

The Baby Bond Bill

BE IT ENACTED BY THE US CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- SECTION 1.** The federal government shall create an American Opportunity Account (AOA) for every child born in the United States after enactment.
- SECTION 2.** Each AOA account shall receive a \$2000 deposit at birth, plus annual contributions ranging between \$250 and \$2000 based on a sliding scale of household income, with lower income households receiving larger payments.
- SECTION 3.** Funds shall be invested in low-risk government securities and accrue interest.
- SECTION 4.** Funds may only be used for higher education, job training, first-time homeownership, or retirement savings. Non-qualified withdrawals will incur a 75% penalty.
- SECTION 5.** The Department of the Treasury shall administer the program, including setting income-contribution brackets and managing investments.
- SECTION 6.** This act shall take effect on January 1, 2027, following passage. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the Capitol Valley Forensic League.

The “No Territories” Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE US CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- SECTION 1.** The United States shall grant all current and future inhabited territories political self-determination, either via admission as a US State or via independence as a sovereign nation.
- SECTION 2.** Current inhabited territories shall receive political self-determination no later than January 1, 2028.
- SECTION 3.** Territories acquired after enactment shall receive political self-determination within two (2) years of acquisition. In all cases, the later deadline shall apply.
- SECTION 4.** The final status of each territory shall be decided by a binding referendum of its residents.
- SECTION 5.** This Act shall take effect immediately upon passage. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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An Amendment to Directly Elect Cabinet Members

RESOLVED, by two-thirds of the Congress here assembled, that the following amendment be added to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be valid when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several states:

- SECTION 1.** The principal officers of the executive departments (eg. Secretary of Labor), hereinafter referred to as Cabinet Members, shall be elected by the people of the United States through the Electoral College.
- SECTION 2.** Each Cabinet Member shall be elected in a nationwide election, concurrent with Presidential elections, to a term of four years. Cabinet members may be re-elected without limitation unless otherwise provided by law.
- SECTION 3.** Each state shall appoint a number of electors for each Cabinet position equal to the total number of Senators and Representatives to which the state is entitled in Congress. The candidate receiving a majority of the electoral votes for a given office shall be elected Cabinet Member for each position.
- SECTION 4.** Vacancies in the office of a Cabinet Member shall be filled via the next national election, except that the Senate may nominate and confirm an interim appointment through simple majority to ensure continuity in the execution of the laws.
- SECTION 5.** The President shall retain authority to supervise, direct, and coordinate the actions of the Cabinet Members, but shall not remove a Cabinet Member from office, nor nominate replacements.
- SECTION 6.** This amendment shall take effect beginning with the first presidential election occurring after its ratification.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the Capitol Valley Forensic League.

A Bill to Prioritize Nuclear Energy

BE IT ENACTED BY THE US CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The US shall target a 15-year plan to transition its energy footprint to no less than forty percent (40%) of total electricity generation nationwide, enforced through requiring utilities to generate nuclear energy or buy credits from utilities that produce more nuclear energy than their required baseline.

SECTION 2. Definitions

A. “Nuclear Energy” shall mean electricity generated through the process of nuclear fission at licensed civilian nuclear power facilities.

SECTION 3. Enforcement

- A.** The Department of Energy (DOE), in coordination with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), shall be responsible for enforcing this Act, including establishing annual benchmarks to ensure progress.
- B.** Individual utility companies must either meet the benchmark established by DOE, or buy credits from utilities that produce more energy than the benchmark, via a credit trading platform run by DOE.
- C.** Covered utilities that fail to comply shall be subject to financial penalties, or corrective action plans.

SECTION 4. This Act shall be implemented over a fifteen-year period, with full compliance required no later than fifteen years after the date this Act becomes law.

SECTION 5. This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2028. All laws in conflict with this act are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Rep. Garrett Culp of Twelve Bridges High School.

A Bill to Limit Single-Use Plastic Packaging

BE IT ENACTED BY THE US CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- SECTION 1.** Manufacturers and distributors shall reduce the use of single-use plastic packaging by at least 50 percent by the year 2030.
- SECTION 2.** The Environmental Protection Agency shall define and classify single-use plastic packaging, including plastic bags, wrappers, and containers intended for disposal after one use.
- SECTION 3.** The Environmental Protection Agency shall provide guidance and incentives to support businesses in complying with the requirements of this Act. Companies that fail to meet the reduction requirements shall be subject to graduated civil penalties as determined by the Environmental Protection Agency.
- SECTION 4.** Nothing in this Act shall be construed to restrict the use of plastic packaging for medical, emergency, or national security purposes.
- SECTION 5.** This Act shall take effect beginning in the 2027 fiscal year. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Rep. Isabella Work of Twelve Bridges High School.