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Legislation Packet

A Bill to Ban Single-Use Plastics

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The production of single use plastics shall be banned within the United States.

Companies failing to comply with this legislation will face a \$500,000 fine for every additional month of production, and a 50% tax on the company's total income annually. Additionally, imports of single-use plastic shall be taxed at 400% to de-incentivize their purchase.

SECTION 2. Single use plastics shall be defined as plastics made with the intention of being used once then discarded, made with plastic textile.

SECTION 3. The Environmental Protection Agency and Internal Revenue Service shall oversee this legislation.

SECTION 4. This legislation shall go into effect July 1st, 2023.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Eagan High School

A Resolution to Condemn North Korea for Continued Nuclear Proliferation

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The Democratic People’s Republic of North Korea launched
2 a test missile over Japan without warning,
- 3 **WHEREAS,** The nation of Japan went into chaos as they didn’t know
4 where the missile would land.
- 5 **WHEREAS,** Without additional restrictions on the North Korean Military
6 unsanctioned exercises like this could continue,
- 7 **WHEREAS,** Without regulation, North Korea could continue to increase
8 the frequency of these military exercises
- 9 **WHEREAS,** The United States holds significant economic influence in
10 North Korea’s direct sphere of influence.,
- 11 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled the US should advise the
12 UN to implement sanctions on the Democratic People’s Republic of North
13 Korea to further encourage them to abandon weapons of mass
14 destruction.
- 15 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the United States shall levy their position in the International
16 Atomic Energy Agency to send inspectors to investigate the Democratic People’s Republic
of North Korea with International Nuclear Weapons Laws.

Introduced for Congressional Debate from Neenah High School

A Bill to Abolish Federal Plea Bargaining

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The practice of plea bargaining in federal criminal cases is hereby abolished.

SECTION 2. This bill shall be overseen by the Department of Justice.

SECTION 3. This legislation shall be put into effect on January 1st, 2024.

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

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A Bill to Rearm the Mujahideen

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** ` The National Resistance Front (NRF), the rebellion against
2 the Taliban's illegitimate regime must be empowered. The Taliban has
3 seized power from Afghanistan's legitimate, democratically-elected
4 government.
- 5 **SECTION 2.** A rebellion refers to specifically to the National Resistance
6 Front (NRF), an armed insurgency fighting against the Taliban in
7 Afghanistan. Empowerment refers to the supplying of weapons, defense
8 systems, and logistical support to any and all allied parties.
- 9 **SECTION 3.** The Central Intelligence Agency and the Department of
10 Defense will oversee this effort and the transfer of weapons to rebel
11 groups.
- 12 A. \$10 billion of the Department of Defense' existing budget will be
13 earmarked for the implementation of this project.
- 14 B. The DoD will supply the anti-Taliban mujahideen with weapons and
15 defense systems including but not limited to small arms, tactical gear,
16 surface-to-air defense systems (PAC-3), missile defense systems
17 (THAAD), and any resources deemed necessary to combat the Taliban.
- 18 C. Six months after the passage of this bill, CIA advisors will be dispatched
19 to Afghanistan to reassess the mujahideen's needs and coordinate
20 additional weapons transfers.
- 21 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect immediately upon passage.
22 All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
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A Bill to Encourage the Evolution of Government-Lead Scientific Advancements

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- SECTION 1.** The White House Office of Science and Technology Policy will hereby be reinstated its special powers to coordinate and connect intergovernmental collaboration between Federal Science Agencies.
- SECTION 2.** Federal Science Agencies shall be defined as any Federal agency with an annual extramural research expenditure of over \$100,000,000.
- SECTION 3.** The Department of the Treasury shall allocate \$100 Billion USD to be distributed to government-partnered Domestic Non-Governmental Organizations.
- SECTION 4.** The White House Office of Budget and Management shall allocate \$250 Billion USD, which can be solely invested into governmental agencies for the purpose of research and development.
- SECTION 5.** The Governmental Agencies and Non-Governmental Organizations are mandated to provide a biannual report to Congress updating them on the progress of their research, innovation, and advancements.
- SECTION 6.** The United States House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology and the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy will be responsible for the implementation and execution of this legislation.
- SECTION 7.** This legislation will take effect on June 1, 2022. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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The A Bill to Remove the United States Military Presence in Okinawa

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall withdraw and disarm all of the
2 current 31 United States Military bases from Okinawa, Japan.
- 3 **SECTION 2.** Closure of these bases shall be executed using the following
4 guidelines:
- 5 A. Base closures shall be conducted in accordance with 10 U.S. Code §
6 2687.
- 7 B. Military bases include any institution or building where the United
8 States has set up a semi-permanent area where the US military stores
9 supplies and/or trains soldiers.
- 10 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Defense will oversee the
11 implementation of this Bill. All funding needed to remove the United States
12 military presence from Okinawa will be taken from the United States
13 Department of Defense yearly budget.
- 14 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2023. All
15 military bases shall be removed from Okinawa by January 1, 2025.
- SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared
 null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Nina Bhattacharjee from Neenah High School.

A Resolution to Formally Recognize Taiwan as a Sovereign

- 1 **WHEREAS**, The relationship between the United States and the People's
2 Republic of China is deteriorating; and
3 **WHEREAS**, The United States has historically recognized the One China
4 Policy; and
5 **WHEREAS**, The People's Republic of China claims the entirety of Taiwan; and
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7 **WHEREAS**, Taiwan has been shunned by the International Community since being
8 replaced in the UN by PRC; and
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10 **WHEREAS**, Taiwan has a government more closely aligned with the same democratic
11 values of the United States; and
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13 **WHEREAS**, The United States had provided naval support to Taiwan in the Third
14 Taiwan Strait Crisis; now, therefore, be it
15 **RESOLVED**, By the Congress here assembled that the United States hereby recognizes
16 Taiwan, the Republic of China as a fully sovereign and independent state in
17 coexistence with the People's Republic of China.
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19 **FURTHER RESOLVED**, By that the United States investigate reopening
20 the United States Taiwan Defense Command that would be located in its
21 original location or on
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Introduced for Congressional Debate by Robbinsdale Debate.

A Resolution to Urge the United Nations to Forgive Argentine IMF Debt

1 **WHEREAS**, The current financial debts of Argentina to the International
2 Monetary Fund by part of the United States have reached over \$82 billion
3 USD; and
4 **WHEREAS**, The corruption of the Argentine debt payback system alongside their
5 banks restrict the amount of United States Currency an Argentine citizen can
6 access per month; and
7 **WHEREAS**, Black markets of exchange rates have become the norm, where one
8 can exchange USD for 2x-3x the official rate, thus plummeting the value of the
9 Argentine Peso; and
10 **WHEREAS**, These debts have resulted in a wildly volition peso, uncontrollable
11 inflation, mass homelessness, and drastic policy measures; and
12 **WHEREAS**, This debt is held through IMF bonds, that the United Nations
13 oversees; and
14 **RESOLVED**, That the Congress here assembled urge the United Nations to
15 forgive all debts the Argentine government has to the IMF.

A Bill to Increase Allocated Resources to NATO

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- SECTION 1.** The Joint Funding Arrangement United States' financial burden for investment in the North Atlantic Treat Organization (NATO) shall be increased to 0.7% of the annual Department of Defense Budget.
- SECTION 2.** NATO shall be defined as, a security alliance to safeguard our allies; annual defense budget shall be defined as, the military budget which pays the salaries, training, and health care of uniformed and civilian personnel, maintains arms, equipment and facilities, funds operations, and develops and buys new items. The budget funds five branches of the U.S. military: the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, and Space Force.
- SECTION 3.** The Departments of Defense and State shall be responsible for the implementation of this legislation.
- SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on FY 2024. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate from Neenah High School.

A Bill to Reduce Food Waste in America

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States will impose the following:

- A. A 70% fine on gross profits will be implemented on all companies in the Industrial Food Processing and Manufacturing industry if their reported food waste exceeds 8% of their total food processing and/or manufacturing.
- B. All Food Rescue Organizations will be funded 80% towards their cause in spreading awareness to reduce food waste and collecting food.
- C. All Organizations with the primary purpose of educating consumers about methods of reduction in food waste and/or spreading information about the harms of food waste or information related to such will be aided 70% of their total cost of operation.

SECTION 2. A. "Companies" will be defined as all companies that fall under the food processing and/or manufacturing company

- B. Food Rescue Organizations is defined as any corporation that Food engages volunteers to transfer fresh food surpluses from local businesses to social service agencies serving the food insecure.

SECTION 3. The Food Safety and Inspection Service, SEC, and US Department of Agriculture will be responsible for assuring this bill's execution.

- A. The Food Safety and Inspection Service will conduct a yearly investigation at the times of their own choosing to identify the amount of food waste of each company that falls under the definitions of Section 2A.
- B. The SEC will be in charge of working with the FSIS to determine which companies will be fined. The fines collected by companies will be transferred to the Department of Agriculture
- C. The Department of Agriculture will assure that Sections 1B and 1C be properly funded from the fines collected in Section 1A, drawing funding from their own budget if necessary
- D. The subsidizing will last for a total of 5 years

SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect in FY 2025. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lakeville North High School

A Bill to Prevent Iranian Nuclear Proliferation

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The House Foreign Affairs committee and the Senate Foreign Relations
2 committee will meet with the President of the United States, leaders of
3 Iran, and the United Nations security council in order to craft a new treaty
4 to prevent the enrichment of weapons grade nuclear material in Iran.
5 A. If any of the requested parties decline to participate in the process of
6 crafting the treaty, the process will continue without their involvement.
- 7 **SECTION 2.** No more than six months after the passage of this bill, the new nuclear
8 deal will be presented to the government of Iran. If Iran rejects this deal,
9 the US Navy and US Air Force shall be authorized to conduct targeted
10 strikes against Iranian power plants, storage facilities, military bases, and
11 other facilities suspected of manufacturing or storing weapons grade
12 nuclear material. These strikes will continue until Iran accepts the deal, or
13 until the president of the United States declares nuclear proliferation
14 capabilities in Iran completely eliminated.
- 15 **SECTION 3.** Weapons grade nuclear material shall be defined as U-235 exceeding
16 enrichment of 90 percent, or PU-240 exceeding enrichment of seven
17 percent.
- 18 **SECTION 4.** The United States department of defense shall be responsible for
19 overseeing the implementation of this legislation.
- 20 **SECTION 5.** This legislation will take effect immediately upon passage. All laws in
21 conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Malcolm Meyn of East Chapel Hill High.

A Bill to Improve Cleanliness of Cities

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

Section 1. The United States shall take various measures to improve the cleanliness of streets and promote social awareness about the importance of environmentally friendly habits to ensure that all Americans now and in the future can live in a healthy environment.

- A. All non-profits with the primary goal of keeping infrastructures clean, promoting environmental awareness, and educating about the harms of environmentally degrading acts such as littering are aided with 20 percent of their operating costs.
- B. The Community Housing industry regardless of profit or non-profit is subsidized with a total amount of \$400 million dollars for the next 8 years with the goal of improving sanity and living conditions for individuals experiencing homelessness, non-profit organizations are aided with 10 percent of their operating costs along with the subsidy.
- C. The Biodegradable Industry is subsidized with up to \$6 Billion dollars yearly for a maximum of 10 years.

Section 2. The United States shall impose the following:

- A. Companies within the construction industry whose revenue source is mainly from general contracting infrastructure are fined 15 percent of their revenue for the infrastructure constructed if there is a 10 percent or more surplus of materials used for said construction which goes to landfills or to waste.
- B. Companies within the demolition industry are fined 15% of revenue made from demolition if 85% of concrete/asphalt/rubble caused by said demolition is not properly recycled
- C. All companies within the demolition industry are subsidized with 30% of their recycling/proper disposal costs.

Section 3. The funding and implementation of this legislation are as follows:

- A. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency will distribute the aid mentioned in Section 1A, drawing funds from their own budget and if need be, extra funding from the Department of Defense will be reallocated.
- B. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development will fund and distribute \$400 million dollars to community housing organizations around America yearly as they see fit, and distribute/fund aid mentioned in Section 1B, along with annual checks on living standards for all shelters for individuals experiencing homelessness.
- C. The U.S. Department of Commerce will oversee the implementation of Section 1C and will draw funding from Section 2A and Section 2B, if need be, extra funding from the Department of Energy will be reallocated.
- D. The Department of Commerce will be responsible for funding and subsidizing Section 2C
- E. The U.S. General Services Administration will be responsible for checking the quality of disposal and recycling in Section 2C and Section 2B. The GSA is also responsible for collecting information and fines on the surplus materials in Section 2A and reporting said surplus to the U.S. Department of Commerce along with transferring collected fines.

Section 4. This legislation will take effect during the fiscal year 2025.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lakeville High School

National Clean Slate Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** Records of federal criminal convictions shall be automatically sealed
2 without the need for a court order when certain conditions are met.
- 3 **SECTION 2.** A sealed record is hidden from public view but can still be accessed by law
4 enforcement.
5 Conditions for automatic record sealing are as follows:
- 6 A. The conviction is a first-time misdemeanor offense. Sex offenses are
7 excluded from this legislation.
- 8 B. No less than five years have passed since the date of conviction.
- 9 C. The offender has completed all court-ordered obligations
10 associated with their sentence, including imprisonment, probation,
11 or supervised release.
- 12 D. The offender has not accrued any additional criminal convictions
13 since the initial conviction.
- 14 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice (DOJ) and the Administrative Office of the
15 United States Courts shall enforce this legislation.
- 16 A. All states are required to have automatic record sealing in place no
17 later than two years after this legislation takes effect.
- 18 B. The DOJ shall work in conjunction with state legislatures to develop
19 and enact Clean Slate laws in the context of state-level criminal
20 statutes.
- 21 C. States not compliant with Section 3A will have 20% of their highway
22 funding withheld for each fiscal year of noncompliance.
- 23 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2023.
- 24 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by East Ridge High School.

Reinvest to Offset Automobile Dependence (ROAD) Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The United States federal government will invest \$15 billion into reducing
2 car dependent infrastructure in America through policy and public transit.
- 3 **SECTION 2.** Car dependent infrastructure shall be defined as infrastructure only
4 automobiles can travel on.
- 5 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Transportation will work in conjunction with each
6 state to oversee the implementation of this bill.
- 7 A. \$15 billion will be allocated to the Department of Transportation to
8 replace car dependent infrastructure with public transit infrastructure,
9 sidewalks and walkability measures, as well as public-use bike racks and
10 bikes.
- 11 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect in Fiscal Year 2024.
- 12 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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