



CONGRESS DOCKETS

FALCONS PRELIMS

4, 5, 3, 2, 1



Item 4 - A Bill to Ban the Use of Harmful Chemicals in the Preservation of Produced, Packaged, and Processed Foods

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The United States will remove and regulate the use of harmful chemical
2 preservatives from foods, imported and locally sourced, to help prevent
3 death and diseases that may be caused by ingesting these chemicals.

4 **SECTION 2.** The list of chemical preservatives to be banned in commercially produced,
5 packaged, and processed food includes, but is not limited to, butylated
6 hydroxytoluene, potassium bromate, sodium nitrates, and some parabens.

7 **SECTION 3.** The FDA's Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (CFSAN) will oversee the
8 enforcement of this bill.

9 A. No more than 2% of taxpayer dollars will go into the manufacturing of
10 testing labs to help create safer food preservatives.

11 B. Foods produced before the passing of this bill will still be sold or given to
12 community food banks to help prevent food waste.

13 C. All foods produced, packaged, and processed within the United States will
14 be required to meet these guidelines before being sold commercially.

15 D. All foods produced, packaged, or processed as imports outside of the
16 United States will be required to meet these guidelines in order to be sold
17 commercially.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by West Plains High School



Item 5 - A Bill to Reschedule Psychedelic Drugs to Increase Treatment Options

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) shall reschedule the following psychoactive
2 drugs from Schedule 1 to Schedule 3 of the Controlled Substance Act: MDMA
3 (3,4-methylenedioxymethamphetamine), LSD (lysergic acid diethylamide), and
4 psilocybin.

5 **SECTION 2.** These drugs can be prescribed by licensed physicians in order to treat patients
6 with various issues including, but not limited to: anxiety, PTSD (post-traumatic
7 stress disorder), depression, insomnia, and terminal illnesses.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Drug Enforcement Agency & the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) shall
9 be responsible for the enforcement of this legislation.

10 A. The DEA shall enforce, restrict, and monitor these medicines as they do other
11 Schedule III drugs.

12 B. The FDA shall be responsible for approving these drugs for more treatments
13 when research deems them effective.

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15 legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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Item 3 - A Resolution to Advocate for Elimination of Conditional Lending by the International Monetary Fund to Promote Economic Stability and Social Welfare

- 1 **WHEREAS,** When a country borrows from the International Monetary Fund, the loan is
2 conditional on the government adjusting its economic policies to overcome the
3 problems that led it to seek financial assistance in the first place; and
4 **WHEREAS,** The conditional lending policies placed by the IMF on borrowing nations, often
5 result in implementation of economic policies that harm the disadvantaged,
6 exacerbate inequality and jeopardize social change; and
7 **WHEREAS,** IMF conditionality is particularly harmful to developing nations, reducing public
8 investment, and stalling plans for improving key public sectors like
9 infrastructure, education, and healthcare; and
10 **WHEREAS,** The inability of governments in developing nations to bring change breeds
11 political dissatisfaction, decreasing political and economic stability; and
12 **WHEREAS,** The United States is a dominant force in the governance of the IMF, placing it in
13 a unique position to influence IMF policy changes; now, therefore, be it
14 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled that the United States should advocate for
15 elimination of conditional lending practices by the IMF.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Jack C. Hays High School



Item 2 – A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Limit 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 seven years from the date of its submission by the Congress:

ARTICLE –

SECTION 1: The number of times a congressional representative can hold a seat shall be limited.

SECTION 2: A representative can sit in the Senate for three, six-year terms. A representative can sit in the House of Representatives for five, two-year terms.

SECTION 3: The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Cedar Ridge High School



Item 1 - A Bill to Prohibit Filming Children for Profit to Reduce Potential Abuse

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Congress finds that children have been utilized by their parents in filming projects as a source of income. This has led to abuse and exploitation of children in their own homes. This bill will seek to prohibit filming of people under the age of 18 for content used for profit by parental figures.

SECTION 2. A. Content used for profit will be defined as any words, pictures, or pieces of data that convey ideas used to make a financial gain.

B. Parental figures will be defined as an individual who assumes a parental role or responsibility towards a child, whether biologically related or not.

SECTION 3. The US Department of Labor and The Federal Communications Commission will oversee the enforcement of this legislation.

A. All content used for profit will be held accountable to follow the Fair Labor Standards Act and receive a work permit approved by the DOL

B. All content that does not abide by Section 3A shall be immediately removed by the FCC and the violators will be fined \$1000 per violation.

SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect on March 1, 2025

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

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FALCONS FINALS

12, 11, 14, 13, 15



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8 **SECTION 3.** A. The Department of Labor will oversee the implementation of this bill.

9 B. This bill also applies to all subsidiaries, branches, or affiliates of U.S.
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11 C. To ensure that all companies comply with this legislation, recruiters must
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13 evaluation of the impacts.
- 14 C. Based on the findings and recommendations provided in the report required
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C. The price of all REM's will be set at a fluctuated cap that is 10% lower than the international standard.

SECTION 2 A. American technology industries shall be defined as domestic industries involved with the production of Semiconductors, Green-tech, and Weaponry.

B. Foreign Adversaries shall be defined as including China, Cuba, North Korea, Russia, and the Maduro Regime, as according to Title 15 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Subtitle A, Part 7, Subpart A § 7.2

SECTION 3. The Department of Interior, Department of Defense and the International Administration will oversee the implementation of this bill.

A. The Department of Interior will be responsible for allocating \$5 billion dollars of funding towards mining operations.

B. The Department of Defense will be responsible for allocating \$10 billion dollars of funding towards mineral processing and refinement and to cover the expected loss in profits caused by price cap set in section 1C.

C. The International Trade Administration will oversee audits to ensure that sales are being conducted as defined in Section 1B and 1C.

SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect on Immediately after passage. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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1 **SECTION 1.** This bill aims to reform civil asset forfeiture laws to better protect the rights of
2 citizens.

3 **SECTION 2.** In this bill, "civil asset forfeiture" refers to the practice of law enforcement
4 agencies seizing assets from individuals without a criminal conviction.

5 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice will oversee the enforcement of this legislation.

6 A. The Department of Justice will maintain publicly accessible records of seized
7 assets and Initiate asset forfeiture through a transparent process.

8 B. The Department of Justice will provide Due Process Protections through
9 providing legal counsel and fair hearings for affected individuals, requiring clear
10 and convincing evidence for forfeiture, with the burden proof of the government
11 and if no charges are levied against an individual within 3 months or if their
12 charges are dropped, their items shall be returned to them immediately.

13 C. The Department of Justice will ensure fair Asset Disposition by creating a Civil
14 Forfeiture task force focused on allocating forfeited assets to community
15 projects and training, not for personal gain and ensure transparent reporting of
16 fund allocation.

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

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BULLDOG PRELIMS

7, 10, 9, 6, 8



Item 7 - The Trident Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall allocate an additional \$5 billion annually to the US Navy's
2 Fourth Fleet until FY 2026 with the expressed purpose of stemming the flow of
3 trafficking in maritime commerce.

4 **SECTION 2.** The Fourth Fleet shall be strictly defined as the naval component of the US
5 Southern Command, operating in the Caribbean and waters adjacent to South
6 and Central America. Trafficking shall be defined as the illegal facilitation of
7 narcotics, goods, and individuals across maritime borders.

8 **SECTION 3.** The US Navy, Department of Defense (DOD), and House Armed Services
9 Committee (HASC) shall oversee the enforcement of this bill.

10 A. The Department of Defense shall ensure the responsible and efficient
11 allocation of necessary funds.

12 B. The US Navy shall submit a semiannual report to the HASC, who shall apply
13 any adjustments it finds necessary to its policy.

14 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2025

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Memorial High School



Item 10 - A Bill to Encourage NATO Allies to Increase Defense Investment

BE IT ENACTED BY THIS CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall temporarily cease funding to the North Atlantic Treaty
2 Organization (NATO) until other member countries demonstrate a commitment
3 to increasing their defense investment.

4 **SECTION 2.** Member countries will be considered committed once they spend at least 2.5%
5 of their GDP towards defense spending.

6 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Defense shall annually assess each NATO member's
7 defense expenditure to ensure compliance with the investment target.

8 A. The U.S. government shall engage in diplomatic efforts to encourage allies to
9 fulfill their defense spending commitments which will include but is not limited
10 to bilateral meetings, public statements, official dialogues with leaders, and
11 more.

12 B. If a country is unwilling to show their commitment to increasing investment
13 within 2 years of the implementation of this legislation, the US will advocate for
14 the removal of this country from NATO.

15 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect FY 2025.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Prosper High School.



Item 9 - The Arming Mexico with the Intent of Gaining Obligatory Security (A.M.I.G.O.S.) Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States will reform the Mexican Armed Forces (MAF) to bring them closer as an ally, increase the security of Mexico, and pave the way for Mexico's membership into NATO.

A. The United States will collaborate with The Federal Government of Mexico with the purpose of Mexico eventually requesting to join NATO.

B. The US will start training Mexican Armed Forces inside of Mexico.

C. Mexico shall be given modernized military equipment to replace outdated variants.

D. The US will provide, in military financial aid, half of the amount required to reach Mexico's 2% defense spending requirement for Mexico for the next 5 years after passage.

SECTION 2. Modernized military equipment shall consist of 50 M1 Abrams tanks, 500 JLTV's, 15 F-16 fighter Jets, 50 UH-60 helicopters, 150 M1126 Infantry carrier vehicles, and 130 M1128 Mobile gun systems.

SECTION 3. The US Department of State and Department of Defense will be responsible for the implementation of this legislation.

A. The DOS will give military aid directly to the Mexican government and will be responsible for conducting audits every year to ensure that military aid is spent as defense expenditure. If at least 75% of aid in one year is not spent on defense, all aid will be terminated.

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

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Item 6 - A Resolution to Refrain from Allocating Financial Aid to Ukraine to Prioritize Domestic Needs

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Providing financial assistance to Ukraine may not effectively address the root
2 causes of the conflict and could exacerbate tensions with Russia, potentially
3 escalating the situation; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** allocating resources to Ukraine may divert attention and resources away from
5 pressing domestic issues within the United States, such as economic recovery,
6 healthcare, and infrastructure; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** there is concern over corruption within the Ukrainian government, raising
8 questions about the efficacy and accountability of aid funds allocated to the
9 country; and
- 10 **WHEREAS,** the United States faces significant fiscal challenges, including rising deficits and
11 debt levels, limiting the feasibility of providing extensive financial support to
12 foreign nations; and
- 13 **WHEREAS,** the involvement of the United States in international conflicts, such as the
14 conflict in Ukraine, may strain diplomatic relations and lead to further
15 entanglement in complex geopolitical dynamics; now, therefore, be it
- 16 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled should carefully consider the potential
17 drawbacks and implications of providing financial assistance to Ukraine, taking
18 into account both domestic and international concerns; and, be it
- 19 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the United States should cut half of all its current funding (incl.
20 bilateral aid, military aid, humanitarian assistance, or anything similar that its
21 purpose is to benefit Ukraine) to Ukraine.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Clark High School



Item 8 - The Assault Weapons Ban Act of 2024

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The manufacture, sale, transfer, possession, and importation of assault weapons
2 in the United States is hereby prohibited.

3 **SECTION 2.** A. "Assault Weapons" are defined as weapons who have specific characteristics
4 such as semi-automatic action, detachable magazines, and military-style
5 features.

6 B. Individuals currently in possession of assault weapons will be required to
7 relinquish them to law enforcement agencies or participate in buyback programs
8 to remove them from circulation.

9 C. Prohibits the manufacture and sale of assault weapons by firearms
10 manufacturers and licensed dealers.

11 D. Certain exceptions may apply for law enforcement agencies, military
12 personnel, and licensed manufacturers for specific purposes such as government
13 contracts.

14 **SECTION 3.** The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) along with the
15 Department of Justice (DOJ) will oversee the implementation of this legislation.

16 A. The above organizations will have jurisdiction to decide on appropriate
17 punishment and/or fines on a per-case basis.

18 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect immediately upon passage. All laws in conflict
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