of grassroots initiatives to farm indigenous crops,
12 which include but are not limited to fonio, teff, millet, and cassava; and
- 13 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the Congress hereby recommends that fellow G7 countries
14 pledge to create a reserve fund for global food security totaling at least
15 \$100 million to disperse when the United Nations declares that the third
16 state of the Integrated Food Security Classification has been reached.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Maeve Lovell.

The Haiti and Armenia Reforestation Act of 2022

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The full text of the Haiti and Armenia Reforestation Act of 2018 is hereby
3 enacted.

4 **SECTION 2.** Under the H.A.R.A. the U.S. shall provide grants to programs working in
5 Haiti and Armenia sufficient to restore forest cover to at least 7% of
6 Haiti's landmass and at least 12% of Armenia's total landmass.

7 **SECTION 3.** USAID shall oversee implementation of this legislation.

8 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect one year after passage.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Miya Okuda.

A Bill to Save Our Mother Truckers

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** A 40-hour work week will be mandated for all truck drivers. Truck drivers
3 will have the legal right to become, or remain, owner-operators. Owner-
4 operators are responsible for managing time and loads. The minimum
5 age for truck drivers who cross state lines will be 18 years of age.

6 **SECTION 2.** “Unregulated” and “non unionized firms” shall be defined as
7 organizations/companies offering the lowest rates to their customers at
8 the cost of trucker’s paychecks. “Owner-operators” is to be defined as
9 truck drivers who do not operate under their own DOT authority but
10 instead, unionized common carriers.

11 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Transportation will enforce the mandates of this
12 legislation and oversee the dismissal of unregulated, non unionized firms
13 within the trucking industry.

14 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2024. All laws in conflict with
15 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Linden Corbett

A Resolution to Deny Diplomatic Immunity in the U.S.

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Article 31 of Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations states that
2 diplomats are immune to civil and criminal prosecution by the host
3 country, and defines the principles of diplomatic immunity, and
4 **WHEREAS,** 22 U.S. Code § 254d states that Any action or proceeding brought against
5 an individual who is entitled to immunity with respect to such action or
6 proceeding [...] shall be dismissed; and
7 **WHEREAS,** Diplomats living and/or visiting the U.S. have abused their privileges of
8 diplomatic immunity and, in some cases, have committed serious acts
9 that are in violation of U.S. law, now, therefore, be it
10 **RESOLVED,** by the Congress here assembled that Article 31 shall no longer be
11 recognized by the United States and any U.S. law granting diplomatic
12 immunity are hereby null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Morgan Rafferty.

A Bill to Implement an Annual Wealth Tax to Combat Economic Inequality

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** A 2% annual wealth tax shall be levied on individuals with \$40 million to
3 \$1 billion in assets and a 6% annual wealth tax for individuals with \$1
4 billion or more in assets. Any revenue generated by this bill will be used
5 to fund education, infrastructure, and social programs.

6 A. A 30% exit tax will be imposed on any U.S. resident with a net worth
7 of \$40 million or more who renounces their U.S. citizenship.

8 **SECTION 2.** Annual wealth tax shall be defined as a tax placed on the net wealth an
9 individual possesses, including, but not limited to personal assets, real
10 estate, and trusts. Exit tax shall be defined as a tax imposed on all assets
11 of an individual who renounces their U.S. citizenship.

12 **SECTION 3.** The IRS shall oversee the implementation of this legislation.

13 A. A \$500 million annual fund shall be allocated to the IRS to process
14 taxes more efficiently and hire new workers.

15 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on July 1, 2023. All laws in conflict with this
16 legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Rep. Ray Zhang.

The Fair Minimum Wage Act of 2022

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The federal minimum wage will be increased to \$15 for all covered non-
3 exempt employees working in the United States. It will then henceforth
4 be indexed to inflation using the Consumer Price Index.

5 **SECTION 2.** The federal minimum wage will be increased steadily every year, starting
6 at a \$0.75 increase the first fiscal year followed by a \$1 increase every
7 subsequent fiscal year until a \$15 minimum wage is reached.

8 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Labor shall be in charge of
9 implementing this legislation.

10 A. The Bureau of Labor Statistics shall be responsible for determining
11 the Consumer Price Index used for indexing the minimum wage to
12 inflation.

13 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect at the start of FY 2023. All laws in conflict
14 with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Rep. William Gutiérrez.

A Bill to Repeal the Hyde Amendment

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Hyde Amendment shall no longer be implemented in future Federal
3 budget proposals.

4 **SECTION 2.** The Hyde Amendment shall be defined as the legislative provision that
5 bars federal funds from being used for abortion except to save the life of
6 the woman, or if the pregnancy arises from incest or rape.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Office of Management and Budget and the Congressional Budget
8 Office will oversee the implementation of this legislation.

9 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect immediately after passage. All laws in
10 conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Rachel Ruggeri.

A Resolution to Offer NATO Membership to Asian Countries at risk of Chinese Encroachment and Interference

- 1 **WHEREAS,** China is actively encroaching on the territory of countries bordering it
2 within areas such as the South China Sea and the Himalayas; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** Using their military and economic powers, China puts other countries in a
4 position where they either submit to having their land taken over or risk
5 fighting and territory being used either way because China is much more
6 powerful than smaller countries; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** This hurts the sovereignty of these countries, many of which are allied
8 with the United States and present military and economic advantages
9 due to their positioning around China; now, therefore, be it
- 10 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled recommend that NATO offers
11 membership to Asian countries at risk of Chinese encroachment and
12 interference.
- 13 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** Involvement in programs that help meet requirements for
14 membership will also be extended to countries interested in joining.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Luca Marianova.

A Resolution to Back and Fund the Merida Initiative

- 1 **WHEREAS,** currently, drug cartels have unmatched influence in Mexico, and
2 **WHEREAS,** throughout the counternarcotics trade, members of cartels commit
3 heinous crimes and take deadly actions, and
4 **WHEREAS,** the drug trade has given cartels a deadly grip on Mexico, and
5 **WHEREAS,** previous attempts at solving the issue have come up short due to
6 ineffective strategies and underfunding, and
7 **WHEREAS,** the Merida Initiative is a unique collaborative effort between the
8 American and Mexican governments; now, therefore, be it
9 **RESOLVED,** that the Congress here assembled shall fully support the Merida
10 Initiative; and, be it
11 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** that Congress shall support the Merida Initiative with an amount
12 of funding that is deemed necessary.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Mudit Marwaha.

A Bill to End Meat Subsidies

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All subsidies and financial incentives to all meat and dairy manufacturers
3 and their associated organizations (including but not limited to public
4 relations campaigns and advertising). All funding shall be redirected to
5 subsidies to the fruit and vegetable industries.

6 **SECTION 2.** Subsidies shall be defined as any payment on behalf of the government
7 to private industries or corporations.

8 **SECTION 3.** The US Department of Agriculture and the United States Food and Drug
9 Administration shall implement this bill.

10 **SECTION 4.** 10% of federal subsidies to the meat and dairy industries shall be phased
11 out each year for ten years and redirected to the fruit and vegetable
12 industry.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Jayantha Kantamneni.

The Open Door Act of 2022

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States will open diplomatic negotiations with North Korea.

3 C. The Countering America's Adversaries Through Sanctions Act
4 (CAATSA) is hereby repealed.

5 D. The United States will open talks with the government regarding free
6 trade agreements.

7 **SECTION 2.** The United States will remove the sanctions in Section 1A and negotiate
8 trade agreements in Section 1B if and only if North Korea

9 A. Ends production of fissile materials, nuclear weapons, and nuclear
10 weapons' technologies, and

11 B. Implements greater transparency by allowing the United States
12 supervised visitation of nuclear facilities.

13 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of State will enforce this legislation.

14 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on June 1, 2023, provided that North
15 Korea has met the requirements of Section 2. If North Korea maintains
16 the requirements of Section 2, this legislation will hereby remain in
17 effect.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Abhi Chundru.

A Bill to Supply Universal Support for American Families (SUS AF)

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** A. Universal child care shall be provided to all American citizens.

3 B. Federal funding shall be provided to establish and support a network
4 of Child Care Centers and Early Learning Centers that provide every
5 family, regardless of income or employment, with access to high-quality,
6 affordable child care.

7 C. The federal corporate income tax shall be increased to 28%, with 30%
8 of the total revenue from this tax going towards the funding of this bill.

9 **SECTION 2.** A. Child Care Centers shall be defined as programs attending to the
10 needs of infants, toddlers, preschool children, and school children
11 outside of school hours by persons other than their parents or legal
12 guardians.

13 B. Early Learning Centers shall be defined as programs that provide
14 education for children outside of their own homes before the age that
15 they are eligible for kindergarten.

16 **SECTION 3.** A. Enforcement of the new federal corporate tax shall be overseen by
17 the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

18 B. The U.S. Department of Education, in addition to the Administration
19 for Children and Families, under the U.S. Department of Health and
20 Human Services, shall oversee the distribution of funds from this bill
21 along with the specific enforcement mechanism.

22 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect on July 1, 2023.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Nathan Sukenik.

A Resolution to Sweeten Up the Dominican Sugar Industry

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The United States of America is the largest consumer of sugar exports
2 from the Dominican Republic; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** The Dominican sugar industry is responsible for the ongoing exploitation
4 of agricultural workers through low wages, child labor, and substandard
5 working and living conditions in its bateyes; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** The great majority of these field workers are undocumented Haitians
7 looking for economic mobility in the Dominican Republic; now, therefore,
8 be it
- 9 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled demands that the Dominican Republic
10 strengthen its labor laws in accordance with CAFTA-DR and acknowledge
11 the presence of undocumented Haitian workers; and
- 12 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That if the Dominican Republic fails to comply, the United States
13 of America shall hold it in contempt of Article 16.2 of CAFTA-DR and
14 subject to the potential \$15 million USD fine (per year of violation) or loss
15 of trade benefits.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Liv Bush Moline.

A Bill to Further Education in Africa

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The U.S. shall provide no less than \$100 million each year for the next five
3 years to the U.N.'s Education Cannot Wait for education in African
4 nations.

5 **SECTION 2.** Education Cannot Wait is a program hosted by UNICEF serving the
6 emergency education needs of children displaced by war and other
7 crises.

8 **SECTION 3.** USAID shall oversee implementation of this legislation.

9 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect immediately upon passage.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Minh Bui.

A Bill to Hold Israel Accountable

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Sanctions will be placed on Israel until Israel withdraws its settlements
3 and abides by international law.

4 **SECTION 2.** Settlements refers to Israel's colonization and occupation of certain areas
5 in the region, specifically the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Withdrawal
6 refers to a full removal of all military and government forces from the
7 region.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Defense shall oversee the implementation of this
9 legislation.

10 **A.** The Department of Defense shall ensure no arms, intelligence, or
11 military aid will be transferred to Israel

12 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect immediately after passage. All laws in
13 conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Niki Khare.

A Bill to Implement a Universal Basic Income to Reduce Poverty

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** \$1,000 per month shall be granted to every American citizen over the age
3 of 18 in the United States in the form of a Universal Basic Income through
4 an electronic banking process.

5 **SECTION 2.** A Universal Basic Income (UBI) shall be defined as a basic living stipend
6 delivered periodically to all on an individual basis.

7 **A.** An electronic banking process shall be defined as a form of banking in
8 which funds are transferred through an exchange of electronic signals
9 rather than paper documents.

10 **B.** Funds for the UBI shall be provided by the elimination of the
11 following welfare programs: Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
12 Program (TANF), USDA Nutrition Assistance Programs, and Home
13 Ownership Tax Expenditures.

14 **C.** Additional funding, if necessary, shall be provided by a 10% Value
15 Added Tax. The value-added tax will exclude basic living amenities
16 such as groceries and clothing.

17 **SECTION 3.** The Internal Revenue Service and the Department of Health and Human
18 Services shall oversee the implementation of this bill.

19 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on July 1, 2023. All laws in conflict with this
20 legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Samanvitha Dammalapati.

A Bill to Implement a Waiting Period when Purchasing Firearms to Combat Increased Gun Violence

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** A 10 day waiting period shall be imposed before a firearm may be
3 released to a purchaser or transferee.

4 **SECTION 2.** A waiting period shall be defined as a minimum 10 day lapsation between
5 the purchase of a firearm and when a buyer may take possession of that
6 firearm.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives shall oversee
8 the implementation of this bill.

9 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on July 1, 2023. All laws in conflict with this
10 legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Akansha Bagga

A Bill to Reform Tribal Tax Limits in order to Strengthen Tribal Economic Development

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 2 **SECTION 1.** A. Native American Tribal Governments will be treated as state
3 governments by the IRS for the purpose of allowing Tribal Governments
4 to issue tax-exempt bonds.
- 5 B. Any provisions made by the IRS requiring tax-exempt bonds to pass the
6 essential government function in order to be issued shall be eliminated.
- 7 C. Goods sold in Tribal Lands shall only be taxed by Tribal and Federal
8 Governments, removing all state taxation.
- 9 **SECTION 2.** A. "Tax-Exempt Bonds" will be defined as bonds and funding given by
10 Tribal Governments that are exempt from certain local, state, or federal
11 taxes.
- 12 B. "Essential Government Function" will be defined as the test the IRS
13 places on Tribal Government tax exempt bonds to determine if they can
14 be issued.
- 15 **SECTION 3.** The Internal Revenue Service and Bureau of Indian Affairs will oversee
16 the implementation of this legislation.
- 17 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on the next taxable year after this
18 legislation's passage. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby
19 declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Bartosz Foremny .

The Nationwide Right to Unionize Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Subsection (b) of section 14 of the National Labor Relations Act (29 U.S.C.
3 164) is repealed.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Sen. Elizabeth Warren and the Yale Congressional Debate Tab Staff

A Bill to Safeguard the Transfer of Firearms

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** It shall be unlawful for a person to transfer a firearm, unless the person is
3 a licensed dealer.

4 **SECTION 2.** Licensed dealer is defined as an entity which possesses a Federal
5 Firearms License (FFL) issue by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms,
6 and Explosives (ATF).

7 **SECTION 3.** The ATF will oversee enforcement of this bill.

8 A. Those that knowingly violate this bill will be subject to a fine of up to
9 \$20,000 multiplied by the number of firearms involved in the
10 violation.

11 B. Offenders will lose their ability to apply for an FFL within a period of
12 10 year of the violation.

13 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2023. All laws in conflict with
14 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the Yale Congressional Debate Tab Staff

A Resolution to Recommend Collection of Rainwater

1 **WHEREAS,** The collection of rainwater can be beneficial for numerous reasons; and

2 **WHEREAS,** Rainwater can be useful for the agriculture industry; and

3 **WHEREAS,** Manufacture of electronics requires a large amount of water; and

4 **WHEREAS,** Personal use of rainwater can alleviate water shortages in drought-
5 stricken areas; and

6 **WHEREAS,** With the current drought conditions in the western United States, any
7 source of water is beneficial; and

8 **WHEREAS,** There is no current standard for rainwater collection, and each state
9 allows or prohibits rainwater collection on an individual basis; now,
10 therefore, be it

11 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled believes there should be no
12 restrictions on the personal and private collection of rainwater.

13 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That states should incentivize the collection of rainwater for
14 purposes of production and consumption.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the Yale Congressional Debate Tab Staff

A Bill to Make Concerned Parties Pay

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** In matters deemed as critical to national security, as determined by the
3 Attorney General, the appointment of a Special Master, when requested
4 by a concerned party, shall not be denied.

5 **SECTION 2.** Prior to the appointment of the Special Master, the Congressional Budget
6 Office shall determine the preliminary costs of the investigation, as well
7 as any ancillary costs related to the process of appointment and
8 reporting.

9 **A.** After the CBO has determined the costs, the concerned party shall
10 place an amount equal to the cost in escrow with the Department of
11 Treasury. This may be in the form of currency or other items which
12 will fulfill the preliminary costs.

13 **SECTION 3.** The Special Master's final report shall contain a determination of
14 whether the concerned party should bear the costs of the investigation,
15 by reason of culpability. If it is determined the concerned party should
16 bear the costs, the amount provided in escrow shall be used to satisfy
17 said costs. If not, the escrow shall be returned to the concerned party.

18 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect retroactive to August 20, 2022.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the Yale Congressional Debate Tab Staff

A Bill to Jumpstart Low Income Housing

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** U.S. States and territories that receive funding via the Low-Income
3 Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC):

4 **A.** Will no longer require local approval for construction of LIHTC
5 projects.

6 **B.** Will reserve 65% of LIHTC funding to affordable housing in more
7 affluent areas.

8 **SECTION 2.** Local approval is defined as organizations at the county or municipal level
9 that governs construction and zoning. Affluent areas are defined as
10 municipalities where the median income is 30%-50% over the state's
11 median income.

12 **SECTION 3.** The Internal Revenue Service will continue to oversee the distribution of
13 funds for this program. The Department of Housing and Urban
14 Development will handle complaints and violations of the program.

15 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on June 1, 2023. All laws in conflict with
16 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the Yale Congressional Debate Tab Staff

A Resolution to Strengthen U.S. Military Presence in the Middle East and Central Asia

- 1 **WHEREAS,** President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan has maintained a sustained suppressive
2 stance against opposition voices such as the Turkish press and ethnic
3 minorities within Turkey; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** Ankara continues to demand the U.S. Military cut ties with the People's
5 Protection Units (YPG); and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** Ankara continues to align itself with Russia through politics and trade;
7 and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** Ankara's decision to purchase and install the Russian S-400 air defense
9 system is a sign of increased antagonism towards U.S. policies and
10 defiance of NATO priorities; and
- 11 **WHEREAS,** there are numerous regional alternatives to Incirlik Air Base; now,
12 therefore, be it
- 13 **RESOLVED,** that the Congress here assembled should support a ceasing of operations
14 at Incirlik Air Base; and be it
- 15 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** the United States should seek to significantly reduce its diplomatic
16 ties with Turkey once a replacement location is operational.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the Yale Congressional Debate Tab Staff

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As of 09/20/2022

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SESSION DETAILS

- Sessions will last for 2.5 hours. This time is inclusive of business, recess, and debate.
- A Presiding Officer will be elected in each session.
 - Voting is required to be run by the Parliamentarian.
- Direct Questioning will be in effect for all rounds of competition.
- Recency and Precedence is determined by the Presiding Officer
 - The Presiding Officer must be ready to provide transparency to their documentation to the chamber, the Parli, Scorers, and Tournament Staff.
 - Recency and Precedence will reset each session.
- **Primary Agenda Items:** Students with Authorships in each chamber will comprise the primary agenda for the chamber. All other legislation in the assigned docket will act as secondary agenda items.
- **Final Appeal:** For each piece of legislation, the Sponsor/Author of the bill will also have a 1 minute 30 seconds Final Appeal speech at the end of legislative debate.
 - The Final Appeal is triggered when the chamber moves to the previous question.
 - This is not scored as a separate speech.