



2024 Congressional Debate Docket

Prelim 1 - A Bill to Protect Payment Choice

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All retailers offering goods and services within the United States of
3 America must:

4 **A.** Allow payment in cryptocurrency

5 **B.** Allow virtual payments via NFC

6 **C.** Not charge higher prices for payments other than cash.

7 **SECTION 2.** This shall not apply to goods and services sold primarily through the
8 telephone or over the internet.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Attorney General shall have the jurisdiction to bring action in United
10 States District Court against any retailer found in violation.

11 **A.** A first offense shall incur damages and a \$2,500 fine.

12 **B.** Subsequent offenses shall incur a \$5,000 fine.

13 **SECTION 4.** This shall take effect on October 1, 2025.

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

Prelim 2 - A Bill to Criminalize Electoral Reluctance

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** A county official in a position to oversee the certification of elections,
3 which is normally considered a ministerial duty, who obstructs, disrupts,
4 or otherwise fails to vote to certify an election for a federal office shall be
5 considered to have committed a felony, to be adjudicated in federal
6 court.

7 **SECTION 2.** Upon conviction, the sentence of not less than 10 years imprisonment
8 shall be issued.

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

10 **SECTION 4.** This shall take effect on November 4, 2024.

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

Prelim 3 - A Bill to Expand the Child Tax Credit

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Eligible taxpayers will receive a tax credit of \$3,600 for any child under
3 age 6 claimed on their federal income tax return. A credit of \$3,000 will
4 be given for any child between ages 6-17 claimed on their federal income
5 tax return.

6 **SECTION 2.** One half of the enhanced credits will be provided in monthly payments
7 beginning at the start of Fiscal Year 2025 with the other half given upon
8 the filing of the 2025 tax return.

9 **SECTION 3** To be eligible, a family or single taxpayer must have filed a tax return in
10 the previous year.

11 **SECTION 4.** The Internal Revenue Service will oversee the adjustment of the tax
12 credits and provide the payments as scheduled.

13 **SECTION 5** Costs for this tax credit will be offset by an increase in the corporate
14 income tax rate to 35%.

15 **SECTION 6.** This will take effect in FY 2025.

16 **SECTION 7.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Prelim 4 - A Bill to Adjust Air Travel Regulations

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Department of Transportation rule announced on April 24, 2024,
3 taking effect June 25, 2024 (DOT-OST-2022-0089), is rescinded.

4 **SECTION 2.** Airlines are responsible for defining their own compensation for canceled
5 flights. Prior to a consumer completing a purchase, they must be notified
6 of and agree to the airline's policies and procedures.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Transportation will have oversight of this legislation.
8 Any airline which does not properly inform consumers will be subject to
9 the requirements of the prior rule.

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

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

Prelim 5 - A Resolution to Support the Venezuelan Opposition

- 1 **WHEREAS,** it is abundantly clear that the opposition leader, Edmundo Gonzalez is
2 the rightful winner of the Venezuelan presidential election; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** current president Nicolas Maduro has refused to release any evidence to
4 the contrary; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** Russia and China have both congratulated Maduro on his claimed victory;
6 and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** protests have led to at least 23 deaths and 2400 arrests; and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** government paramilitaries are marking the doors of protesters with black
9 painted "X's"; and
- 10 **WHEREAS,** neighboring countries have backed off initial demands that Maduro
11 immediately recognize the opposition victory; and
- 12 **WHEREAS,** Brazilian President Lula da Silva has emerged as the leading voice in the
13 region questioning the legitimacy of the election; and
- 14 **WHEREAS,** international pressure may be the only force which will change President
15 Maduro's opinion; now, therefore, be it
- 16 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that the United States supports a new
17 election in Venezuela overseen by international observers to insure free
18 and fair results.

Prelim 6 - A Bill to Assist the Farm Industry

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** An additional \$40 billion will be added to the farm bill funding specified in
3 H.R. 6363. If a new Farm Bill is approved prior to the implementation
4 date, separate from a continuing resolution, this funding will be added to
5 the amount appropriated in that legislation.

6 **SECTION 2.** The funding is appropriated to the following categories:

7 **A.** \$1.9 billion to supplement disaster assistance.

8 **B.** \$21 billion to supplement crop proceeds.

9 **C.** \$4.6 billion to supplement animal product proceeds.

10 **D.** \$16.7 billion to offset production expenses.

11 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Agriculture will oversee the distribution of the
12 increased funding.

13 **A.** A tariff of 10% on all agricultural imports will be implemented to
14 provide funding for this legislation.

15 **SECTION 4.** This will take effect on October 1, 2024.

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

Prelim 7 - A Bill to Provide Ethics to the Entire Judiciary

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Code of Conduct for United States Judges as adopted by the Judicial
3 Conference of the United States, shall apply in whole to the justices of
4 the Supreme Court.

5 **SECTION 2.** The Judicial Conference will create guidelines compelling resignation of
6 any judge or justice who does not adhere to the Code of Conduct, as
7 determined by either the Judicial Conference or a Congressional
8 committee.

9 **SECTION 3.** To ensure compliance with the Code of Conduct, the Internal Revenue
10 Service will conduct an annual financial audit of the justices of the
11 Supreme Court

12 **SECTION 4.** This will take effect on the first day of the Supreme Court term following
13 passage.

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

Prelim 8 - A Bill to Clarify Mining Regulations

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** A claimant shall have the right to use and occupy to conduct operations
3 on public land, with or without the discovery of a valuable mineral
4 deposit provided the claimant makes a timely payment of both the
5 location fee and claim maintenance fees required in current law.

6 **SECTION 2.** The claimant is defined as the person or corporation responsible for the
7 development of the public land as outlined in section 1. Operations shall
8 be considered any activity or work carried out in connection with
9 prospecting, exploration, discovery, development, extraction, or
10 processing of a locatable mineral.

11 **SECTION 3.** The Bureau of Land Management and the United States Forest Service
12 will oversee this legislation.

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

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

Adapted from H.R. 2925, Introduced by Rep. Mark Amodei (R-NV)

Semi A - A Resolution to Protect American Data

- 1 **WHEREAS,** National Public Data confirmed a massive data breach; and
- 2 **WHEREAS,** the Social Security number of almost every American has been
- 3 compromised; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** the combination of these numbers along with names, addresses, phone
- 5 numbers, and other personal information leaves Americans vulnerable to
- 6 identity theft; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** National Public Data did not report this breach until news of a lawsuit
- 8 became public; and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** current technology is insufficient to protect confidential data; and
- 10 **WHEREAS,** solutions to keep this data private exist within the world of
- 11 cryptocurrency; and
- 12 **WHEREAS,** blockchain technology has the potential to be converted to private use;
- 13 now, therefore, be it
- 14 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that the Social Security Administration
- 15 explore new blockchain-based technologies to protect confidential data;
- 16 and be it
- 17 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the SSA work to convert all confidential data to this
- 18 blockchain system within the next twenty years.

Semi B - A Bill to Invoke the Leahy Law on Current Conflicts

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor, and the relevant
3 United States embassies will undertake an analysis of the current
4 conflicts between Ukraine and Russia, and Israel and Hamas with respect
5 to any violations of human rights.

6 **SECTION 2.** Post analysis, the Leahy Law will be applied. Any entity found to violate
7 human rights with impunity will have assistance withheld until the host
8 nation government takes effective steps to cease such violations.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Department of State will oversee the analysis and enforcement of
10 the Leahy Law.

11 **SECTION 4.** This will take effect upon passage.

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

Semi C - A Bill to End Forced Arbitration

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** No contract or agreement shall be written or agreed to between two
3 parties which has the effect of denying a party access to the court system
4 for relief in the event of negligence or breach of contract.

5 **SECTION 2.** Such contracts and agreements may be, but are not limited to,
6 employment agreements or contracts for goods and services.

7 **SECTION 3.** Enforcement will be handled by the following departments:

8 **A.** Employment contracts and agreements will be overseen by the
9 Department of Labor.

10 **B.** Agreements involving the exchange of physical goods or online
11 services will be overseen by the Federal Trade Commission.

12 **C.** Agreements involving financial products will be overseen by the
13 Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

14 **D.** Violations of this legislation which are deemed to deny consumers the
15 right to relief in a court of law shall result in treble damages.

16 **SECTION 4.** This shall take effect immediately upon passage.

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

Final A - A Bill to Discourage Universal Voucher Programs

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Any state which implements a universal voucher program will be
3 ineligible for all federal education grants.

4 **SECTION 2.** A universal voucher program diverts public money which would
5 otherwise be directed to public school systems to private, religious, or
6 home schools, regardless of student attendance in the public school
7 system.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of Education will determine the eligibility of states for
9 federal education grants. States which are declared ineligible for grants
10 due to implementing a universal voucher program may regain eligibility
11 upon the reversal of said voucher program, but not until September 1 of
12 the following year.

13 **SECTION 4.** This shall take effect on September 1, 2025.

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

Final B - A Resolution to Support the Defense Treaty Between Japan and the Philippines

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Japan and the Philippines have signed a mutual defense treaty; and
- 2 **WHEREAS,** this treaty is designed to counter Chinese aggression in the region; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** China has claimed territorial rights in areas previously deemed to be
- 4 neutral waters or under the control of Japan or the Philippines; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** the Chinese coast guard has confronted Philippine ships in the South
- 6 China Sea several times this year; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** the worst of these confrontations resulted in several injuries to Filipino
- 8 sailors; and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** Japan has likewise expressed concern over Chinese movements in the
- 10 East China Sea; and
- 11 **WHEREAS,** unanswered signs of aggression could result in a newly emboldened
- 12 China; and
- 13 **WHEREAS,** Chinese aggression in the region is detrimental to United States interests
- 14 in East Asia; now, therefore, be it
- 15 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that the United States should support
- 16 the treaty between Japan and the Philippines and provide assistance
- 17 when requested.

Final C - A Bill to Eliminate Taxation on Tipped Income

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Income from tips or gratuities will be exempt from taxation, including
3 Social Security and Medicare taxes. All income derived from tips or
4 gratuities must be reported on IRS form 4070A to differentiate it from
5 wages earned from an employer.

6 **SECTION 2.** Income from tips or gratuities will include, but is not limited to:

7 **A.** Cash tips received directly from customers

8 **B.** Tips from customers who leave a tip through electronic settlement
9 or payment. This includes a credit card, debit card, gift card or any
10 other electronic payment method.

11 **C.** The value of any noncash tips, such as tickets or other items of
12 value.

13 **D.** Tip amounts received from other employees paid out through tip
14 pools, tip splitting, or other formal/informal tip sharing
15 arrangements.

16 **SECTION 3.** The Internal Revenue Service will adjust form 1040 and 1040A to reflect
17 the tax exemptions when calculating income tax owed.

18 **A.** No fewer than ten percent of all returns which contain income from
19 tips or gratuities shall be subject to audit during a fiscal year.

20 **B.** If the result of the audit shows income fraudulently categorized as tip
21 or gratuity, a penalty of no less than double the amount falsely
22 claimed shall be assessed.

23 **SECTION 4.** This will take effect on October 1, 2025.

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