



Season Opener Congress Docket July 30th-31st

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If there are too few competitors to host a final round, we will only host prelims on Saturday. In this case, there will be no preset agenda, and the prelim chamber will be free to set their agenda using any bill on this docket. Please show up with all bills prepared! <3

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Prelims 1 - The Free Union Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The National Labor Relations Act will be amended to establish an efficient
2 system to enable employees to form, join, or assist labor organizations, to
3 provide for mandatory injunctions for unfair labor practices during
4 organizing efforts, and for other purposes.

5 **SECTION 2.** Any labor union that collects signatures from a majority of the workers at
6 any given private enterprise shall be recognized by the enterprise in
7 question and the federal government without the need for a separate vote.
8 Employers and unions must enter collective bargaining agreements within
9 120 days of union recognition.

10 **SECTION 3.** A labor union shall be defined as an organized association of workers, often
11 in a trade or profession, formed to protect and further their rights and
12 interests.

13 A collective bargaining agreement shall be defined as a written contract
14 negotiated through collective bargaining for the employees of a firm by
15 one or more trade unions.

16 **SECTION 4.** The National Labor Relations Board in conjunction with the U.S
17 Department of Labor shall oversee the enforcement of the bill.

18 **SECTION 5.** This bill shall come into effect at the start of fiscal year 2023.

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

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Prelims 2 - A Resolution to Free Ethiopia from Sanctions

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The humanitarian and military crisis caused by the Tigray civil war have had
2 disastrous effects on Tigray and its people, including death and human
3 rights violation; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** Sanctions have been placed by the United States on Ethiopia to condemn
5 their involvement in perpetuating this crisis in Tigray; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** These sanctions have failed at preventing war and strife in Tigray, and
7 general economic sanctions have a long history of ineffectuality in changing
8 the policy choices of other nation-states; and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** Ethiopia's suspension from trade, trade agreements, and other
10 transnational dealings, such as membership in the African Growth and
11 Opportunity Agreement (AGOA) has deeply hurt Ethiopia's economy and its
12 people; and
- 13 **WHEREAS,** On balance, sanctions on Ethiopia have done far more harm to the
14 Ethiopian people than they have done to alleviate the crisis in Tigray; and
- 15 **WHEREAS,** The United States, Ethiopia, and the world would greatly benefit from the
16 lifting of sanctions from Ethiopia; now, therefore, be it
- 17 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that the United States lift all sanctions on
18 Ethiopia.

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Finals 1 - A Resolution to Secure Freedom and Democracy in Taiwan

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Taiwan is facing military threats from the People's Republic of China that
2 have increased significantly in frequency and magnitude in recent months,
3 and the Chinese Air Force has made numerous intrusions into Taiwanese
4 airspace, undermining peace and stability in the Taiwan Strait; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** A majority of Americans support the military defense of Taiwan, and
6 Taiwan is a progressive democracy that stands for liberal ideals akin to the
7 United States; and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** The U.S. Assistant Secretary of Defense for Indo-Pacific Security Affairs, has
9 stated that Taiwan's recent military budget is "insufficient" to ensure
10 effective defense against the Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA); and
- 11 **WHEREAS,** The US, India, Japan, and Australia have discussed the importance of
12 Taiwan's national security to their foreign policy interests, and it is
13 estimated that by 2025, China will have the full ability to launch a full-scale
14 invasion of Taiwan, and China's costs and attrition of doing so will be
15 brought to the lowest level, according to Taiwan's defense minister; and
- 16 **WHEREAS,** The defense and sovereignty of Taiwan is a priority of the United States and
17 the rest of the free world; now, there, be it
- 18 **RESOLVED,** The Congress here assembled that the United States acknowledge Taiwan
19 as a sovereign nation-state and commit to its military defense in case of a
20 land invasion of Taiwan by the PLA.
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Finals 2 - A Bill to Implement a Cap-and-Trade System

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** A national cap on greenhouse gas emissions shall be imposed. Each
2 covered entity shall require an allowance to emit a finite amount of
3 greenhouse gasses, measured in carbon dioxide equivalent value. Covered
4 entities shall be permitted to buy and sell these allowances.
- 5 **SECTION 2.** A. “Greenhouse gas” shall be defined as a gas that absorbs and emits
6 radiant energy, trapping said energy within the Earth’s atmosphere and
7 increasing the Earth’s overall surface temperature, including but not limited
8 to carbon dioxide, methane, nitrous oxide, hydrofluorocarbons,
9 perfluorocarbons, and sulfur hexafluoride.
- 10 B. “Covered entity” shall be defined as any entity that emits 25,000 or
11 more metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent value greenhouse gasses.
- 12 C. “Carbon dioxide equivalent value” shall be defined as the number of
13 metric tons of carbon dioxide emissions with the same global warming
14 potential as one metric ton of another greenhouse gas.
- 15 **SECTION 3.** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) shall oversee the
16 implementation and enforcement of this legislation, including determining
17 the national cap on greenhouse gas emissions on an annual basis, allotting
18 the initial allowances to each covered entity on an annual basis, and
19 determining the carbon dioxide equivalent value of all covered greenhouse
20 gasses on an annual basis.
- 21 **SECTION 4.** This bill will become effective at the start of fiscal year 2025.
- 22 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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