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A Bill to Implement Desalination Plants in the US

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The U.S Federal Government shall hereby invest in desalination plants
2 within a 50 mile radius of at risk coastal cities.

3 **SECTION 2.** A. Desalination plants shall be defined as industrial facilities that use
4 chemical or physical processes to reduce or recover salt concentrations from
5 water supplies.

6 B. Coastal cities shall be defined as cities located on the interface or
7 transition areas between land and sea, including large inland lakes with
8 access to saltwater.

9 C. “At risk” shall be defined as cities that experience drought on average of
10 at least one month per year according to data provided by the
11 Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) since 2015.

12 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Interior (DOI) will be given 20 billion dollars to be
13 allotted to private and state entities for the creation of desalination plants.
14 The Bureau of Reclamation will be tasked with investing an additional 20
15 million dollars into research and development through grants. The
16 Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will regulate the disposal of brine
17 and other waste products.

18 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect at the start of FY2025. All laws in conflict
19 with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
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21 *Introduced for Congressional Debate by Syosset High School*

A Bill to Reduce Corporate Emissions

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** Corporations who fail to significantly decrease their carbon emissions by
2 2035 must purchase carbon credits to offset their excess emissions.

3 **SECTION 2.** “Carbon Credits” are permits representing the right to emit one metric ton of
4 carbon dioxide or its equivalent. These credits are purchased to offset
5 carbon emissions by funding projects that aim to reduce carbon emissions
6 elsewhere. A “significant decrease” in emissions shall be defined as a 25%
7 overall reduction in a company’s carbon emissions from 2025 to 2035.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) shall work in conjunction
9 with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) to oversee the implementation of
10 this bill.

11 A. Companies shall be required to submit annual reports to the EPA
12 detailing their carbon emissions and efforts to reduce their emissions.

13 B. The IRS will implement a carbon tax of \$10 per metric ton of excess
14 carbon emissions for companies that fail to significantly decrease their
15 emissions by 2035.

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

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A Bill to Place Sanctions on Congolese Minerals Mined Using Forced Labor

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** Any entity that is found responsible, complicit, or has directly or indirectly
2 engaged in forced labor practices in the mining of critical minerals in Congo
3 will be sanctioned.

4 **SECTION 2A.** “Entity” is defined as any company, privately or publicly held,
5 within the United States and outside of it.

6 **SECTION 2B.** “Critical minerals” is defined as cobalt, copper, lithium, and others
7 used in the production of lithium-ion batteries

8 **SECTION 3.** The State Department, The Treasury Department, and the Office of Foreign
9 Assets Control shall be responsible for the enforcement of this legislation.

10 A. The State Department shall investigate and maintain a list of entities
11 found to be engaging in forced labor practices in the mining of critical
12 minerals in Congo.

13 B. The Treasury Department shall include any entity found to be engaging
14 in these practices on the list of specially designated nationals and
15 blocked persons maintained by the Office of Foreign Assets Control.

SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect at the start of FY2025. All laws in conflict
with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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A Bill to Enhance Aid in Latin America and The Northern Triangle

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** To enhance economic and social opportunity in Latin America and the
2 Northern Triangle, an additional \$50 billion in aid and foreign direct
3 investment shall be allocated.
- 4 A. At least 50% of the aid shall be used to expand the Central America
5 Regional Security Initiative (CARSI) and its humanitarian efforts.
- 6 B. The remaining funds shall be allocated to foreign direct investment, to
7 be implemented by local non-governmental organizations (NGOs)
8 approved by the Department of State (DOS)
- 9 **SECTION 2.** “Humanitarian efforts” shall be defined as the development of economic
10 and social opportunity in the Northern Triangle including but not limited to
11 the creation and investment in hospitals, schools, and small businesses
12 with the ultimate goal of alleviating poverty, decreasing violence, and
13 decreasing the flow of migrants at the U.S. southern border.
- 14 “Foreign direct investment” shall be defined as aid carried out utilizing local
15 non governmental organizations (NGOs) in the region that have been
16 approved by the Department of State (DOS). Aid shall be allocated via the
17 discretion of the implementing body with the oversight of the DOS
- 18 **SECTION 3.** The Department of State (DOS) shall be tasked with the implementation of
19 this legislation.
- 20 A. The DOS will do a semi-annual evaluation and audit regarding the
21 efficacy of aid in poverty reduction and violence reduction.
- 22 **SECTION 4.** Funding allocation will come out of the Department of Defense budget.
- 23 **SECTION 5.** This legislation will take effect at the beginning of the next fiscal year. All
24 laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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26 *Introduced for Congressional Debate by Packer Collegiate Institute.*

A Bill to Regulate Presidential Immunity

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** Neither the sitting President of the United States nor the President-elect of
2 the United States shall be subject to federal prosecution between the time of
3 their election and the end of their term, but all applicable statutes of
4 limitations shall be extended accordingly to take account for the time during
5 which the President or President-elect is immune.

6 **SECTION 2.A)** No former President of the United States shall be subject to federal
7 prosecution without disclosure to the U.S. House Committee on the
8 Judiciary and the U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary at least five days
9 prior to the commencement of such a prosecution. Such a prosecution shall
10 be managed by an independent counsel, who shall make reports on the
11 activities of the prosecution to the aforesaid Committees at least once every
12 twenty-one days. No former President of the United States shall be subject
13 to federal prosecution for any official action taken while they were
14 President.

15 B) No candidate for President of the United States from a major party shall
16 be subject to federal prosecution without disclosure to the U.S. House
17 Committee on the Judiciary, the U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary,
18 and the Federal Election Commission at least seven days prior to the
19 commencement of such a prosecution. Such a prosecution shall be managed
20 by an independent counsel, who shall make reports on the activities of the
21 prosecution to the aforesaid organizations at least once every twenty-eight
22 days.

23 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice shall have rulemaking authority to create
24 regulations governing the execution of this bill.

25 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 20th, 2025, at 12:01 P.M. All
26 laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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28 *Introduced for Congressional Debate by the Regis High School*

A Bill to Provide Research Grants To Organizations Researching a Cure to Alzheimer's

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** A one-time \$150,000 grant can be applied for, for any organization seeking
2 to find a cure for Alzheimer's
- 3 **SECTION 2.** A research grant will be defined as a sum of money given by a government
4 or other organization for a particular purpose. An organization will be
5 defined as an organized group of people with a particular purpose, such as a
6 business or government department.
- 7 **SECTION 3.** This will be implemented by the U.S. Department of Health and Human
8 Services (DHH). The money for the grants will be drawn from the current
9 DHH annual budget.
- 10 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented on January 1st, 2025. All laws in conflict with
11 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
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A Bill to Implement a Carbon Tax

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** A carbon tax of \$10 per metric ton of CO₂ emitted by for-profit companies
2 will be imposed. The tax will initially apply to companies that emit more
3 than 30 metric tons of CO₂ per year, but will be applied to all for-profit
4 companies after 2035. The tax revenue will go to the Office of Energy
5 Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE) of the United States Department
6 of Energy to aid the transition from fossil fuels to environmentally
7 sustainable energy.

8 **SECTION 2.** “Carbon emissions” is defined as carbon gas emissions that are influenced
9 by the direct decisions of for-profit corporations (which do business in the
10 U.S., onshore or offshore) for each calendar year.

11 **SECTION 3.** The Internal Revenue Service shall implement a tax of \$10 per metric ton of
12 carbon emitted per calendar year (above the threshold of 30 tons of CO₂)
13 for U.S. based for-profit organizations

14 A. After 2035, there shall not be a threshold of 30 tons of CO₂, and every
15 metric ton of CO₂ which for-profit companies emit will be taxed

16 B. After 2035, the tax per metric ton of CO₂ emitted by each company per
17 calendar year shall be raised to \$30

18 The taxes will go toward the The Office of Energy Efficiency and
19 Renewable Energy (EERE) of the United States Department of Energy

20 A. the EERE will use these taxes to aid the transition away from fossil
21 fuels to renewable, environmentally sustainable energy

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

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