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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
3 assets to a private business. The federal government will seek a private
4 business to sell and transfer all assets.

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

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

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the Minnesota Debate Teachers Association.

A Bill to Mandate Voting

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Submitting a ballot is mandatory in all federal and
3 congressional elections for all eligible citizens. Individuals are allowed to
4 submit a blank ballot. All employers are required to offer four hours of
5 paid time off on the day of the election for the purpose of voting.

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

9 **SECTION 3.** This will be overseen by the election offices of each state
10 and the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC). The Department of
11 Justice will complete enforcement.

12 A. Annually, \$ 1 billion will be allocated to the EAC to assist states in
13 implementing this legislation.

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

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

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

20 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on October 1, 2026. All laws
in conflict with 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 years shall receive a monthly
3 stipend of \$1,000. Individuals aged 65 and older who receive less than
4 \$1,000 in monthly Social Security benefits will receive a minimum of
5 \$1,000 per month from Social Security.

6 **SECTION 2.** All private wealth in the United States will be subject to a
7 4% tax rate to raise the necessary funds for the government.

8 Private wealth will be defined by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) to
9 create a tax plan that includes taxing existing private wealth. Private
10 wealth is defined as the total assets of an individual, including savings,
11 investments, and housing.

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

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

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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
3 allowed to use Private Military Contractors (PMC) in any context in a
4 foreign country.

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

8 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Defense will be responsible for
9 implementing this legislation.

SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect on September 1, 2026. All
laws in conflict 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
3 block grants to each state for the purpose of offering every child residing
4 within the United States of America and its territories a publicly funded
5 and administered education beginning at three years of age.

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

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

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

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

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

23 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2026. All laws
24 in conflict with this 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
3 or GED will become eligible to receive a full tuition waiver to attend a
4 community college, junior college, or career technical school in the
5 United States.

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

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

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

14 B. Students must be enrolled by their 20th birthday and by their 22nd
15 birthday.

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

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

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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
3 hereby abolished.

4 **SECTION 2.** Plea bargaining is an arrangement between a prosecutor
5 and a defendant, whereby the defendant pleads guilty to a lesser charge
6 in exchange for 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
9 in conflict with 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
3 net carbon emissions.

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

7 B. Trade is defined as a market where companies are permitted to buy
8 and sell allowances.

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

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

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

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