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ROUND 1

A Bill to Establish a Universal Basic Income Program to Provide All Citizens with Monthly Payments

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All United States citizens will receive a guaranteed \$1,000 monthly universal basic income
3 payment.

4 **SECTION 2.** The universal basic income payments will be fully universal, with all citizens aged 18 and
5 older receiving \$1,000 per month regardless of employment status or work history. The
6 payments will have no conditions, work requirements, or limitations on use of the money.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Social Security Administration will distribute the monthly basic income payments by
8 expanding their existing payment infrastructure.

9 A. To fund the program, the IRS income tax system will be adjusted as follows:

10 a. Repeal the standard deduction and personal exemptions.

11 b. Raise the corporate tax rate to 35% and capital gains tax rate to 45%.

12 B. The IRS will oversee any enforcement related to the taxation of basic income
13 payments.

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

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

A Bill to Cap Prescription Drug Prices

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Prescription drug prices shall be capped at 125% of the international
3 average price, with pharmaceutical companies required to disclose
4 pricing methodologies for all FDA-approved medications publicly.

5 **SECTION 2.** The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is at this
6 moment authorized and directed to:

7 a. Oversee compliance with this Act.

8 b. Establish a Prescription Price Oversight Board to review and
9 recommend adjustments for life-saving medications.

10 c. Enforce penalties, including fines, for violations of the price cap
11 provisions.

12 **SECTION 3.** Pharmaceutical companies may apply for temporary exemptions for
13 breakthrough medications, contingent on demonstrable evidence of
14 substantial research and development costs.

15 **SECTION 4.** This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2027.

16 **SECTION 5.** All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this act are null and void.

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ROUND 2

A Bill to Tax Carbon Emissions to Protect the Environment

Section 1: A carbon tax of \$50 dollars per metric ton shall be placed on fossil fuel emitters.

Section 2: A “carbon tax” shall be defined as a tax on all companies emitting carbon into the atmosphere through the burning of fossil fuels.

Section 3: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Department of Energy (DOE), and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) shall oversee the implementation of this legislation

Section 4: All revenue shall be given to the DOE’s budget for the research of new renewable energy sources.

Section 4: This bill will be effective at the start of 2025

Section 5: All laws in conflict with this legislation will be null and void.

The Defending from Existential Threats to Eastern Republics (D.E.T.E.R.) Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** Recognizing the growing threat to Taiwan’s security,
2 A. The United States shall hereby establish military bases in Taiwan.
3 B. The United States shall deploy 10,000 troops to Taiwan.
- 4 **SECTION 2.** A. “Military Bases” are hereby defined as permanent facilities built to
5 house US troops and military equipment for sustained operations of at
6 least one year.
7 1) This can include airfields, barracks, garrisons, navy bases,
8 radar stations, and other infrastructure.
- 9 B. “Taiwan” for the purposes of this bill encompasses the island of Taiwan
10 and 167 outlying islands under the control of the Republic of China (ROC).
- 11 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Defense shall oversee the implementation of this bill.
12 A. The US Department of State shall draft a Status of Forces Agreement for
13 ratification by the US Senate and the Taiwanese Legislative Yuan. If the
14 agreement is not mutually ratified within six (6) months, no action shall be
15 taken under this legislation.
- 16 B. The US Army Corps of Engineers shall estimate the costs of constructing
17 and operating new bases and shall report these costs to Congress by the
18 beginning of FY 2027. These costs shall be met through future National
19 Defense Authorization Acts.
- 20 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect immediately upon passage.
- 21 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.