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CONGRESSIONAL DEBATE
RULES AND DOCKET

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CONGRESSIONAL DEBATE PROCEDURES AND RULES

- I. The docket order for the preliminary houses may be set by the chambers individually. This can be done through both the traditional caucusing and docket nomination process before the round or through a suspension of the rules and the appropriate motions and votes during the round. The Parliamentarian is responsible for reporting the final docket order to the tabroom staff. The docket order for semifinals and finals may NOT, in any circumstance, be changed.
- II. We will aim to keep preliminary houses small to allow debaters many opportunities to speak and participate. In order to accomplish this, we require your judges. Teams, please work to provide coverage for instead of hiring out your judging obligation. The tournament reserves the right to ask coaches of teams to serve as a point recorder in houses where they may fit to ensure we can provide the kind of experience students deserve in Nebraska's only TOC Bid tournament for Congressional Debate.
- III. The tournament intends to advance no more than one-third of all preliminary contestants to the final session. While the number of students advancing is dependent on the number of preliminary chambers and the optimum number of students in the final chambers, generally we anticipate roughly 4-6 students advancing from each preliminary chamber. This number is subject to change at the discretion of the tournament director(s), as are any rules that they deem fit.
- IV. We will be utilizing direct questioning in all houses, preliminary and final. Each questioner will be granted a 30 second window in which to ask questions. The chair will yield time to members of the chamber wishing to question the speaker in blocks of 30 seconds. Questioner selections will be decided by precedence and recency on questions, not speeches.
- V. Additionally in regard to questioning, competitors may not permanently amend, extend, or remove the questioning period at any point in debate. The questioning rules cannot be suspended at The Milo Cup.

- VI. Authorship rights are granted to schools with priority granted to the specific author within that school's delegation. We will not use the "Final Appeal" speeches at The Milo Cup.
- VII. Each individual preliminary chamber is tabulated independent of the others. Legislators with the lowest cumulative rank total advance to the next level of competition. The parliamentarian's preference will break all ties. Tabulation beyond the preliminary chamber and will occur in respect to the hierarchy as follows:
 - A. Semifinals
 - 1. Total Ranks in Semifinals
 - 2. Total Ranks in Preliminaries and Semifinals Minus Highest Score and Lowest Score
 - 3. Parliamentarian Preference in Semifinals House
 - B. Finals
 - 1. Total Ranks in Finals
 - 2. Total Ranks in All Rounds Minus Highest Score and Lowest Score
 - 3. Parliamentarian Preference in Finals House
- VIII. Similar to our state tournament in Nebraska, for the Finals House there will be an ADULT presiding officer (PO). This individual will be an individual with former congressional debate experience and be familiar with the mechanics of presiding. They will not have a ballot, and there will still be a separate Parliamentarian and between 3 and 5 Point Recorders (Most likely 4).

PRELIMINARY ROUNDS DOCKET

NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR:

Please remember that this section is allowed to be rearranged. All submissions were included, with minimal edits, in this section and are in order of submission. Certain bills were also drawn from the collective Nebraska State Docket.

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A Bill to Decriminalize Drugs

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2. **SECTION 1.** This bill shall decriminalize the use and possession of drugs in the United
3. States of America.

4. **SECTION 2.**

5. A. “Decriminalize” shall be defined as ceasing to treat something as a misdemeanor or
6. felony criminal offense. Under this bill, people in the United States will no longer be
7. arrested or convicted for possession, use, or low-level sales of any drug nor for
8. possession of equipment used to introduce drugs into the human body.

9. B. Drug production, trafficking, and distribution, driving under the influence, or other
10. conduct that goes beyond simple possession or use – particularly conduct that harms or
11. poses an unreasonable threat of harm to others – remain criminal offenses.¹

12. **SECTION 3.** The Drug Enforcement Administration and the United States Department
13. of Justice shall carry out the enforcement of this bill.

14. A. A person found in possession of drugs in the United States will not be arrested.
15. Rather, the person will be summoned to appear before a local “dissuasion commission,”
16. comprised of one official from the legal arena and two from the health or social service
17. arenas, who will determine whether and to what extent the person is addicted to drugs.
18. The commissions – which operate independently from the criminal justice system – can
19. refer that person to a voluntary treatment program or impose a fine or other
20. administrative sanctions.²

21. B. States are encouraged to re-allocate the money saved from reducing costs associated
22. with prosecution and incarceration to drug rehabilitation centers.

23. **SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented January 1st, 2024.

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

¹ Reference material: Drug Policy Alliance, “It’s Time for the U.S. to Decriminalize Drug Use and Possession”
http://www.drugpolicy.org/sites/default/files/documents/Drug_Policy_Alliance_Time_to_Decriminalize_Report_July_2017.pdf

² Reference material: same as cited above; this section references the policy in Portugal

A Bill to Cut the Military Defense Budget

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** The budget of the United States Department of Defense for the fiscal year of
3. 2025 will be hereby cut by 30% from the current level. This budget is only to be
4. reassessed every 5 fiscal years. The Department of Defense shall receive no additional
5. funding unless the United States has officially declared war.
6. **SECTION 2.** “Officially declared war” shall be defined as a formal declaration of war
7. from Congress, indicating that a state of war exists between United States and another
8. nation.
9. **SECTION 3.** A. The United States Department of Defense and the Congressional
10. Budget Office will oversee the implementation of this bill.
11. B. The United States Congress will have authority to readjust the budget
12. of the Department of Defense every 5 years or after the declaration of
13. war.
14. **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect at the start of the 2025 fiscal year.
15. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced by Marian High School

A Resolution to Support a Two-State Solution

1. **WHEREAS,** Israel and Palestine have been engaged in an ongoing conflict
2. for decades; and
3. **WHEREAS,** The city of Jerusalem holds high religious status and has been
4. claimed as the capital of both states; and
5. **WHEREAS,** Polls have shown that the people of Israel and Palestine are
6. in favor of a negotiated two-state settlement; and
7. **WHEREAS,** 138 of the 193 United Nations member states have
8. already recognized Palestine as an independent state; therefore, be it
9. **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled voice support for the Two-State
10. Solution based on the pre-1967 borders; and, be it
11. **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the United States recognizes the State of Palestine
12. and affirms Palestinian rights, which include the right to self-determination
13. without external interference, the right to national independence and
14. sovereignty, and the right to return to their homes and property.³

Introduced by Marian High School.

³ This language comes from a United Nations resolution adopted on 22 November 1974 where the General Assembly affirmed Palestinian rights

A Bill to Establish Universal Free Lunch

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Public school breakfast and lunch will be free for all students in grades Pre-K through 12 in
3 the United States on any day school is in session.

4 **SECTION 2.** A. A public school shall be defined as any school that receives public funds in the form of
5 government-imposed taxes and that is free for individuals to attend.

6 B. Breakfast and lunch shall be defined as a an age appropriate
7 sized meal consisting of balanced nutrients as recommended by the American
8 Academy of Pediatrics.

9 **SECTION 3.** A. The United States Department of Education (DoE) will ensure the implementation of
10 free universal lunch within all public schools

11 B. The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) will be
12 tasked with monitoring public schools to ensure that they are
13 supplying the appropriate size of balanced nutrients to their
14 students

15 C. The United States Department of Treasury will be tasked with ensuring that any
16 public school the DoE or the USDA finds to be in violation of this legislation will lose all
17 of their federal support until they have been in compliance with the legislation for the
18 period of 6 consecutive months.

19 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect at the beginning of the 2023-2024 school year.

20 **SECTION 5.** All laws that are in conflict with this policy shall hereby be declared null and void.

Submitted by Norfolk High School

A Bill to Improve Rural Education in the United States

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** States will receive \$20 million in grants for schools in rural territories in order
2 to increase equity in education among rural communities.
- 3 **SECTION 2.** Rural territories are any areas more than 10 miles from an Urbanized Area as
4 identified in the 2020 Census Urban and Rural Classification (to be released
5 in December 2022).
- 6 **SECTION 3.** The U.S Department of Education will oversee the enforcement of the bill by
7 (A) requiring states to disclose school districts that receive funding,
8 and
9 (B) requiring districts receiving funding to provide accounting of
10 expenditures.
- 11 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect on July 1, 2023. Disbursements will be made
12 beginning with the 2023-24 school year.
- 13 **SECTION 5.** All laws that are in conflict with this policy shall hereby be declared null and
14 void.

Submitted by Norfolk High School

A Bill to Work on Correcting Prison Labor

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** All federal and state prisoners shall be paid minimum wage for their labor
2 while serving their sentence.
- 3 **SECTION 2.** For the sake of this legislation,
4 A. Labor shall be defined as any voluntary or involuntary work that
5 is performed by incarcerated individuals.
6 B. Minimum wage shall be defined as the federal minimum wage.
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8 **SECTION 3.** A. Implementation and enforcement of this bill shall be handled by the
9 Department of Justice
10 B. Federal corrections funding and grants will be withheld from any state
11 or facility that is found to be in violation of this law. Funding will be
12 restored once they are found to be in compliance.
- 13 **SECTION 4** Funding for this bill shall come out of the federal correctional budget.
- 14 **SECTION 5.** This legislation will take effect on June 1, 2023. All laws in conflict with this
15 legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Debate by Lincoln East

A Resolution to Stop Sandbagging the Sand Shortage

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Sand is an important natural resource used in many goods we see today
2 including in construction, cosmetics, and microchips; and
3 **WHEREAS,** Our resources continue to be exhausted due to poor regulation and
4 over-mining; and
5 **WHEREAS,** There is a global shortage of the sand needed for our modern world and it
6 will continue to deplete if we don't do something; and
7 **WHEREAS,** Our extraction and use of sand is unsustainable as countries continue to
8 urbanize and demand continues to increase; be it
9 **RESOLVED,** The U.S government will urge the United Nations and its allies to
10 implement regulations in order to ensure the sustainable extraction and use of natural
11 sand; and be it,
12 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That we will pursue opportunities to invest in the research and
13 development of artificial sand in order to eventually reduce the demand for natural sand.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lincoln East

A Bill to Require Pay Transparency

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** Employers must disclose the minimum and maximum annual base salary or
2 hourly wage for a job, promotion or transfer opportunity in any
3 advertisement for the position. Employers must disclose this information if
4 asked by a job candidate. Failure to advertise a job, promotion or transfer
5 opportunity without including in the advertisement the range of base
6 salary (or wage) the employer believes, in good faith at the time of posting,
7 it would pay for the advertised position would constitute an unlawful
8 discriminatory practice.
- 9 **SECTION 2.** A job advertisement is considered any information posted about a job
10 opening that could be seen by individuals in two or more states.
- 11 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Labor will oversee enforcement of this legislation
12 pursuant to their other anti-discrimination enforcement.
- 13 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2024.
- 14 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lincoln Southeast

A Bill for Employee Privacy

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** It is hereby unlawful for employers to download or use any kind of usage
2 tracking software on the private devices of employees.
- 3 **SECTION 2.** Usage tracking software shall be defined as any type of software that
4 records the sites a device visits, the messages sent or received from the
5 device or other activities the device performs.
- 6 A. Private device of an employee shall be defined as any electronic device,
7 such as a phone, computer, or tablet, that is legally under the
8 ownership of a particular employee and distinctly not the employer.
- 9 B. All other definitions shall remain consistent with existing US Federal
10 law.
- 11 **SECTION 3.** Any violation shall result in a fine constituting 10% of total profit from the
12 year.
- 13 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect at the beginning of the next fiscal year.
14 Employers will have 60 days afterwards to remove any and all usage
15 tracking software on the private devices of employees.
- 16 **SECTION 4.** All laws in conflict are hereby null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lincoln Southwest

A Resolution to Replace the International Space Station

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Russia has failed to complete some of their most recent inspections of the
2 International Space Station, and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** NASA has plans to retire the station within ten years,
- 4 **HOWEVER,** the ISS is an invaluable piece of space infrastructure and
- 5 **FURTHERMORE,** it is a symbol of international unity and cooperation,
- 6 **THEREFORE,** letting the ISS retire without a replacement will both reduce our research
7 and discovery opportunities as well as signal to the world that an era of
8 international peace and cooperation in space is over, with these statements
9 being said, let it be
- 10 **RESOLVED,** to allow for the retirement and de-orbit of International Space Station and
11 subsequently make it the opinion of this congress that the space faring
12 nations of the world should make a new station to replace it, this time
13 learning from the struggles of maintaining the original and improving the
14 structure of this new space station, and be it
- 15 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** that to accomplish this task, we ask our ambassador to the United
16 Nations to bring this topic to the UN general assembly and bring as many
17 nations together as possible to coordinate with the UN office of outer
18 space affairs to build a new United Nations Space Research Station.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lincoln Southwest

A Bill to Go Nuclear

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The Nuclear Fuel Reprocessing functions at the Hanford, Savannah River, and West
2 Valley nuclear sites shall be reactivated as soon as possible.
- 3 A. These sites shall produce recycled nuclear fuel for energy production uses
4 only.
- 5 B. These sites shall be reactivated and operated by the Department of Energy.
- 6 **SECTION 2.** A grant of \$2,000 per kilowatt shall be granted to the production of new nuclear
7 reactors, with an additional \$500 per kilowatt granted if the reactor or reactors
8 being constructed are of the breeder variety.
- 9 **SECTION 3.** A nuclear reactor shall be defined as a power installation that produces electricity
10 via the fission of atoms and harnessing the released energy.
- 11 C. A breeder reactor shall be defined as a nuclear reactor which generates more
12 fissile material than it consumes.
- 13 D. Fissile material shall be defined as any material that can undergo nuclear
14 fission.
- 15 E. Nuclear fuel reprocessing site shall be defined as a facility in which used
16 nuclear fuel is processed in order to be used again.
- 17 **SECTION 4.** These actions shall be carried out by the Department of Energy.
- 18 **SECTION 5.** 500 Billion dollars shall be allotted to the Department of Energy to reactivate the
19 aforementioned nuclear fuel reprocessing sites.
- 20 F. An additional 10 Billion dollars shall be set aside for the nuclear power grant
21 established in Section 2.
- 22 G. The Department of Energy may request additional funding for either of these
23 projects during the next congressional session to set the federal budget. Said
24 funding will be given at the discretion of congress during said budgetary
25 session.
- 26 **SECTION 6.** The Department of Energy shall pursue this funding through a carbon tax of 5
27 dollars per metric ton imposed on all energy producers as defined by the
28 Department of Energy. This carbon tax will be enforced by the Internal Revenue
29 Service with information provided by the Environmental Protection Agency.
- 30 **SECTION 7.** This legislation shall come into effect at the beginning of the next fiscal year, and
31 all laws in conflict will be declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lincoln Southwest

A Bill to Amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The penalties against those who utilize illegal child labor as stipulated by
2 the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 shall be amended to include the
3 following: “Executives and directors of any company found to be guilty of
4 violating child labor laws shall be held liable for a mandatory penalty of no
5 less than one year in a federal prison facility and the company shall be
6 liable for a fine that is no less than a value equivalent to 2 percent of the
7 company’s annual profit from the previous annual operation. In each case,
8 judges shall be granted the professional discretion to exceed those
9 minimum standards of punishment in proportion to the degree of the
10 crime perpetrated against a child and/or children.”
- 11 **SECTION 2.** *Executives* shall be defined as any persons serving in an official leadership
12 capacity with a company or organization at the executive level (i.e. Chief
13 Executive Officer (CEO), Chief Finance Officer (CFO), Chief Technology
14 Officer (CTO), etc.). *Directors* shall be defined as a member of the Board of
15 Directors for any company or organization.
- 16 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Labor (DOL) shall be tasked with
17 collecting reports of illegal child labor and investigating the claims. Should
18 the DOL find the claims to be supported by evidence, they shall turn all
19 evidence over to the United States Department of Justice for appropriate
20 prosecution which is in line with all statutory and constitutional limitations
21 of due process and rights of the accused.
- 22 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2024.
- 23 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lincoln High (NE)

A Bill to Take Antitrust Action Against American Monopolies

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The United States Department of Justice (DOJ) is hereby ordered to begin
2 Antitrust proceedings against the following companies operating within the
3 United States: Live Nation/Ticketmaster, Meta Platforms Incorporated
4 (Facebook/Instagram), Alphabet Incorporated (Google), and Apple
5 Incorporated.
- 6 **SECTION 2.** *Antitrust proceedings* are defined by Section II of the Sherman Antitrust
7 Act.
- 8 **SECTION 3.** The DOJ will be tasked with following appropriate steps to execute antitrust
9 action against the previously stipulated companies under the condition
10 that those companies operate as monopolies in violation of established
11 legal precedent and rule.
- 12 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2025.
- 13 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lincoln High (NE)

A Bill to Mandate Firearm Training Before Purchase

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall encourage states to require the passing of a written
2 and practical-use test to gain a firearm license which will be necessary for
3 the purchase of a firearm.
- 4 **SECTION 2.** The practical test will consist of demonstrating how to safely clean a
5 firearm, how to safely store a firearm, how to safely and correctly use a
6 firearm, and how to safely carry a firearm.
- 7 **SECTION 3.** The written test will contain questions about how to safely store a firearm,
8 about uses of a firearm, possible reasons for problems with a firearm and
9 how to fix them, what to do in cases of an emergency involving a firearm,
10 and how to correctly use a firearm.
- 11 **SECTION 4.** The government of each state shall provide a one-day course each week
12 that will teach all of the necessary components to pass the practical test.
- 13 **SECTION 5.** This legislation will take effect on January 1st, 2023. The federal
14 government will give a ten million dollar grant to each state that
15 implements testing.
- 16 **SECTION 6.** All laws in conflict with this resolution are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Millard West

A Bill to Require Paid Parental Leave

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** All US businesses with over 20 employees will be required to provide at
2 least 50% of each employee's normal weekly gross pre-tax pay for 4 weeks
3 to any and all employees preparing for their child's birth and subsequent
4 pay for 8 weeks after the birth for paid parental leave. The 8 weeks paid
5 leave after the birth can be used all at once or intermittently during the 12
6 months after the birth as agreed upon by the employee and the employer.
- 7 **SECTION 2.** Paid parental leave shall be defined as a period when an employer must
8 retain and pay an employee that takes a leave from their job to prepare for
9 having a child or to care for their newly born child - applies to both
10 maternal and paternal leave.
- 11 **SECTION 3.** The US Department of Labor will oversee implementation of this bill.
12 A. Any business found in violation of this law will be subject to fines equal
13 to the employee's 12 week full pre-tax salary.
- 14 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect at the beginning of the 2025 Fiscal Year, and all
15 laws in conflict will be hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Millard South

A Bill to Invest in Undersea Exploration

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **Section 1:** NASA will be allocated \$20 billion to research methods and technologies for
2. exploring the Ocean. The money will also be allocated for exploring the Ocean.
3. **Section 2:** The allocated money will be used for the following purposes:
4. **a)** Developing technology to explore the deepest parts of the ocean.
5. **b)** Developing remote operated vehicles for exploring the ocean.
6. **c)** Deep sea creature analysis.
7. **Section 3:** NASA shall oversee the enforcement of this legislation.
8. **Section 4:** This legislation shall take effect at the beginning of the next fiscal year.
9. **Section 5:** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Millard South

A Bill to Prohibit Online Gambling

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** Online gambling, or any bet or wager that involves the use of the internet,
2 will be prohibited
- 3 **SECTION 2.** A bet or wager will be defined as risking currency or assets on the outcome
4 of a contest, sports event, or game subject to chance.
- 5 **SECTION 3.** This bill shall be enforced by the Department of Justice. Any violation of
6 this bill shall result in a fine not less than the value of the illegal bet.
- 7 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be implemented at the start of the 2024 fiscal year,
8 and all laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and
 void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Millard South

SEMIFINALS DOCKET

NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR:

Please remember that this section is NOT allowed to be rearranged. The Tournament Director has introduced all pieces of legislation.

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A Bill to Consolidate the Justice System

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The Department of Justice shall be moved from the Executive Branch to the
2 Judiciary Branch.
- 3 **SECTION 2.** A. The Department of Justice shall also be referred to as the “DOJ” within
4 this legislation.
5 B. The Attorney General, in their capacity as the head of the DOJ, shall
6 report to the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.
7 C. This act shall be called the JSCA or Justice System Consolidation Act.
- 8 **SECTION 3.** A. The DOJ shall retain its current responsibilities and duties, including but
9 not limited to:
10 i. enforcing federal laws;
11 ii. representing the United States in legal matters;
12 iii. providing legal advice to the office of the President, the auxiliary
13 members of that office, and the other Executive branch agencies
14 and their agents in their official capacities;
15 iv. investigating and appropriately prosecuting violations of federal law;
16 v. protecting the rights and interests of the United States and its
17 citizens; and
18 vi. promoting justice and upholding the rule of law.
19 B. The DOJ shall be required to work, as it currently does, with the courts to
20 ensure that the enforcement of federal law is carried out in a fair and
21 impartial manner.
22 C. The DOJ shall be responsible for providing support and resources to the
23 courts, as needed, to facilitate the effective administration of justice.
24 D. The DOJ, via the Attorney General, shall be required to report regularly
25 to the Chief Justice and the various sub arms of the judicial branch on its
26 activities and progress, The Chief Justice shall have the authority to modify
27 the reporting process as they see fit.
- 28 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect at the beginning of the fiscal year which is
29 two years removed from passage.
- 30 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation shall be amended to be in
31 compliance with this legislation and if not able shall be found null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the Tournament Director

A Bill to Regulate Artificial Intelligence

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) shall be required
2 to promulgate a set of guidelines regarding the use and development of
3 Artificial Intelligence (AI), as well as develop a comprehensive AI regulatory
4 program.
- 5 **SECTION 2.** Artificial Intelligence shall be defined as under 15 U.S.C. § 9401(3).
- 6 **SECTION 3.** The comprehensive regulatory program shall at minimum follow but are
7 not limited to the following programmatic mandates:
- 8 A. Develop standards and guidelines for the responsible development and
9 use of AI;
- 10 B. Provide enforcement mechanisms for Congressional Approval;
- 11 C. Establish a system for the review and approval of AI projects and
12 applications;
- 13 D. Provide education and training to both the public and private sectors
14 on the responsible development and use of AI;
- 15 E. Conduct research on the potential risks and unintended consequences
16 of AI development;
- 17 F. Collaborate with other countries and international organizations to
18 coordinate efforts on AI regulation; and
- 19 G. Conduct any other measures deemed necessary by the NIST to increase
20 appropriate regulation on the development of artificial intelligence as a
21 tool to promote national security.
- 22 **SECTION 4.** The NIST shall administer and enforce this legislation. Funding for this
23 legislation shall be provided in the next fiscal year budget as requested by
24 the NIST.
- 25 **SECTION 5.** The NIST shall report to both bodies of Congress via their respective
26 approved committees and subcommittees on a regular basis, and
27 additionally as requested by its members.
- 28 **SECTION 6.** The NIST is authorized upon passage to form an internal exploratory
29 committee in order to establish a budget request which directly correlates
30 with the estimated cost of the programs of this legislation. The remainder
31 of this legislation shall take effect upon the first day of the new fiscal year.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the Tournament Director

A Bill to Advance and Modernize our Nuclear Capabilities

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The President is authorized to use the discretionary funds of the armed
3 forces to take the necessary steps to modernize nuclear weapons of the
4 United States, including:

- 5 A. updating and improving the capabilities of existing weapons;
- 6 B. developing new technologies and capabilities to enhance the
7 effectiveness of the nuclear deterrent;
- 8 C. ensuring the safety and security of nuclear weapons and related
9 facilities, and
- 10 D. conducting necessary research and development to support the
11 modernization efforts.

12 **SECTION 2.** A. The President shall report to Congress on the progress of the
13 modernization efforts on a regular basis.

14 B. Congress shall provide funding from the current discretionary funds of
15 the armed services budget until the beginning of the next fiscal year, at
16 which point in time funding shall be derived from the designated section in
17 the upcoming budget.

18 C. This legislation may be referred to as the Nuclear Capability
19 Advancement Act, or abbreviated as the NCAA.

20 **SECTION 3.** The modernization efforts shall be carried out in accordance with all
21 relevant national and international laws and agreements, including the
22 Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty.

23 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect upon passage. All laws in conflict with this
24 legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the Tournament Director

A Resolution to Amend the Constitution for Sustainable Development

1 **RESOLVED,** By two-thirds of the Congress here assembled, that the following article is
2 proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which
3 shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when
4 ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several states within
5 seven years from the date of its submission by the Congress:

6 **ARTICLE --**

7 **SECTION 1:** The federal government of the United States shall have the
8 power and duty to take all necessary measures to transition
9 to a carbon zero economy.

10 **SECTION 2:** The federal government of the United States shall have the
11 authority to adopt and implement policies and regulations
12 to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, including but not
13 limited to:

14 A. setting and enforcing emissions limits;

15 B. promoting the use of renewable energy sources;

16 C. incentivizing the development and deployment of clean
17 technologies;

18 D. supporting the transition to low-carbon transportation
19 systems;

20 E. implementing carbon pricing mechanisms; and

21 F. any other measures deemed necessary by the federal
22 government to achieve the goal of a carbon zero economy.

23 **SECTION 3:** The federal government of the United States shall have the
24 authority to provide financial and other assistance to
25 individuals, businesses, and other entities affected by the
26 transition to a carbon zero economy.

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A Bill to Authorize the President to Strengthen Indo-Pacific Security

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The President of the United States is authorized to negotiate and conclude
2 an agreement with the government of India and its agents to create a
3 NATO Article V style mutual defense commitment between the United
4 States and India.
- 5 **SECTION 2.** Under the agreement, India will at minimum commit to prioritizing the
6 United States and its interests over the Russian Federation both
7 economically and militarily, including by:
- 8 A. Increasing trade and investment with the United States;
9 B. Purchasing military equipment and technology from the United States;
10 C. Participating in joint military exercises with the United States and not
11 with Russia; and
12 D. Any other actions deemed necessary by the President and/or
13 authorized agents of the President to strengthen the relationship
14 between the United States and India.
- 15 **SECTION 3.** In exchange for the commitment made by India under this agreement, the
16 President is authorized to negotiate on behalf of the United States to
17 commit to providing support and assistance to India, including but not
18 limited to:
- 19 E. Providing military equipment and technology to India;
20 F. Participating in joint military exercises with India;
21 G. Providing security assistance and training to India; and
22 H. Any other actions deemed necessary by the President and/ or
23 authorized agents of the President to strengthen the relationship
24 between the United States and India.
- 25 **SECTION 2.** Authorized agents of the President include, but are not limited to the
26 Secretary of State, the Vice President, and the Ambassador of the United
27 States to India and their staff.
- 28 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect upon passage.

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A Bill to Protect Critical Infrastructure

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The Department of Homeland Security shall establish and conduct a program
2 which protects critical infrastructure from EMP events.
- 3 **SECTION 2.** EMP shall be defined as:
4 A. An electromagnetic pulse caused by intentional means, including acts of
5 terrorism; and
6 B. A geomagnetic disturbance caused by solar storms or other naturally
7 occurring phenomena.
- 8 **SECTION 3.** Critical Infrastructure shall be defined as stated under 42 U.S.C. § 5195(c)(e),
9 which is as follows: “systems and assets, whether physical or virtual, so vital to
10 the United States that the incapacity or destruction of such systems and assets
11 would have a debilitating impact on security, national economic security,
12 national public health or safety, or any combination of those matters.”
- 13 **SECTION 4.** This shall have the following mandates:
14 C. Conduct a comprehensive objective scientific assessment of vulnerabilities
15 of critical infrastructure due to EMP events;
16 D. Prepare and submit to the Committee on Homeland Security of the House
17 of Representatives and the Committee on Homeland Security and
18 Governmental Affairs of the Senate with an annual recommended strategy
19 and progress in the preparation and protection of critical infrastructure on
20 the American homeland against EMP events
21 E. Develop a plan to upgrade critical infrastructure to improve its resilience to
22 an EMP events;
23 F. Provide financial and technical assistance to owners and operators of
24 critical infrastructure to implement the upgrades identified in the plan;
25 G. Develop and implement emergency response plans to mitigate the impacts
26 of an EMP events on critical infrastructure;
27 H. Collaborate with other federal agencies, state and local governments, and
28 industry stakeholders to coordinate efforts to protect critical infrastructure
29 from an EMP events; and
30 I. Any other measures deemed necessary by the DHS to protect critical
31 infrastructure from EMP events. .
- 32 **SECTION 5.** The Department of Homeland Security shall administer and enforce this
33 legislation.
- 34 **SECTION 6.** This legislation shall take effect upon passage.

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A Bill to Hold the United States Accountable

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The President of the United States is hereby compelled to establish a
2 program that allows for the trial of personnel and agents of the United
3 States and its Military in international courts.
- 4 **SECTION 2.** International courts include but are not limited to the International
5 Criminal Court (ICC) and the International Court of Justice (ICJ)
- 6 **SECTION 3.** The program shall at minimum encompass the following mandates, though
7 it is not limited to the following:
- 8 A. The program must review and update existing policies and procedures
9 to ensure compliance with international treaties and conventions on
10 the prosecution of war crimes and other serious crimes under
11 international law;
- 12 B. Establish procedures for the referral of cases involving the United
13 States, its agents and its military personnel to international courts;
- 14 C. Provide legal assistance and support to the United States' agents and
15 military personnel who are being tried or are in any legal process
16 involving the international courts;
- 17 D. Work with international patterns and organizations to coordinate
18 efforts on the prosecution of war crimes and other serious crimes
19 under international law; and
- 20 E. Conduct any other measures deemed necessary by either the
21 Department of Defense or the Department of Justice to allow for the
22 trial of the United States' agents and military personnel.
- 23 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Defense (DOD) and the Department of Justice (DOJ)
24 shall enact and enforce this legislation, and will promulgate any additional
25 guidelines as they see fit for appropriate enforcement. The DOD and the
26 DOJ shall also report to Congress on the progress of this program on a
27 regular basis and additionally as requested by its members. The DOD and
28 DOJ are authorized to use their own funds in the immediate and request
29 funds for enactment in their official requests for the coming fiscal year.
- 30 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect upon passage.

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A Resolution to Reinstate the Gephardt Rule

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Partisan hackery has risen to all time highs within Congress; and
2 **WHEREAS,** It has emboldened certain factions to reject any notion of legislative,
3 fiscal, or ethical responsibilities; and
4 **WHEREAS,** A tool of these factions is to influence this Congress with immense harm
5 in regards to both our credit standing and the global financial markets has
6 been regarding the debt ceiling; and
7 **WHEREAS,** A solution for this partisan problem was already in effect between 1979
8 and 1995 in this very chamber with the “Gephardt Rule”, which allowed
9 for implicit approval of raising the debt ceiling along with the passage of
10 the annual budget; now, therefore, be it
11 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled reinstate the “Gephardt Rule” and, be
12 it
13 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That all additional procedural and legislative steps be taken to
14 implement this resolution into the rules of this chamber.

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