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CONGRESSIONAL DEBATE: JANUARY 2025 LEGISLATION DOCKET

A Bill for a Green District of Columbia

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** By the year 2030, the District of Columbia (Washington, D.C.) shall be entirely powered
3 through local renewable energy, namely a combination of wind and solar power.

4 **SECTION 2.** Solar panels and wind turbines shall be constructed on federal lands throughout
5 Washington, D.C., in order to achieve this goal. Private citizens and business owners who
6 agree to allow construction of solar panels or wind turbines on their property shall be
7 compensated accordingly for their cooperation with this initiative—for costs incurred in
8 construction and maintenance as well as for any power they subsequently feed into the
9 grid.

10 **SECTION 3.** Congress shall ensure adequate funding is provided for the achievement of this goal.

11 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be overseen by the Council of the District of Columbia.

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

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

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A Bill to Mandate AI Watermarks

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** Any content created using artificial intelligence (AI) within the United States and its
3 territories is required to encode a watermark that allows for easy detection of the fact that
4 AI was used. All foreign AI content creation services are required to abide by this same
5 requirement in order to do business in the United States.

6 **SECTION 2.** Any domestic business found to be in violation of this legislation shall be fined \$50,000 for
7 each infraction, with five or more infractions in a twelve-month period resulting in a five-
8 year suspension of that business' licensure. Any international business found to be in
9 violation of this legislation shall immediately and permanently be banned from doing
10 business in the United States.

11 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall be overseen by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), which
12 shall be additionally responsible for determining what specific form these watermarks take
13 and communicating those standards to AI-content producers.

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

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



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A Bill to Fund Initiatives to Recycle Pickle Brine for Use as a De-icer

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** Congress shall apportion \$500 million a year for each of the next five years to the
3 Department of Transportation for the express purpose of funding initiatives in jurisdictions
4 throughout the United States and its territories that will recycle pickle brine for reuse as a
5 de-icer of roadways and/or sidewalks. Jurisdictions are encouraged to make use of and
6 expand upon existing recycling infrastructure for these purposes.

7 **SECTION 2.** Pickle brine is defined as liquid with a salinity of at least 3.5% that is used to pickle and
8 preserve cucumbers and other vegetables. Jurisdictions applying for this funding from the
9 Department of Transportation may determine, as individual jurisdictions, whether to
10 accept only commercially produced pickle brine or homemade brine as well. In either case,
11 jurisdictions may take steps to increase the salinity of brine if necessary before applying it
12 to roadways and/or sidewalks.

13 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall be overseen by the Department of Transportation, which shall
14 additionally be tasked with establishing a fair and speedy process by which jurisdictions
15 may apply for and receive these funds. The Department of Transportation is further
16 encouraged to work to establish programs that collect used pickle brine from areas that do
17 not experience icy roadways and sidewalks so that this brine may be transported to areas
18 that are in need.

19 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect at the start of the next fiscal year.

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

#4

A BILL TO RESTRICT THE EXPORTATION OF GPU_s TO BRICS COUNTRIES

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The exportation of high-performance graphics processing units (GPUs) to BRICS nations shall be restricted to mitigate risks to national security and ensure domestic availability of critical computing technologies.

SECTION 2. For the purposes of this bill, "High-performance GPUs" shall be defined as graphics processing units capable of performing at or above a specified threshold of computing power (e.g., measured in FLOPS or teraflops) as determined by the Department of Commerce.

"BRICS countries" refers to the coalition of nations consisting of Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa.

SECTION 3. The U.S. Department of Commerce, in coordination with the Department of Defense, will oversee the enforcement of this legislation.

A. Companies exporting GPUs will be required to apply for export licenses subject to strict review. Violations of this restriction will result in fines up to \$1,000,000 per infraction and potential criminal charges.

B. Exceptions may be granted for exports with legitimate academic or humanitarian purposes, subject to government approval.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Hampton High School

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A Bill to Repeal PAFACA and Save TikTok

- 1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:
- 2 **SECTION 1.** Congress hereby repeals the 2024 Protecting Americans from Foreign Adversary Controlled
- 3 Applications Act (PAFACA).
- 4 **SECTION 2.** Consequently, ByteDance Ltd. and its subsidiaries, including TikTok, shall no longer be
- 5 banned within the United States and its territories, regardless of whether or not those
- 6 entities are divested as previously stipulated by PAFACA.
- 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.

#6

A Bill to Transition to the Use of Biodiesel in Government Owned Vehicles

- 1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
- 2 **SECTION 1.** The state shall mandate the use of biodiesel in all government
- 3 owned vehicles.
- 4 **SECTION 2.** "Biodiesel" refers to a renewable, biodegradable fuel made from
- 5 plant oils or animal fats, typically used as an alternative to petroleum-based diesel.
- 6 "Government-owned vehicles" refers to any vehicle owned or leased by
- 7 government entities, including but not limited to public transportation, government
- 8 fleet vehicles, and emergency response vehicles.
- 9 **SECTION 3.** The State Department of Transportation (SDOT) shall oversee the
- 10 implementation and enforcement of this policy.
- 11 **3A.** The SDOT will require state departments to gradually transition their fleets to
- 12 biodiesel, beginning with a 25% usage target in 2026.
- 13 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be implemented starting January 1, 2026, with
- 14 the full transition to biodiesel completed by December 31, 2030.
- 15 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,
Hampton High School

#7

A Bill to Fund Research for iPS Cells

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

Section 1. The National Institute of Health shall do an internal report, to be corroborated by private law firms, on how much funding they need in order to continue their efforts on iPS cell research.

Section 2. The amount given to the NIH based on this study shall amount to no more than \$7.5 billion dollars.

A. These funds only serve as an addition, not as the NIH's own budget dedicated for iPS cell research.

Section 3. The NIH's Progress in research will be evaluated annually by leading experts in the stem cell field.

A. If funding is not utilized efficiently, this legislation permits reducing funding in future years based on the expert's evaluation.

Section 4: The research conducted by the NIH should be used to publish reports and collect data, which can be used to help start human application of these stem cells.

Section 5: This legislation shall become effective in 2027.

Section 6: All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted,

Fairview High School

#8

A Bill to Reform Major Hospitals

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Major hospitals in the United States shall be prohibited from operating as
3 for-profit private institutions; all new major hospitals in the United States
4 must be public hospitals or non-profit private institutions.

5 **SECTION 2.** The following definitions apply:

6 A. "Major Hospitals" shall be defined as hospitals which hold over 100
7 patient beds or rooms.

8 B. "Public Hospitals" shall be defined as hospitals which are government
9 owned and are predominantly funded by the government.

10 C. "For-Profit Private Hospitals" shall be defined as hospitals which are
11 privately owned and distribute excess revenue to owner or shareholders;
12 "Non-Profit Hospitals" do not distribute such revenue.

13 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and
14 the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) shall oversee
15 the enforcement of this legislation and oversight over legal penalties.

16 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect immediately upon passage. All laws in
17 conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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