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A Bill for Fairness and Equity in Balloting

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** Ballots for all elections will be printed without the political parties next to
2 candidates' names. Candidates will still run under and be affiliated with
3 political parties, but ballots will not specify any political party of any
4 candidate.

5 **SECTION 2.** Fairness is impartial and just treatment or behavior without favoritism or
6 discrimination. Equity is the quality of being fair and impartial. A political
7 party is an organization that coordinates candidates to compete in
8 elections. A ballot is a slip or sheet of paper, cardboard, or the like, on
9 which a voter marks his or her vote.

10 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Election Commission will oversee this bill.

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

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Introduced for Congressional Debate by Holy Family High School.

A Resolution to Reduce the National Debt via Montana

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **WHEREAS,** The current US national debt is over \$35.5 trillion dollars and
3. rapidly climbing; and
4. **WHEREAS,** The estimated GDP of the US in 2022 was \$25.72 trillion; and
5. **WHEREAS,** The US national debt is now roughly \$10 trillion higher than the
6. gross domestic product and climbing; and
7. **WHEREAS,** With interest rates climbing, the United States is in a precarious
8. situation; and
9. **WHEREAS,** Montana is environmentally, politically, socially, and
10. economically similar to Canada; now, therefore, be it
11. **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that the United States should
12. sell the state of Montana to Canada for \$3 trillion dollars to
13. reduce the national debt.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Loveland High School

A Resolution to review the Peace Corps

1 **WHEREAS** more than 240,000 U.S. citizens have served in over 140 countries since President Kennedy
2 signed the Peace Corps Act; and

3 **WHEREAS** the Peace Corps has not been reauthorized by Congress in 20 years; and

4 **WHEREAS** the Peace Corps impacts its diverse base of volunteers and the countries it has served in
5 many and various ways; and

6 **WHEREAS** the Peace Corps may be viewed as an exercise of soft power by the U.S. military; and

7 **WHEREAS** the Peace Corps holds bipartisan support; and

8 **WHEREAS** the Peace Corps has not seen a budget increase in seven years; and

9 **WHEREAS** Peace Corps volunteers once again return to other nations following COVID-19 restrictions;
10 therefore be it

11 **RESOLVED** by the Congress here assembled that now is the time to conduct an extensive review of the
12 Peace Corps, including whether the Peace Corps should alter its mission and vision,
13 reauthorize as currently constituted, reorganize under a different department of the U.S.
14 government, or completely discontinue operations.

A Bill to Make Seatbelt Violations a Primary Traffic Offense

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** Any Police officer will be able to pull over vehicles for the sole purpose of
2 suspected seatbelt violations. Seatbelt violations will be fined higher as
3 primary traffic offenses. A driver may not operate the vehicle on any public
4 road unless the seatbelt laws are followed in vehicles where seat belts
5 were manufactured as part of the vehicles (unless the vehicle is over
6 eleven passengers).
- 7 **SECTION 2.** A primary traffic offense is a violation for which a police officer can stop a
8 driver and issue a citation. A secondary offense is where an officer can
9 issue a citation only if there's some other valid reason to stop the driver.
10 Currently, seatbelt violations are secondary traffic offenses. A seatbelt is a
11 belt or strap securing a person to prevent injury.
- 12 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Transportation will oversee the implementation of this
13 bill. If found guilty of not wearing a seatbelt, a police officer (2) will issue a
14 ticket of \$150 for the first offense, \$300 for the second offense, and 3 (3)
15 months in prison for the third offense.
- 16 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2024. All laws in conflict with
17 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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Introduced for Congressional Debate by Holy Family High School.

A Bill to Reorganize the Federal Government’s Approach to Law Enforcement, Immigration, and Disaster Response in the United States.

Summary: This bill acts to reform and restructure the federal Department of Homeland Security by reforming immigration, putting several departments under them, and creating an immigration advisory board.

Article I: Be it enacted by congress here assembled:

Article II:

SEC. A. SHORT TITLE.

This act may be cited as the “Homeland Security Restructuring Act” (HSRA)

SEC. B. FINDINGS.

Congress finds that—

- a. There are several departments in the United States Cabinet that need to be reorganized
- b. Which causes severe dysfunction in the system
- c. And needs to reform and reorganize the Department of Homeland Security

SEC. C. DEFINITIONS.

In this Act—

- a. "Department of Homeland Security" (DOHS) refers to the executive department of the United States government responsible for protecting the country from terrorism and other threats.
- b. "Drug Enforcement Administration" (DEA) refers to the executive branch agency of the United States Department of Justice responsible for enforcing the country's controlled substances laws.
- c. "Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives" (ATF) refers to the federal law enforcement agency within the United States Department of Justice responsible for enforcing federal laws related to alcohol, tobacco, firearms, and explosives.
- d. "Secret Service" refers to the federal law enforcement agency responsible for protecting the President of the United States and other high-ranking officials.
- e. "Federal Emergency Management Agency" (FEMA) refers to the United States federal agency responsible for coordinating the response to disasters and emergencies.
- f. "Latin Quarter" refers to the sub-department established by this Act to help direct immigration policy.
- g. "Customs and Borders Protections" a.k.a CBP or Border Patrol refers to the United States Border Patrol, a federal law enforcement agency within the Department of Homeland Security responsible for policing the country's borders.
- h. "Immigration and Customs Enforcement" (ICE) refers to the federal law enforcement agency responsible for enforcing the country's immigration and customs laws.

SEC. D. Reorganizing of Law Enforcement Agencies

1 The DEA, The Secret Service, and ATF, shall all be transferred as under departments to
2 the DOHS. It shall be the responsibility of the secretary of homeland security to handle
3 this transition.

4 **Sec. E. Opening of Borders**

5 The United States-Mexican border shall be eased into a state of near-openness and will
6 continue with the to all legal migrants with a medical check and background check for a quick
7 track to citizenship. This right to decide the requirements for citizenship shall be given to the
8 president with advice from the Latin Quarter and the other secretaries.

9 **Sec. F. FEMA reform**

10 The powers and resources of FEMA shall be increased in the following manner.

11 A. FEMA shall be given the authority to nationalize the national guard, with the consent of
12 the President, to help evacuation efforts and stop terrorists.

13 B. FEMA shall be allocated 1 billion dollars to build more evacuation vehicles.

14 C. FEMA shall have the authority to order business with government subsidies to help
15 supply the emergency effort, only with the consent of the senate and the president.

16 **Sec. G. Latin Quarter**

17 There is hereby established an advisory committee in the DOHS known as the “Latin
18 Quarter”, this committee shall consist of 5 people, appointed by the president and confirmed by
19 the Senate, to advise immigration policy from Latin American countries.

20 **Sec. H. Combination of Border Patrol and ICE**

21 CBP and ICE shall be combined into a single department, known as “Border and
22 Customs Protection and Enforcement Agency”(BCPEA) responsible for enforcing immigration
23 and customs laws.

24 **Sec. I. Disarming of Border Patrol Agents**

25 The Border Patrol Agents, now under the BCPEA shall only be armed with munitions
26 when searching down smugglers, which shall be defined as a person or group of people illegally
27 move goods and people into the USA and other international criminals. When Border Patrol
28 Agents are interviewing people on the border, they shall only be allowed their batons.

29 **Sec. J. Funding**

30 The Funding for this bill shall come from congress.

31 **Article III:** The provisions of this bill shall take effect 6 months after passage to allow for
32 restricting to occur.

33 **Article IV:** The Department of Homeland Security and the Department of Justice shall be
34 responsible for enforcing the provisions of this bill.

35 **Article V:** All laws or portions of laws in conflict with this bill shall be null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Fort Collins High School.

A Bill to Institute a Ban on Federal Legislative Term Limits

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** This bill will ensure that voters get their choice on who is on the ballot. This
2 legislation sets in place a law so that no bill is ever passed enforcing term
3 limits on Federal Legislators.

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5 **SECTION 2.** A Legislator is: “any member or employee of a legislative body or any
6 government official or employee who may participate in the formulation of
7 legislation.” A term limit is: “legal restriction that limits the number of
8 terms an officeholder may serve in a particular elected office.” The
9 Department of Justice will be referred to as “DOJ”.

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11 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Justice will oversee the enforcement of
12 this bill. As the rule enforcer of the United States Government, the DOJ
13 enforces laws enacted by Congress.
14 A. The Penalty Clause for this bill would apply to incumbent Legislators in
15 their election year. Legislators shall participate in campaigning events
16 while up for re-election. Those who don’t fall in accordance with this
17 law will be fined \$250,000.

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

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22 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
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A Bill to Invest in the Trans-African Highway

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** Congress shall deliver \$10 billion to the African Development Bank (AfDB), the African
3 Union (AU), and the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) to support
4 the completion of the Trans-African Highway network.

5 **SECTION 2.** Congress directs the Department of State to work actively and aggressively to facilitate
6 cooperation among the nations involved in the construction of these highways so that they
7 may be completed as quickly and efficiently as possible.

8 **SECTION 3.** Funding for this legislation shall be diverted from the Department of Defense budget.

9 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be overseen by the US Agency for International Development (USAID).

10 **SECTION 5.** This legislation shall take effect at the start of the next fiscal year.

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

Make Cooking with Gas Safer Act

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** Direct the EPA and CPSC to introduce stricter standards for
3. methane, nitrogen dioxide, carbon monoxide, and
4. formaldehyde permissible in US homes and emitted by new
5. gas stoves.
6. **SECTION 2.** The following definitions apply:
7. **A.** CPSC is defined as the United States Consumer Product Safety
8. Commission, established in 1972 by the consumer protection act.
9. **B.** A single-family home/housing is a freestanding structure that shares
10. no common walls with another residence.
11. **C.** A multifamily home/housing contains separate residential units
12. within a single structure. A residential unit here is defined as a room
13. or group of rooms intended for occupancy by a single family.
14. **SECTION 3.** Both the EPA and the CPSC shall enforce this legislation.
15. **A.** The EPA will create standards for acceptable levels of methane,
16. nitrogen dioxide, carbon monoxide, and formaldehyde permissible
17. in single and multi-family housing.
18. **B.** The CPSC will create stricter standards for emissions from new gas
19. stoves for methane leaks and the amount of nitrogen dioxide,
20. carbon monoxide, and formaldehyde emitted during cooking.
21. **C.** These new standards must be analyzed, studied, implemented, and
22. enforced by Jan 2024.
23. **SECTION 4.** This bill shall be implemented immediately upon passage.
24. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null
25. and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Loveland High School

A Bill to Ban “Best Before” Labels

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** The printing or affixing of “best before” labels on food is henceforth prohibited, as is any
3 other indication that food should be consumed by a certain date unless consumption after
4 that date would pose a verifiable health risk, as determined by the Food and Drug
5 Administration (FDA).

6 **SECTION 2.** The printing or affixing of expiration date labels and of “use by” labels on foods that do
7 pose a health risk when consumed after a certain point will continue.

8 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall be overseen by the FDA.

9 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2025.

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

A Bill to Restrict the Retirement of All Former Congress Members

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All members of congress having served two terms in the House or one term in the Senate
3 shall not attain employment in the private sector for 5 years after leaving office.

4 **SECTION 2.** The private sector is defined as organizations and entities that are not part of any
5 governmental structure. The private sector includes for-profit and not-for-profit, formal
6 and informal organizations, commerce, and industry.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Labor Department in conjunction with the Justice Department shall prosecute. If
8 former Congress members are found to have violated this law, they will lose all federal
9 benefits, be fined \$1,000,000, and / or serve a prison term of no more than 2 years with
10 probation of three years.

11 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2025. All laws in conflict with this legislation
12 are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Blake Tab Staff.

A Bill to Establish a New Foundation for Veterans

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** This bill will establish a foundation for veterans when they come out of the
2 Military. This will help veterans receive jobs, homes, education and connect
3 them with medical professionals. To help introduce the veterans into civilian
4 life again. This program will include VA benefits that are already in place
5 and new benefits including help with housing, jobs and medical issues.

6 1) **Veteran:** is defined as any person that has served in the United States military.

7 **SECTION 2.** This will not be a requirement but a heavily recommended option, that
8 they may sign up for before exiting the military. To help support and adapt
9 them back into a civilian life after their military service

10 **SECTION 3.** The department of veteran affairs would offer this new program.

11 **SECTION 4.** The funding for the department of veteran affairs will increase from
12 \$338.73 Billion to \$400.00 billion for the first year of the new program and
13 will later be reassessed to increase or decrease the budget

14 **SECTION 5.** This legislation will take effect on December 1st 2023

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

A Resolution to Encourage U.S. Cities to Ban Motor Vehicles from Downtown Areas

- 1 **WHEREAS** Privately-owned motor vehicle traffic is an impediment to the pedestrian activities that are
2 the beating heart of the downtown areas of cities; and
- 3 **WHEREAS** Privately-owned motor vehicle traffic reduces the efficacy of public transportation in urban
4 areas; and
- 5 **WHEREAS** Privately-owned motor vehicle traffic is a major source of air pollution both within cities and
6 elsewhere; now, therefore be it
- 7 **RESOLVED** by the Congress here assembled that U.S. cities of all sizes are encouraged to establish
8 privately-owned, motor- vehicle-free zones in their downtown areas to promote pedestrian
9 activities, encourage use of public transportation, and reduce air pollution; and
- 10 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that Congress commends New York City (Central Park), among many other US
11 communities both large and small, for already taking steps in this direction.