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LEGISLATION - A

A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Alter Congressional Terms

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

ARTICLE --

SECTION 1: The length of congressional terms of members of both the House of Representatives and the Senate shall be changed to 4 years per term. Additionally, no Representative or Senator may serve more than two terms consecutively.

SECTION 2: Upon passage of this amendment, the next election year that also holds a regularly scheduled presidential election shall be considered the start of these new regulations.

SECTION 3: A) Elections held between presidential elections, commonly known as the “midterm elections” are hereby discontinued.
B) Should passage of this amendment take place before a “midterm election” as well as before the next presidential election (for example, passage in 2025 would be before the 2026 “midterms” and the 2028 presidential election), then all members of Congress elected during that “midterm election” will serve for a “special term” of 2 years until Section 1 of this Amendment takes effect with the next presidential election.

SECTION 4: Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Jackson Preparatory School

LEGISLATION - B

A Resolution to Remove the Debt Ceiling

1 **WHEREAS,** Currently, the United States' debt ceiling has only wreaked havoc on the
2 system and there is no expenditure ceiling; and,

3 **WHEREAS,** The debt ceiling has been raised 78 times; and,

4 **WHEREAS,** The debt ceiling has only divided the American people, has never made
5 politicians more careful with a budget, and failing to raise the debt ceiling
6 while not decreasing expenditures at the crucial time will only spell
 disaster; now, therefore, be it

7 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled shall remove the debt ceiling and
institute an expenditure ceiling.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Murrah High School.

LEGISLATION - C

A Bill to Require Gender Neutral Restrooms

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The United States Federal Government shall hereby require gender-
2 neutral restrooms in any government building that receives federal
3 money.

4 **SECTION 2.** “Gender-neutral restrooms” are restrooms which anyone of any
5 gender can use. “Federal money” is any money that is received from
6 the federal government.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice (“DOJ”) and the Occupational Safety and
8 Health Administration (“OSHA”) will oversee the implementation of
9 this bill.

10 A. The owner(s) of any building found in violation of this legislation shall
11 be fined \$2,000.

12 B. Every three months after the first violation, the owner(s) of any
13 building still found in violation of this legislations shall be fined an
14 additional \$2,000.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Madison Central High School

LEGISLATION – D

A Bill to Disband NASA

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** NASA is hereby disbanded.

3 **SECTION 2.** “NASA” is defined as the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

4 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Defense in collaboration with the NASA itself will
5 oversee the enforcement of this legislation.

6 A. All NASA facilities and projects shall come under the supervision of
7 the United States Space Force, and all NASA budget(s) shall be
8 directed towards the U.S. Space Force.

9 B. All NASA employees shall be offered civilian jobs within the U.S. Space
10 Force with salaries and benefits equal to or greater than the current
11 rates.

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

14 *Introduced for Congressional Debate by Oxford High School.*

LEGISLATION - E

A Bill to Dissolve All Greek Life Institutions

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The United States Federal Government shall hereby abolish all Greek Life
2 institution of college and university campuses.
- 3 **SECTION 2.** “Greek Life institutions” is the collective term referring to fraternities an
4 sororities on college and university campuses that are usually linked to a much
5 larger philanthropic organization.
- 6 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education (DOE”), through the Office of Post-Secondary
7 Education (“OPE”), will oversee the implementation of this bill.
- 8 A. The national offices of all national, philanthropic Greek Life
9 organizations shall, in compliance with the relevant, individual
10 colleges and universities, remove all chapters of their organizations
11 from all college and university campuses.
- 12 B. Any Greek Life organization, college, or university in violation of this
13 bill can be fined up to \$50,000 per offense.
- 14 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on August 1, 2024. All laws in conflict with
15 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Madison Central High School.

LEGISLATION - F

A Bill to Privatize the National Park Service

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All lands, artifacts, and related structures within the United States
3 National Park System (“NPS”) shall now be leased to private organizations
4 which will be responsible for preserving and managing all such resources
5 in order that such resources be preserved for the enjoyment and
6 education of this and future generations.

7 **SECTION 2.** “National Park System” is defined as the 423 units (or parks) and 150
8 related areas that are currently the responsibility of the National Park
9 Service.

10 **SECTION 3.** The Department of the Interior (“DOI”) shall be responsible for the
11 enforcement of this legislation.

- 12 A. Lease agreements are to be given to the private organization that
13 best embodies the spirit of the current National Park System.
- 14 B. Lease agreements are to last a minimum of 15 years and a maximum
15 of 25 years.
- 16 C. All Federal Regulations regarding the preservation and management
17 of the relevant lands, artifacts, and related structures, still exist and
18 are enforceable, but the actual physical upkeep and fiscal
19 responsibility is to pass entirely into the hands of private entities.

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

22 *Introduced for Congressional Debate by Oxford High School.*

LEGISLATION - G

A Resolution to Standardize the Academic Calendar of Public Schools

1 **WHEREAS,** The Academic Calendars of public schools differ in break time, length of
2 school year, and time/date/duration of holidays they choose to
3 recognize; and

4 **WHEREAS,** The difference in Academic Calendars brings different exposures of
5 instruction for students in public school education; and

6 **WHEREAS,** The difference in Academic Calendars brings confusion in extracurricular
7 scheduling, personal scheduling, and the ununified recognition of
8 holidays of different backgrounds; and

9 **WHEREAS,** The difference in Academic Calendars is contrary to the mission of
10 universality, accessibility, and acceptance in all public schools; now,
11 therefore be it

12 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled should develop a standardized
13 Academic Calendar for public schools to further its institution's mission.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Starkville High School.

LEGISLATION - H

A Bill to Create a National Driver's License

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The federal government shall test for and issue a nation-wide driver's
2 license to qualifying drivers.
- 3 **SECTION 2.** "Driver's license" is defined as permission (and the documentation
4 indicating that permission) issued to an individual by the United States
5 government that authorizes the individual to operate a motor vehicle on
6 United States roads and highways.
- 7 **SECTION 3.** The United State Department of Transportation shall oversee the testing,
8 issuance, and administration of such licenses in conjunction with current,
9 individual state Departments of Motor Vehicle ("DMV").
- 10 A. All current state drivers' license tests shall be replaced by a federally
11 created drivers' license test and documentation of permission.
- 12 B. Current state DMVs will administer the federal tests and issue the
13 federal documentation in the same manner as they for currently do for
14 state licenses.
- 15 C. Those already holding state-issued drivers' licenses upon
16 implementation of this legislation will be issued a new federal license.
- 15 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2025. All laws in conflict with
16 this legislation will be null and void upon implementation of this legislation.

Introduced for Congressional Debate anonymous

LEGISLATION - I

A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Eliminate the President's Power to Pardon

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

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

7 **ARTICLE –**

8 **SECTION 1.** The President of the United States shall **not** have
9 power to grant reprieves and pardons for offenses
10 against the United States.

11 **SECTION 2.** The Congress shall have power to enforce this article
12 by appropriate legislation.

LEGISLATION – J

A Bill to Enact the Robot Tax

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** All companies reducing or offsetting human labor costs with automation
2 shall be taxed in order to fund a Universal Basic Income (“UBI”) for job
3 training of displaced employees. The rate of taxation shall last four years.
- 5 **SECTION 2.** “Labor automation” is defined as the practice of substituting technology
6 human labor to perform specific tasks and jobs. “Universal Basic Income”
7 (or “UBI”) is defined as a government guarantee that certain citizens will
8 receive a minimum income of \$1000 per month to offset job loss.
- 9 **SECTION 3.** Government agencies that will work in conjunction to enforce this
10 legislation include, but are not limited to, the following:
11 A. the United States Department of Labor;
12 B. the United States Department of Commerce; and
13 C. the United States Department of Treasury.
- 14 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall take effect upon passage.
- 15 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation will be deemed null and void upon
16 passage.