



## Session One

### **A Bill to Revive Space Exploration**

BE IT ENACTED BY THIS CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) shall end all subsidies and partnerships related to research and development with private space companies. All money currently allocated for said subsidies and partnerships shall be given directly to NASA.

**SECTION 2.** “Private space companies” is defined as privately owned partnerships or corporations that participate in space exploration.

“Space exploration” is defined as the physical exploration of outer space, both by human spaceflights and robotic spacecraft.

**SECTION 3.** NASA shall be responsible for implementation of this legislation.

Annual audits shall be carried out to ensure that research and development is making significant progress. If Congress determines that significant progress has not been made within 3 years of this legislation’s passage, this legislation will be declared null and void.

**SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect at the start of FY 2024.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Phoenix Country Day School*



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# The Social Security Fairness Act of 2023

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** All provisions that reduce Social Security benefits for individuals who receive other benefits are hereby repealed.

A. The *government pension offset*, which in various instances reduces Social Security benefits for spouses, widows, and widowers who also receive government pensions of their own, is also repealed.

B. The *windfall elimination provision*, which in some instances reduces Social Security benefits for individuals who also receive a pension or disability benefit from an employer that did not withhold Social Security taxes, is also repealed.

**SECTION 2.** Other benefits include but are not limited to: a pension from a state or local government, spousal benefits for remarriage after divorce, etc.

C. In any instances of multiple applicable additional provisions aforementioned, all said provisions are voided.

**SECTION 3.** The Social Security Administration (SSA) will oversee the implementation of this legislation.

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



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# A Bill to Install Medicare for All

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** Medicare shall be expanded into Medicare for All as the new official government health insurance policy.

**SECTION 2.** Medicare for All shall be defined as a government-run health insurance program paid for by taxpayers that insures all citizens and lawful permanent residents of the United States.

**SECTION 3.** The Department of Healthcare and Human Services shall oversee the enforcement of this bill.

A. This bill shall be funded through taxpayer dollars of all classes of citizens and corporations.

**SECTION 4.** This bill shall be implemented upon September 1, 2020.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Arizona College Preparatory High School.*



## Session Two

# A Bill to Ensure Drought Resilience by Investing in Desalination Technology and Improving Water Management

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** The United States will appropriate 10 Billion Dollars for research into improvements in efficiency and availability of Desalination Technology. In addition, the United States will invest an additional 5 Billion Dollars for research into efficient water use in agriculture and public planning

**SECTION 2.** The Department of the Interior is also herein vested with the power to distribute water from bodies of water which cross state lines among the various states to which the body of water is connected.

**SECTION 3.** Desalination Technology is defined as any technology which purifies ocean water through the removal of salt and toxins, making it usable for agriculture or human consumption. A body of water for the purposes of this bill is defined as a lake, river, estuary, delta, sea or other aquatic environment which the Secretary of the Interior shall designate as such.

**SECTION 4.** The Department of the Interior shall be responsible for apportioning all funds made available in Section 1 to public and private entities based on the entities' expertise in desalination and water management.

**SECTION 5.** An Inspector General shall be appointed by the congress in a later resolution to oversee the apportionment of appropriated funds.

**SECTION 6.** No action may be taken to alter the water appropriated to Native American nations without the express consent of the Nations' governments.

**SECTION 6.** This legislation will take effect on the First of January 2023. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by McClintock High School.*



## Session Two

The E.Q.U.A.L.I.T.Y. (The Ensuring Quality Universally in Academics to Limit Inequalities in Teaching for Youth) Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The following measures shall be implemented to improve education in primary, middle, and secondary schools in the United States:

- A. Schools whose per-student funding levels fall below the fiftieth percentile in their respective states shall receive targeted federal grants. These grants will raise the school's per-student funding level to that of the fiftieth percentile.
- B. Fifty percent of yearly funding for the COPS Hiring Program and STOP School Violence Act Program shall be reappropriated towards federal school counseling programs. The remaining funding shall be placed under the discretion of the Department of Education.
- C. All funds in Section 1B shall be withheld from states until annual teacher salaries are increased by 15%.

SECTION 2. Per-student funding level is the mean amount of money a school spends per pupil. The COPS and STOP School Violence Act Program are initiatives that fund school security resources.

SECTION 3. Funding for per-student targeted federal grants shall be allocated during the creation of the yearly discretionary budget. The Department of Education shall oversee all funds addressed in Section 1.

SECTION 4. This legislation shall take effect in Fiscal Year 2023.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Desert Vista High School



## Session Two

### **A Bill to Create Take-or-Leave Paid Paternity Leave to Narrow the Gender Pay Gap**

- 1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
- 2 **SECTION 1.** A 3-month optional take-or-leave paid paternity leave shall hereby be
- 3 mandated for all places of employment.
- 4 **SECTION 2.** Paternity leave is defined as a leave of absence granted to a male
- 5 identifying employee who adopts a child or is acting as a newborn child's
- 6 parental guardian immediately following their birth.
- 7 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall be enforced by the Department of Labor.
- 8 A. Violating employers of this mandate shall pay a fine of no more than
- 9 10,000 dollars per instance.
- 10 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect at the beginning of FY 2024.
- 11 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Brophy College Preparatory*