

The Coon Rapids Cardinal Invitational

October 5, 2024

Congressional Debate Docket



A Bill to Abolish Federal Plea Bargaining

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The practice of plea bargaining in federal criminal cases is hereby
3 abolished.

4 **SECTION 2.** Plea bargaining is an arrangement between a prosecutor and a defendant
5 whereby the defendant pleads guilty to a lesser charge in the expectation
6 of leniency.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice shall oversee this bill.

8 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2026. All laws in conflict with
9 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Minnesota Debate Teachers Association.

A Bill to Ban the Use of Private Military Contractors

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States federal Government will no longer be allowed to use
3 Private Military Contractors (PMC) in any context in a foreign country.

4 **SECTION 2.** Private Military Contractors are individuals employed by a private
5 company providing armed combat or security services for financial gain.

6 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Defense will be tasked with the implementation of
7 this legislation.

8 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on September 1, 2026. All laws in conflict
9 with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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A Bill to Create Universal Pre-K

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Department of Education shall provide block grants to
3 each state to offer every child residing within the United States of
4 America and its territories a publicly funded and administered education
5 beginning at three years of age.

6 **SECTION 2.** “Administered” shall not be construed to mean a school voucher
7 program. Instead, the programs will be publicly funded and under direct
8 public oversight through expanding existing public school districts.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education will oversee the allocation of funds and any
10 future necessary national regulations. Individual states will implement
11 the new universal Pre-K system, consistent with current public schooling
12 and the above administration requirements.

13 A. States that do not implement a universal Pre-K program consistent
14 with the above shall have all Federal education funding withheld.

15 B. Twenty-five (25) billion dollars will be allocated annually to the
16 Department of Education for apportionment as block grants. The
17 annual funding commitment will continue until FY 2030, when this
18 program shall be due for reauthorization. States are encouraged to
19 supplement this funding.

20 C. The 125 billion dollars will be reappropriated from the Department
21 of Defense’s budget.

22 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2026. All laws in conflict with
23 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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A Bill to Establish a Universal Basic Income

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All U.S. citizens aged 18 to 64 shall receive a monthly stipend of \$1,000.
3 Those aged 65 and older who receive less than \$1,000 in monthly Social
4 Security payments will receive a minimum of \$1,000 monthly from Social
5 Security.

6 **SECTION 2.** To raise the needed funds, all private wealth in the United States will be
7 subject to a tax rate of 4%. The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) will define
8 private wealth to create a tax plan that includes taxing existing private
9 wealth. Private wealth is defined as the total assets of the individual,
10 including savings, investments, and housing.

11 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Treasury and the U.S. Department of Health and
12 Human Services shall oversee the implementation and enforcement of
13 this legislation.

14 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2026. All laws in conflict with
15 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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A Bill to Implement a Cap and Trade Policy to Decrease Carbon Emissions

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** A Cap and Trade Policy shall be implemented to decrease net carbon
3 emissions.

4 **SECTION 2.** A. "Cap" is defined as a firm limit on the amount of carbon a company
5 can emit, allocated in allowances by the U.S. federal government.

6 B. "Trade" is defined as a market where companies can buy
7 and sell allowances.

8 C. Allowances are defined as the amount of carbon each company is
9 allowed to emit in tons, an amount issued by the federal government.

10 **SECTION 3.** The Environmental Protection Agency shall be responsible for
11 implementing and overseeing this legislation. The federal government is
12 responsible for distributing allowances to each industry and issuing
13 punishments when the Cap is exceeded without possessing allowances.

14 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on July 1, 2026. All laws in conflict with
15 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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A Bill to Mandate Voting

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All eligible citizens must submit a ballot in all federal and congressional
3 elections. Individuals are allowed to submit a blank ballot.

4 **SECTION 2.** All employers are required to offer four hours of paid time off on the day
5 of the election for the purpose of voting.

6 **SECTION 2.** Federal elections are the election for U.S. President. Congressional
7 elections are the elections for U.S. Representatives and Senators.

8 **SECTION 3.** Each state's election office and the U.S. Election Assistance Commission
9 (EAC) will oversee this, and the Department of Justice will complete
10 enforcement.

11 A. Annually, 1 billion dollars will be allocated to the EAC to assist states in
12 implementing this legislation.

13 B. An additional 500 million dollars will be allocated annually to the EAC
14 for the purpose of ensuring equal access to voting.

15 C. Federal and state elections are exempt from state laws requiring ID to
16 vote.

17 D. Same-day registration will be allowed for all federal and congressional
18 elections.

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

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A Bill to Privatize Amtrak

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States government will return Amtrak and its assets to a
3 private business. The federal government will seek a private business to
4 sell and transfer all assets.

5 **SECTION 2.** Amtrak's assets include all items, physical or digital, that Amtrak uses for
6 its day-to-day operation.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Transportation, in conjunction with the Department
8 of the Treasury, will oversee the implementation of this legislation.

9 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on July 1, 2026. All laws in conflict with this
10 legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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A Bill to School American Children

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Every American citizen who obtains a high school diploma or GED will be
3 eligible to receive a full tuition waiver to attend a community college,
4 junior college, or career technical school in the United States.

5 **SECTION 2.** “Community college or junior college” is defined as any educational
6 institution approved by the Accrediting Commission for Community and
7 Junior Colleges (ACCJC).

8 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education will provide enforcement and allocate \$60
9 billion in funding. Funding will be provided on a per-student basis.

10 A. Only full-time students enrolled in 12 credit hours or more will be
11 eligible to receive a waiver.

12 B. Students must be enrolled by their 20th birthday and be completed
13 by their 22nd birthday.

14 C. Students who are expelled from their institution will be ineligible to
15 apply for future waivers.

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

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