



Congressional Debate Docket

Prelim 1 - A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Clarify Recess Appointments

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

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

7 **ARTICLE --**

8 **SECTION 1:** Article II, Section 2, Clause 3 is amended to read “The President shall
9 have Power to fill all Vacancies that may happen during an officially
10 declared Recess of the Senate which lasts no fewer than thirty
11 consecutive days, by granting Commissions which shall expire no later
12 than sixty consecutive days after such grant.”

13 **SECTION 2:** The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate
14 legislation.

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Prelim 2 - A Bill to Encourage No-Till Farming

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Funding for the Price Loss Coverage (PLC), Agriculture Risk Coverage
3 (ARC), and the Marketing Assistance Loan Programs in Title I of the
4 Agricultural Improvement Act of 2018 will be reduced by \$30 billion.

5 **A.** These funds will be converted into block grants for farms which
6 exclusively utilize no-till farming.

7 **SECTION 2.** No-till farming is defined as a method of growing crops without
8 disturbing the soil through tillage. Farmers use specialized equipment to
9 create a narrow furrow for planting seeds, and then close up the furrow
10 after planting.

11 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Agriculture will oversee implementation of and
12 distribution of the block grant program.

13 **A.** The Secretary of Agriculture will determine standards for eligibility for
14 the block grant program.

15 **B.** Compliance inspections and renewal of the grants will take place on a
16 two year cycle.

17 **SECTION 4.** The block grant program will take effect on January 1, 2026.

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

Prelim 3 - A Bill to Increase Educational Transparency

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All educational institutions receiving federal funding are required to
3 publish all educational materials and plans.

4 **A.** This shall include all textbooks, external vendors and programs,
5 physical materials used during instruction, video links, and possible
6 supplemental materials.

7 **B.** Each institution must display their materials on an easily accessible
8 website which will be published to educational stakeholders as well
9 as to the general public.

10 **SECTION 2.** Failure to comply with Section 1 will result in federal education funding
11 being withheld until the institution is determined to be in compliance.

12 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education will oversee implementation of this
13 legislation.

14 **SECTION 4.** This shall take effect on July 1, 2025.

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

Prelim 4 - A Bill to Overhaul United States Foreign Aid

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All funding for foreign countries which is designated for military
3 assistance, or for “peace and security” shall be ended, with the current
4 appropriated funding redirected to humanitarian assistance grants.

5 **SECTION 2.** Military assistance and “peace and security” funding consists of providing
6 military hardware, funding for purchasing military hardware from military
7 contractors, or anything which supports efforts to prevent, resolve, and
8 mitigate conflict, and to rebuild after conflict ends.

9 **A.** Humanitarian funding may include direct and indirect food assistance,
10 medical assistance, educational funding, grants for business
11 development, and climate change mitigation. Such aid should be
12 provided under the principles of humanity, impartiality, and
13 neutrality.

14 **SECTION 3.** The United States Agency for International Development, the
15 Department of State, the Department of Defense, the Peace Corp, the
16 Department of the Interior, and the Department of Health and Human
17 Services will coordinate the transition to strictly humanitarian aid
18 programs.

19 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect immediately upon approval by Congress
20 and signature of the president.

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

Prelim 5 - A Resolution to Rethink Sports Spending

- 1 **WHEREAS,** the idea of sports subsidies are controversial; and
- 2 **WHEREAS,** tax breaks and payments for permanent sports franchises have cost state
- 3 and local governments billions of dollars; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** stadiums for franchises which maintain a constant presence in the area
- 5 can theoretically pay for themselves over time; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** events like the World Cup or F1 are temporary and will not have long-
- 7 lasting impacts on the American economy; and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** FIFA expects to earn \$3.1 billion during the 2023-2026 World Cup cycle;
- 9 and
- 10 **WHEREAS,** the cost to British Columbia alone to host World Cup 2026 games in
- 11 Vancouver has risen to nearly \$500 million; and
- 12 **WHEREAS,** FIFA spending has a minimal impact on the local economy; and
- 13 **WHEREAS,** if governments must spend money on sporting events, they should focus
- 14 on teams and events which will be permanently part of the local fabric;
- 15 now, therefore, be it
- 16 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that state and local governments should
- 17 not be liable for costs related to foreign owned sporting events which do
- 18 not maintain a consistent presence in the affected areas.

Prelim 6 - A Bill to Adopt the UN Convention Against Cybercrime

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States hereby accepts and approves the United Nations

3 Convention Against Cybercrime.

Prelim 7 - A Bill to Improve Battery Powered Technology

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Any device which requires certification by the Federal Communications
3 Commission for sale in the United States and which uses a lithium-ion
4 battery must meet the following criteria:

5 **A.** More than 50% of the materials used in the battery must be from
6 recycled materials

7 **B.** Under normal usage, the battery must last at least 48 hours before
8 requiring a recharge

9 **C.** Must be easily accessible and replaceable by the consumer.

10 **SECTION 2.** Prior to certification, the FCC will conduct testing on units to ensure
11 compliance.

12 **SECTION 3.** The FCC will oversee enforcement of this legislation. Any device which
13 does not meet the requirements of Section 1 shall not receive approval
14 and may not be sold within the United States.

15 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2026.

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

Prelim 8 - A Resolution to Condemn the Canadian Indian Act

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Canada's governance of its indigenous population is largely regulated by
2 the Indian Act of 1876; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** the initial aim of the Act was to unify laws to assimilate indigenous
4 people into Canadian society and do away with the tribal system; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** the Act had the effect of grouping all indigenous people into one
6 category, regardless of history, culture, or status; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** the Act created a strictly patriarchal system which denied women the
8 right to self-determination; and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** the Act led to the creation of Residential Schools which stripped children
10 of their culture and led to countless deaths; and
- 11 **WHEREAS,** despite the appearance of cultural progress, the acts are largely the same
12 now as they were 150 years ago; now, therefore, be it
- 13 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that we express our disapproval of
14 Canada retaining the Indian Act of 1876 in largely its original form and
15 encourage Canada to modernize their governance of First Nations.

Prelim 9 - A Bill to Clarify Schedule I Substance Taxation

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Section 280e will be deleted from the Internal Revenue Code.

3 **SECTION 2.** Any attempt to amend the Controlled Substances Act to reclassify cannabis from
4 Schedule 1 to Schedule 2 shall require a three-year waiting period before such
5 reclassification may take effect.

6 **SECTION 3.** The Internal Revenue Service will enforce Section 1 of this legislation.

7 **A.** The Drug Enforcement Agency will oversee Section 2.

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

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

Semi A - A Bill to Clarify Tax-Exempt Status for Non-Profits

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Section 501 (c) of the Internal Revenue Code shall be amended by adding the following:

3 **A.** Any organization covered under this section which is designated as a Terrorist
4 Sponsoring Organization by the Secretary of the Treasury shall lose tax-exempt
5 status.

6 **B.** Any organization so designated shall have thirty days to appeal to the Secretary of
7 the Treasury.

8 **C.** Further appeals shall take place solely in the Federal Court of Appeals designated by
9 the Secretary. The decision of the Court of Appeals shall be final.

10 **D.** Organizations which lose tax-exempt status may seek reclassification no earlier than
11 three years after the initial designation.

12 **SECTION 2.** For purposes of this legislation, the term Terrorist Supporting Organization means any
13 organization which is designated by the Secretary as having provided, during the 3-year
14 period ending on the date of such designation, material support or resources to an
15 organization described in federal statute or executive order as an enemy of the United
16 States.

17 **SECTION 3.** The Internal Revenue Service and the Secretary of the Treasury will oversee the
18 implementation of this legislation.

19 **SECTION 4.** This will take effect on January 21, 2025.

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

Semi B - A Resolution to Help Curb Prescription Drug Prices

- 1 **WHEREAS,** the future of the Affordable Care Act is in question; and
- 2 **WHEREAS,** any potential replacement is currently just a concept of a plan; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** any replacement will almost certainly not contain a public option for
- 4 health insurance; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** the Medicare Drug Negotiation Program will also likely be rescinded; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** the federal government will not negotiate for lower prescription drug
- 7 prices; and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** it is in the private health insurance companies' best interests to help their
- 9 subscribers afford medication; and
- 10 **WHEREAS,** private health insurance companies will continue to comprise most of
- 11 American health care; now, therefore, be it
- 12 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that each individual health insurance
- 13 company should negotiate with the major pharmaceutical companies to
- 14 help with cost containment for the American consumer.

Semi C - A Bill to Limit Political Persuasion

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** In all elections for offices specifically mentioned in Articles I and II of the
3 Constitution, no media source regulated by or broadcast on a medium
4 regulated by the Federal Communications Commission shall sanction,
5 publish, or publicize any poll of projected voters during the thirty days
6 prior to the election.

7 **SECTION 2.** Violations of Section 1 may lead to financial penalties of not less than \$1
8 million and/or the revocation of broadcast licenses.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Communications Commission and the Federal Election
10 Commission will oversee enforcement of this legislation

11 **SECTION 4.** This will take effect prior to the 2026 federal election.

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

Final A - A Bill to Manage Water Rights

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Water rights are considered part of the Department of the Interior, which
3 shall have primacy in all matters regarding water distribution,
4 management, or preservation.

5 **SECTION 2.** Any current agreement between federal, local, or state governments and
6 private companies with respect to water management or water rights for
7 profit shall be considered null and void.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Department of the Interior will oversee implementation of this
9 legislation.

10 **A.** The Secretary of the Interior will also rework the current agreements
11 on Colorado River water rights to provide equitable treatment for all
12 entities which rely on this source.

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

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

Final B - A Resolution to Reconsider NATO

1 **WHEREAS,** the United States was a founding member of the North Atlantic Treaty
2 Organization (NATO); and

3 **WHEREAS,** NATO was designed to counter the Soviet threat to Europe after World
4 War II; and

5 **WHEREAS,** Article 5 of the North Atlantic Treaty states that a military attack on one
6 member is considered an attack on all members and should result in
7 mutual defense; and

8 **WHEREAS,** current and possible members of NATO are engaged in military and
9 cultural struggles with Russia; and

10 **WHEREAS,** the previous and future presidential administrations in the United States
11 have expressed doubts about NATO in regards to funding, necessity, and
12 membership; and

13 **WHEREAS,** a sudden withdrawal of the United States would have a devastating
14 effect to the current NATO structure; and

15 **WHEREAS,** the previous and future presidential administrations should be taken
16 seriously; now, therefore, be it

17 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that the members of NATO should
18 prepare for a future without the support of the United States, and be it

19 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that they determine whether NATO should be dissolved and
20 reconstituted as a different organization.

Final C - A Bill to Prevent Price Gouging on Staple Goods

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Department of Agriculture will determine a standard maximum price
3 for staple goods when sold to the end consumer.

4 **A.** Elements which the Department of Agriculture must consider when
5 determining the standard minimum price shall include:

6 a. Profit for retailers and wholesalers

7 b. Profit for producers of goods

8 c. Supply and demand for goods

9 d. History of price changes for goods

10 **SECTION 2.** Staple goods are products intended for consumption which are produced
11 domestically from initial growth to final production and are eligible for
12 purchase under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or any
13 similar program administered by a state government. These may include,
14 but are not limited to, bread, eggs, livestock, flour, sugar, fruits,
15 vegetables, and juices.

16 **SECTION 3.** Prices may be revised no sooner than 90 days after the initial setting of
17 prices, and no sooner than every 90 days thereafter.

18 **SECTION 4.** The Department of Agriculture will oversee the implementation of this
19 legislation.

20 **A.** Retailers found pricing eligible goods in violation of Section 1 may be
21 fined not more than \$100,000 per violation.

22 **SECTION 5.** This will take effect June 30, 2025.

23 **SECTION 6.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.