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A Bill to Make Our Skies Safer

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Department of Defense shall conduct no airborne training exercises anywhere within
3 25 miles of an airport engaged in commercial passenger air travel.

4 **SECTION 2.** For the purposes of this legislation, “an airport engaged in commercial passenger air travel”
5 shall be defined as an airport at which a commercial passenger airplane is expected to land
6 or depart at any time within the next two hours. Therefore, military airborne training
7 exercises may be conducted around such airports whenever there is an extended span of
8 time during which commercial passenger air travel is not occurring.

9 **SECTION 3.** Congress directs the Department of Defense to court-martial any service members who
10 violate the terms of this legislation, and further to determine for themselves a range of
11 consequences that are appropriate for such violations.

12 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be jointly overseen by the Department of Defense and the Federal
13 Aviation Administration (FAA).

14 **SECTION 5.** This legislation shall take effect immediately upon passage.

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

A Bill to Ban Compulsory PTO Usage

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** No employer may require an employee to use their paid time off when the option to work
3 does not exist for that employee, such as on a holiday observed by the employer. If an
4 employee is not permitted to work during what would otherwise be normal working hours,
5 their employer must pay them without penalty.

6 **SECTION 2.** Any employer that violates this legislation shall be fined an amount equal to ten times the
7 total gross wages any affected employees ought to have earned during the timespan in
8 which the violation occurred. Half of this fine shall be delivered as compensation to the
9 affected employee(s), and the other half shall be retained by the Department of Labor to
10 fund enforcement.

11 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall be overseen by the Department of Labor.

12 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2026.

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

A Bill to Abolish DOGE

- 1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:
- 2 **SECTION 1.** The Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) is hereby abolished.
- 3 **SECTION 2.** Given the abundant unconstitutional overlap of DOGE's responsibilities with those of the
- 4 legislative branch, the President shall not recreate this agency or establish another like it
- 5 without having attained explicit Congressional authority in advance.
- 6 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall take effect immediately upon passage.
- 7 **SECTION 4.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

A Bill to Provide Common-Sense Childcare for Federal Employees

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** All federal employees working in offices where childcare is not provided free of charge are
3 hereby permitted and encouraged to bring their children to work with them whenever
4 needed, particularly when those children are not yet of school age and/or when school is
5 not in session.

6 **SECTION 2.** Any federal employee who attempts to penalize, retaliate against, or otherwise harass
7 another federal employee for taking advantage of this legislation shall be disciplined
8 accordingly.

9 **SECTION 3.** While at work with their parent or guardian, a child of a federal employee shall be included
10 free of charge in any meal, travel, or lodging arrangements that their parent/guardian
11 would be.

12 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be overseen by the United States Office of Personnel Management
13 (OPM).

14 **SECTION 5.** This legislation shall take effect on June 1, 2025.

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

A Resolution to Defend the Right of Ukraine to Join NATO

- 1 **WHEREAS** It ought to be the sole choice of each sovereign nation which treaties they want to sign and
2 to which intergovernmental organizations they wish to become party; and
- 3 **WHEREAS** Ukraine's ties with the nations of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) are more
4 than strong enough to justify its own admission into this alliance; and
- 5 **WHEREAS** Any one nation's efforts to sway the diplomatic foreign policy of another nation through
6 military force must be condemned; now, therefore be it
- 7 **RESOLVED** by the Congress here assembled that the right of Ukraine to join NATO is roundly and
8 eternally defended; and be it
- 9 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that Congress commits to considering the use of diplomatic, economic, and even
10 military means to counteract the efforts of any other nation to dissuade or prevent Ukraine
11 from joining NATO.

A Resolution to Call for Congestion Pricing

- 1 **WHEREAS** Excessive traffic has been an unmitigated blight on and danger to our cities for decades; and
- 2 **WHEREAS** The status quo of automobile usage in cities is at once debilitatingly inefficient and palpably
- 3 detrimental to air quality; and
- 4 **WHEREAS** A financial disincentive would be a powerful step toward remedying this problem while also
- 5 providing much needed funding for our struggling city governments; now, therefore be it
- 6 **RESOLVED** by the Congress here assembled that urban areas throughout the United States and its
- 7 territories are strongly encouraged to implement congestion pricing—that is, the collection
- 8 of tolls on private vehicles entering a particularly crowded area during those times
- 9 designated by the municipality to be most congested; and be it
- 10 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that Congress celebrates New York City for leading our country in such an
- 11 initiative.

A Bill to Provide Congressional Vaccine Oversight

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** Henceforth, before reducing any recommendations or requirements concerning vaccines,
3 the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) must receive majority approval from
4 both chambers of Congress.

5 **SECTION 2.** Any increased or new recommendations or requirements with regards to vaccines shall
6 require no such approval.

7 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall take effect immediately upon passage.

8 **SECTION 4.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.



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

6 **SECTION 1.** Presidential appointments to head Executive cabinet departments shall require neither
7 advice nor consent from the Senate.

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4 the date of its submission by the Congress:

6 **SECTION 1.** Any President who has an Executive Order overturned by the Federal Judiciary at any point
7 while holding office shall henceforth have to submit all Executive Orders to the Supreme
8 Court for advance approval. Until and unless such approval is granted, any Executive Order
9 from such a President shall remain null and void.

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

Pharmaceutical Advertising Correction Enforcement Rebate Act (P.A.C.E.R Act)

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** All pharmaceutical products that spend over 2% of all revenue made from
2 that product on advertising will be subject to price control regulations to
3 prevent advertising abuse of American citizens.

4 A. All advertised pharmaceuticals will pay a 10% excise tax on revenue made from
5 the product.

6 B. Prices on advertised pharmaceuticals will be capped at 20% of production cost.

7 C. Insurance companies, drug production companies, and hospitals will forgive and
8 rebate all debt accumulated by consumers for products priced at over 40% of
9 production cost.

10 **SECTION 2.**

11 A. Debt will refer to medical debt accumulated from Prescription drug price margin
12 hikes over 40% of production or acquired cost

13 B. Advertised Pharmaceuticals will be defined as pharmaceutical products that spend
14 over 2% of revenue from that product on advertising

15 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Health and Human Services HHS in conjunction with
16 the Food and Drug Administration

17 A. Violations will result in a 10% profits fine, increasing by 5% for each subsequent
18 violation until compliance is reached.

19 B. Funds from excise taxes and fines will be allocated to drug innovation research at
20 the National Institute of Health.

21 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on February 12th, 2026. This legislation
22 requires bi-annual approval by an act of congress or writ of the executive.

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

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The S.A.D Resolution: Saudi Arabian Defense Resolution

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **WHEREAS,** Saudi Arabia has been aided in the murder of Yemeni people
2 by the United States congress,

3 **WHEREAS,** Congress has sold arms to Saudi Arabia in exchange for oil
4 and other commodities,

5 **Whereas,** These weapons have been used in the murder of Yemeni
6 citizens,

7 **Resolved,** This congress shall halt any funding towards arms sales to
8 Saudi Arabia and shall call for an end to the United States military alliance
9 with Saudi Arabia.

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A Bill to Establish A Curated Carbon Tax

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Facilities that receive subsidies from the United States federal government will
3 be prohibited from emitting more than 10 metric tons of carbon in regions
4 classified as having "dangerous" air quality.

5 **SECTION 2.** Whereas, "Dangerous" is are areas air quality levels are defined as air quality
6 index (AQI) values over 100.

7 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Environmental Protection and Internal
8 Revenue Service will work in conjunction to oversee the enforcement of this
9 legislation.

10 a. Any facility found in violation of this legislation will face a carbon
11 tax of 10\$ per ton of CO2 (Carbon Dioxide) emitted

12 b. 50% of collected tax money will invested into improving solid waste
13 management to reduce the open burning of waste and end large-scale
14 waste incineration

15 c. 50% of collected tax money will be invested into research and
16 development of renewable energy

17 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect by January of 2026.

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

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Introduced for Congressional Debate by Windsor Kiang & Walt Whitman High School.

A Bill to Restrict Deep Sea Mining

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The extraction of mineral resources through deep sea mining shall be
3 restricted to an annual mineral extraction rate of 100,000 metric tons per
4 company within U.S. Territorial Waters and the United States Exclusive
5 Economic Zone (EEZ).

6 **SECTION 2.** A. "Mining" refers to any operation that extracts mineral resources from the
7 seabed at a significant scale for commercial gain, regardless of profitability.

8 B. "Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ)" refers to the area extending up to 200
9 nautical miles from the U.S. coastline, where the United States has special
10 rights over the exploration and use of marine resources.

11 C. "Deep Sea" is defined as any underwater area where the seabed and
12 subsoil lie at a depth of ten meters or more within U.S. Territorial Waters or
13 the EEZ.

14 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Coast Guard, and the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM)
15 shall be responsible for enforcing this legislation.

16 A. A first violation of these regulations by any organization shall result in a
17 fine of ten million dollars, along with any necessary environmental
18 remediation costs.

19 B. A second violation by the same entity will lead to the suspension of its
20 operating license within the United States, and its assets will be seized to
21 support environmental restoration efforts.

22 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2026. Any laws that conflict
23 with these provisions shall be deemed null and void.

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A Bill to Mandate Free Public Transportation

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.**

2 The United States shall mandate five (5) free-of-charge, public use buses
3 per 5,000 people in areas of high population density

4 **SECTION 2.**

- 5 A. Areas of high population density shall be defined as cities areas above 1,000
6 people per square mile.
7 B. Free-of-charge, public use buses shall be defined as buses which are fully
8 funded by means other than collecting fares from passengers, and which are
9 available to transport members of the public to designated locations within
the area of high population density.

10 **SECTION 3.**

- 11 A. The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) shall oversee the implementation
12 of this legislation.
13 B. Any city in violation of this legislation shall be fined \$2,500 per violation
14 and additionally fined \$1,000 per month after 6 months from the initial
15 violation until they have complied.
16 C. The funds collected from such fines will go to the Federal Transit
Administration.

17 **SECTION 4.**

18 This legislation shall take effect January 1, 2027. All laws in conflict with
19 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

20 *Respectfully submitted,*
21 *Reservoir High School*

A Bill to Expand Access to STEM Education

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.**

- 2 A. The Department of Education shall establish and enforce a national ST
3 curriculum framework to ensure consistency and rigor across all fun
4 programs.
5 B. School districts must submit annual compliance reports demonstrat
6 adherence to curriculum standards and effective use of funds, subjec
7 federal review.
8 C. All school districts shall undergo mandatory annual curriculum au
9 conducted by the Department of Education to verify compliance v
national STEM standards and appropriate fund usage.

10 **SECTION 2.**

- 11 A. An annual grant of \$5 billion shall be distributed among public sch
12 districts based on student enrollment and demonstrated financial need
13 expand access to quality STEM education for all students.
14 B. Funds must be used exclusively for developing and maintaining ST
courses.

15 **SECTION 3.**

16 STEM courses shall refer to classes that teach subjects in the fields o
17 related to science, technology, engineering, or mathematics, including
18 not limited to computer science, advanced mathematics or sciences,
engineering.

19 **SECTION 4.**

- 20 A. Any school district found to misuse allocated STEM funds shall face a
21 equal to twice the amount of misused funds.
22 B. All fines collected shall be remitted to the Department of Education, w
23 will provide additional grants to underfunded schools in need of ST
resources.

24 **SECTION 5.**

25 This legislation shall take effect July 1, 2026. All laws in conflict with thi
26 legislation are hereby declared null and void.

27 *Respectfully submitted,*
28 *Reservoir High School*
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A Bill to Fund Scientific Research and Development in the Arctic

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.**

- 3 A. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) will
4 partner with private agencies to conduct research in the arctic.
5 B. A total of 100 million dollars each year will be granted at NOAA's
6 discretion to eligible private agencies in order to fund Arctic climate
7 research.
8 C. A total of 10 billion dollars will be granted to the United States Navy to
9 increase climate research in and with respect to the Arctic. Part of this
10 funding shall be designated for use in
11 a. Increasing the United States' icebreaker fleet by 3 icebreakers, and
12 b. Building a drifting ice station in the Arctic.

10 **SECTION 2.**

- 11 A. The arctic shall be defined as the regions around the North Pole, within the
12 Arctic Circle, which lies at or north of 66°30' North of the Equator.
13 B. Climate research shall be defined as studies including but not limited to
14 observing sea-ice thickness, the size of animal populations, and other
15 natural factors used to track climate change and to explore its global
16 impacts.
17 C. Eligible private agencies are defined as individuals or entities who, in
18 NOAA's judgement,
19 a. Conduct and continue to conduct Arctic climate research,
20 b. Are willing to partner with NOAA to conduct this research,
21 c. Have no history of falsifying scientific and/or field data, and
22 d. Apply for funding.

19 **SECTION 3.**

20 This legislation shall be enforced by the Department of Defense and
21 NOAA.

22 **SECTION 4.**

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

25 *Respectfully submitted,*

26 *Reservoir High School*

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A Bill to Implement Additional Income-Based Fines for Criminal Offenses

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States shall implement income-based fines for federal crimes:

SECTION 2.

- A. Federal crimes shall be defined as acts that are made illegal by U.S. federal legislation enacted by both chambers of Congress and signed into law by the president. Federal crimes include but are not limited to bank robbery, piracy, treason, and counterfeiting.
- B. Income-based fines shall be defined as fines that are administered based on the offender's net worth.

SECTION 3. This legislation shall be enforced by the Internal Revenue Service.

- A. For all persons convicted with a net worth above \$1 million, in addition to the initial fine, they shall be fined an additional one-time fee of 1% of their net worth.

SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect January 1st, 2027. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Respectfully submitted,
Reservoir High School*