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A Bill to End Gerrymandering in the United States

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** Every State must form a politically independent redistricting
2 committee with the goal of ending gerrymandering and political
3 polarization regarding Congressional boundaries. A nonpartisan federal
4 committee will be formed to oversee and provide guidelines for
5 independent state committees.

6 **SECTION 2.** Terms will be defined as:
7 Independent Redistricting Committee: Independent
8 Redistricting Commissions (IRCs) are a voter-centric reform that ensures
9 voters, not politicians, decide how electoral districts are drawn.

10 Gerrymandering: The manipulation of an electoral
11 constituency's boundaries so as to favor one party or class.

12 **SECTION 3.** Legislators themselves would not sit on these committees
13 but may oversee the process. Ordinary citizens, nonpartisan experts (ie.
14 retired judges), and/or nonelected leaders of both major political parties
15 can serve on these committees. States will have the right to decide how
16 these people will be appointed to this job.

17 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be overseen by an independent federal state
18 election committee formed along consistent federal nonpartisan
19 guidelines.

20 **SECTION 5.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2027.
21 All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared
22 null and void.

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24 *Introduced for Congressional Debate by Bonneville High School.*

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A Bill to Establish Ranked Choice Voting on a National Level

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** Federal elections will be conducted by a Ranked Choice Voting system in
2 which voters will rank their top three choices of candidates in order of
3 preference.
- 4 **SECTION 2.** Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) is a preferential voting system that utilizes the
5 following method:
- 6 A. In the first round of tabulation, if a candidate receives more than 50%
7 of the first-choice votes, they are declared the winner of the election.
- 8 B. If no candidate wins a majority, the candidate who received the fewest
9 first-place votes is eliminated. The ballots that indicated the eliminated
10 candidate as their first choice are then reallocated to their
11 second-choice candidate.
- 12 C. A new tally is conducted with the remaining candidates. If a candidate
13 receives more than 50% of the first-choice and newly allocated ballots,
14 they are declared the winner of the election.
- 15 D. In the event a candidate is not declared the winner, this process is
16 repeated until one candidate secures a majority of the votes.
- 17 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Election Committee shall oversee implementation. Funding
18 shall come from the Federal Election Committee.
- 19 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1st, 2026. All laws in conflict
20 with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Century High School.

A Bill to Provide Paid Menstrual Leave

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

Section 1. This bill will provide 2 days of paid menstrual leave a month to any and all employees who experience menstruation.

Section 2. Employees shall be defined as any person working for a company that experiences a menstrual cycle (any individual with intact female genitalia). Menstruation shall be defined as the process of shedding one's uterine lining. Paid leave shall be defined through the same processes as paid sick time off.

Section 3. The Department of Labor will oversee the enforcement of this bill.

A. Any employer that fails to comply with this legislation will be fined \$2,500 bi-weekly.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Highland High School.

A Bill to Require All Bills Submitted to NSDA Congressional Debate to Be Run Through Grammarly

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** All bills, resolutions, and proposed amendments submitted to NSDA
2 Congressional Debate shall be run through Grammarly prior to submission.
- 3 **SECTION 2.** Grammarly shall be defined as the grammar-checking software available at
4 grammarly.com, or any similar grammar-checking tool with equivalent
5 functions. “Submitted legislation” refers to any bill, resolution, or proposed
6 amendment uploaded to any tournament platform or organiser.
- 7 **SECTION 3.** It is the affirmative duty of the coach of the team submitting legislation to
8 verify that a Grammarly report has been obtained by the author.
- 9 A. Any student who submits legislation without running it through
10 Grammarly shall face the following penalties: Their bill must be
11 rewritten in iambic pentameter during the round, with the author
12 performing the rewrite publicly at the parliamentarian’s desk. In
13 addition, the coach of any school found in violation must be brought
14 into all sessions in which the violation is identified to address the
15 chamber and apologise on their hands and knees, openly begging the
16 chamber for forgiveness for harming the legislative process, for a
17 minimum of 3 minutes.
- 18 B. Until the rewritten version is complete and approved by the
19 parliamentarian, no student from that author’s school may preside as
20 the PO or speak on any legislation in the chamber. The chamber is to
21 operate as a normal convention; however, if the current Presiding
22 Officer is from the violating school, their election and PO speech are
23 immediately revoked, and the chamber must elect a new PO at once.
- 24 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect immediately upon passage. All laws in
25 conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Hillcrest High School.

A Bill to Add Mental Health Days to School Absence Policies

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** All school districts must allow 10 mental health verified
2 absences per school year. These absences will not give students and
3 punishments on activities or grades excluding final tests or unit tests
4 students will make these up when they return. Any school district found in
5 violation will have their funding cut in half until their violation is fixed.
6 School districts will have 3 months following the first violation to fix any
7 issues before losing funding. After 3 months, the entire funding will be cut.
8 **SECTION 2.** A mental health day will be defined as follows - a day any
9 person takes off from work or other responsibilities to focus on their
10 mental well-being.
11 **SECTION 3.** The department of education and the Department of Health
12 and Human Services shall oversee that all districts are following this
13 legislation and will ensure those not in compliance face punishment as
14 outlined.

SECTION 4. This legislation will be enacted August 31, 2028 or at the beginning of the 2028 school year. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Idaho Falls High School.

A Bill Ban Phones in Schools for Safety and Education

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. All K-12, public and charter, school systems shall be required to develop and implement a policy banning personal communication devices on school property during school hours to improve education and safety.

SECTION 2.

A. Personal communication devices shall be defined as cellphones, tablets, smartwatches, and other telecommunication and digital communications devices. This definition does not include an electronic device provided by the school or the district.

B. Banning shall be defined in this context as devices will remain powered off and stored away during all school hours.

C. School hours shall be defined as anytime class is in session, lunch periods and class transition periods.

SECTION 3. The State department of Education will oversee the implementation of this bill.

D. Policies must make exceptions for individualized education programs (IEP), a Section 504 plan, English Language Plans (ELP) or similar plans that are authorized by a medical professional due to documented medical need.

E. \$5,000,000 will be provided to fund the creation and implementation of this bill.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Kimberly High School.

A Bill to Establish a Federal Age of Consent to 18 Years Old to Protect the Minors of America

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall establish a federal age of consent to
2 protect the minors of our country.
- 3 **SECTION 2.** Age of consent is the age a person is presumed to consent to sexual
4 activity.
- 5 **SECTION 3.** The U.S Department of Justice and the U.S Congress will oversee and
6 enforce this piece of legislation.
- 7 A. All people that are convicted of rape of a minor will be sentenced to 10-20
8 years in federal prison.
- 9 B. All convicted of statutory rape will be sentenced 5 years in prison.
- 10 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect July 2026.
- 11 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared
 null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Mountain Home.

A Bill to Sanction the Use of the Tonka Bean

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The Food and Drug Administration’s ban on the tonka bean
2 shall be repealed.
- 3 **SECTION 2.** The tonka bean shall be identified as the seed of American
4 leguminous trees (genus *Dipteryx*, especially *D. odorta*)
- 5 **SECTION 3.** The FDA will oversee the enforcement of this bill
- 6 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2027. All laws in
7 conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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Introduced for Congressional Debate by Skyline High School.

A Bill to Increase Literacy on Artificial Intelligence

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. An Artificial Intelligence (AI) education course regarding responsible use and fake content identification shall be taken by all high school students as a requirement for accredited high school graduation.

SECTION 2. This course will provide students with a basic idea of how to responsibly use AI tools and bots along with how to spot AI generated written, visual, or auditory content. The specific curriculum requirements are left at the discretion of the state. A minimum of one Digital Literacy or Technology curriculum focused teacher at every school will be required to receive 3 continuing education credits regarding the same subject matter and will receive bonuses by discretion of the school in response to this requirement.

- a. Responsible use must be defined by individual states and apply to all public schools.
- b. AI tools are defined as any generative or interactive software that is powered by Artificial Intelligence.

SECTION 3. The White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP), Department of Education, and Department of Labor will oversee and enforce this in the following ways:

- a. The Department of Education and the Department of Labor will work together to implement the mandate by providing guidance, establishing funding priorities, supporting teacher and workforce development, all focused on responsible AI use in education and job training.
- b. OSTP will lead policy development, coordinate all federal efforts, and establish national goals for AI literacy, ensuring a unified strategy for integrating AI education nationwide.
- c. After a formal review by the Department of Education and the Task Force on Artificial Intelligence Education has been conducted, any public school district that fails to meet the AI education requirements in this bill, will have 90 days to correct deficiencies before being fined up to \$20,000 per violation.
 - Any collected fines will go back into the Department of Education and Department of Labor to be used for additional funding of this bill.

SECTION 4. This legislation shall take effect at the start of the 2028-2029 school year, subject to differences in each school.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Snake River High School.

A Bill to Grant More Federal Funding To The Department of Education

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The Department of Education shall receive more federal funding to give to schools across the country that are disadvantaged financially. The Department of Education shall be granted \$1 trillion over 8 years to execute this. For each year, \$125 billion would be given to the ED. To make up the \$1 trillion, the federal government would raise the ATR on the top 1% from 8.2% to 18.2%.

A. The ED will put \$80 billion of the \$125 billion and put it towards programs and services for K-12. The rest of the money (\$45B) will go back into the department and go towards its various sub-components.

SECTION 2. The ED will work with the U.S. Census Bureau to gather information about schools around the country that require funding to function and operate. The ED will also be working alongside the IES (Institute of Education Sciences) heavily to gather research and address future challenges for education overall.

SECTION 3. Congress shall oversee the implementation of this bill and ensure that the Department of Education allocates the given funds appropriately and fairly to itself and the schools that need these funds. Congress will hold the ED accountable, and if needed, Congress will investigate the ED if funds are being withheld or not appropriated as intended.

A. The Department of Education at the start of the next fiscal year shall distribute funding across its top priority sub-components (Mainly the OESE, FSA, OSERS, OELA, OCR, OPEPD, and the IES) to better provide for students across the country.

B. The SEC. ED will be responsible for checking in with the Financial Literacy and Education Commission and the Office of the Chief Financial Officer monthly to see that funds are being used properly by State & Local Governments.

SECTION 4. This legislation will be enacted at the beginning of the next fiscal year; any laws in conflict with this bill will be declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Twin Falls High School.

A Resolution to Propose an International Revival to Project Orion

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Developments in space exploration have slowed significantly; and
- 2 **WHEREAS,** International law has created blockades resulting in loss of US interest in
- 3 improving their facilities; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** Roadblocks resulting from these laws have imposed limits to the
- 5 untapped potential of nuclear energy for space travel and an unnecessary
- 6 halt to space travel in the US; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** The Congress has the power to contact international organizations and
- 8 promote collaboration between countries to come up with a solution, it
- 9 has a responsibility to use that power; now, therefore, be it
- 10 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled propose the foundational premises of
- 11 Project Orion toward the United Nations; and, be it
- 12 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That should some nations within the UN accept, the Congress urge
- 13 NASA to work with those nations' aeronautics agencies.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Thunder Ridge High School.

A Bill to Require Employers to Pay Employees for Time Spent On Call

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** Any employer that requires their employees to spend time
2 on call outside of their regular working hours must pay employees a
3 “holding pay” rate of at least \$3.50 per hour.
- 4 **SECTION 2.** Terms will be defined as:
5 A. On Call - Scheduled hours weekly or monthly where an employee is
6 expected to be able to be contacted in order to provide a professional
7 service if called upon, but not formally on duty.
8 B. Holding Pay - A payment made to an employee to compensate for the
9 potential inconvenience of being hindered from off the job freedoms
10 due to being on call.
- 11 **SECTION 3.** This bill will be overseen by the Department of Labor.
- 12 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2026.
- 13 All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared
 null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Bonneville High School.

A Bill to Ban Offshore Oil Drilling

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

Section 1. Any offshore oil drilling will be banned within US waters. This bill includes the removal of all offshore oil drilling infrastructure. 10 billion dollars will be allocated every year for the next 5 years.

Section 2. Offshore oil drilling shall be defined as the mechanical process of drilling into the ocean floor to access and extract oil and natural gas reserves from rock formations beneath the seabed.

Section 3. The Department of Energy will oversee the enforcement of this bill.

- A. This bill shall be funded through a wealth based tax.
- B. Any company that fails to stop the drilling of oil offshore within a year will be fined 25% of their annual revenue.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Highland High School.

A Bill to Legalize Dueling

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** Dueling shall be legalized in the United States as a voluntary, mutually
2 agreed-upon method of conflict resolution between consenting adults,
3 even when such duels may result in death.
- 4 **SECTION 2.** Dueling is defined as a mutually agreed-upon, formalized combat
5 engagement between two consenting adults. Consent must be written,
6 notarized, and witnessed by a third-party neutral observer. Dueling Terms
7 shall include: the conditions of the duel, the manner of combat,
8 agreed-upon weapons, whether medical personnel will be present, and the
9 exact date, time, and location.
- 10 **SECTION 3.** Local law enforcement agencies shall oversee duel authorization
- 11 A. All duels must be filed through an official Dueling Request Form at a
12 minimum of 72 hours before the duel and a maximum of 2 years.
- 13 B. Law enforcement must verify that both parties have willingly agreed to
14 all terms with no coercion.
- 15 C. Once approved, law enforcement shall assign an Official Dueling
16 Witness to supervise the duel and ensure it adheres to the
17 agreed-upon terms.
- 18 D. Participants may choose any mutually agreed-upon manner of dueling,
19 including but not limited to pistols, swords, bow-and-arrow,
20 hand-to-hand combat, or unconventional agreed-upon methods
- 21 E. No arrests, charges, or civil liability shall apply for injury or death
22 resulting from a properly filed and approved duel.
- 23 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on July 4th 2027 All laws in conflict with this
24 legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Hillcrest High School.

A Bill to mandate a minimum of 18 work days in congress a month.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** congress shall be required to work a minimum of 18 days a
- 2 month regardless of conditions going on around congress.
- 3 **SECTION 2.** work day shall be defined as: working on anything regarding
- 4 the job of congress either in their home state or in Washington D.C.
- 5 **SECTION 3.** the secretary of state shall oversee enforcement of this
- 6 legislation alongside any workers under the secretary of state's control.
- 7 the secretary of state is the provider of congress pay.
- 8 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect at the beginning of fiscal year
- 9 2027. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and
- void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Idaho Falls High School.

A Bill to Eliminate Tax Exemption Laws for Uncharitable Religious Institutions

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Religious institutions receiving federal tax-exempt status are actively contributing to community welfare. Religious institutions must allocate at least 20% of their annual income toward verified charitable activities to maintain or receive tax-exempt status.

SECTION 2.

A. "Religious Institution" shall be defined as any organization primarily engaged in the practice, advancement, or instruction of religion, and currently classified or seeking classification under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

B. "Charitable Work" shall be defined as activities that provide measurable public benefit including any activity that meets the IRS standard for charitable purposes under federal law. Charitable work shall not include expenditures for worship services, religious instruction, staff salaries, building maintenance, or proselytization.

C. "Income" shall be defined as all revenue received by the institution in a fiscal year including donations, tithes, fundraising proceeds, investments, rental income, and any other financial assets or inflows.

SECTION 3. The IRS would oversee the implementation and enforcement of this bill. Religious institutions shall submit an annual Charitable Contribution Report, detailing their total annual income, total amount spent on qualifying charitable work, and documentation supporting expenditures.

A. If an institution fails to meet the 20% charitable contribution threshold, its tax-exempt status shall be denied or revoked.

B. Institutions whose status has been revoked may reapply after demonstrating full compliance for one complete fiscal year.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Kimberly High School.

A Resolution to Better Dispose of Medications to Slow Evolving Viruses

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Any prescription or over-the-counter antivirals, antiseptics, or antibiotics
3 must be accompanied with a drug mail-back envelope. Establish also a
4 medication bottle deposit similar to the German Pfand. Additionally, all
5 prescriptions must be tracked through their pharmacy's Electronic
6 Prescription Service.

7 **SECTION 2.** A. Antivirals shall be defined as drugs used to fight viruses.
8 B. Antiseptics shall be defined as drugs used to fight bacteria and
9 infections.
10 C. Antibiotics shall be defined as drugs used to fight bacteria.
11 D. A drug take-back site refers to DEA Authorized Collectors providing
12 year round drop off locations to the public to dispose of unwanted
13 pharmaceuticals.
14 E. A Pfand is a deposit-refund system, also known as deposit-return
15 system, advance deposit fee or deposit-return scheme, and is a surcharge
16 on a product when purchased and a rebate when it is returned.

17 **SECTION 3.** The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will oversee the
18 enforcement and funding of this legislation.
19 A. Pharmacies that fail to comply will receive a penalty. Penalties for
20 non-compliance would vary depending on the severity and scope of
21 the violation.
22 B. Penalties include but are not limited to fines, exclusion of federal
23 programs, and dissolution.
24 C. A minimum fine of \$1500 per violation.
25 D. \$15 Million will be allocated from the United States Drug
26 Enforcement Administration for the implantation of this resolution.

27 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on 1 January, 2027.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Mountain Home High School.

The Lorax Bill

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** All future agricultural expansion projects that contribute to
2 deforestation must have plans checked by the NRCS (Natural Resource
3 Conservation Service) to be approved.

4 **SECTION 2.** Agricultural Expansion: The process of expanding land used
5 for agricultural purposes (Farming, Raising Animals, etc.)
6 Deforestation: The act of clearing a large area of trees, for the context of
7 this bill large area will be equal to 10+ trees cut.

8 **SECTION 3.** The NRCS (Natural Resource Conservation Service) will be
9 overseeing this legislation.

10 A. Requests for Agricultural Expansion will be sent to the NRCS and they
11 will either approve or deny the request.

12 B. If funding is needed, it will be taken in small amounts from the
13 Department of Agriculture's budget.

14 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1st, 2026

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Introduced for Congressional Debate by Skyline High School

A Bill to Cap Prescription Drug Prices Based on International Standards

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States shall implement federal limits on prescription drug prices based on international benchmarks to ensure affordability for all citizens

SECTION 2.

- A. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) shall be responsible for establishing and enforcing a federal price cap system for all brand-name prescription drugs sold in the United States.
- B. The maximum allowable price for any prescription drug shall be no higher than the median price of that same drug in the following nations: The United Kingdom, Canada, Germany, France, Japan

SECTION 3.

- A. HHS shall maintain a public federal database listing approved price caps, to be reviewed and updated annually.
- B. Any drug that was developed with 25 percent or more federal research funding shall be subject to an additional 10 percent reduction in its allowable maximum price.
- C. All manufacturers, distributors, and pharmacies must comply with the price caps set by HHS to sell prescription drugs in the United States.

SECTION 4.

- A. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) shall assist HHS in monitoring compliance with this Act.
- B. Any company found in violation shall be fined three times the revenue obtained from sales above the capped price.
- C. Repeated or willful violations may result in the revocation of authorization to market or sell drugs in the United States.

SECTION 5

- A. Funding for implementation and enforcement of this Act shall come from the existing federal pharmaceutical rebate collections administered by HHS.
- B. All fines and penalties collected under Section 4 shall be deposited into a Prescription Price Oversight Fund, which shall be used exclusively to cover the administrative and operational costs of this Act.
- C. No funds shall be drawn from Medicare, Medicaid, or any other public healthcare benefits program.
- D. No new federal taxes shall be created to fund this Act.

SECTION 6. This legislation shall take effect one year after passage and shall sunset after ten years, unless renewed by Congress following review by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Snake River High School.

A Bill to Fund Counter-terrorism Departments to Better Ensure National Security

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

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SECTION 1. Due to the enormous threat posed to the United States of America by global terrorist organizations, and that said terrorist groups have vast pools of financial, human, and logistical resources, the US government will allocate more funding to the Department of Homeland Security's Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention program.

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SECTION 2. These terrorist organizations will be defined as any organization that poses a significant, direct, and deadly threat to US citizens, infrastructure, and government.

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SECTION 3. The Department of Homeland Security will oversee the implementation of this bill.

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A. The funding will amount to \$210 Million dollars per year on top of their current budget.

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B. The funding will be used for things including, but not limited to, staffing, resources, logistics, and technology.

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

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Introduced for Congressional Debate by Thunder Ridge High School.

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A Bill to Ban the Payment of College Athletes

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** As athletics are a non-mandatory element of a college education and one which provides
3 clear non-monetary benefits to students who participate, the financial compensation of
4 college athletes is hereby unconditionally prohibited.

5 **SECTION 2.** This prohibition shall apply to all students competing on teams that are officially affiliated
6 with a specific college or university, regardless of the size, popularity, and competitiveness
7 of the league(s) in which a team competes.

8 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall be overseen by the Department of Education.

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

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

The AI Manhattan Project Act (AIMPA)

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** Congress shall apportion \$30 billion to the Department of Defense and the Department of
3 Energy for the immediate initiation of the AI Manhattan Project.

4 **SECTION 2.** The term AI Manhattan Project shall refer to the government consolidation of all relevant
5 private and public sector resources to develop Artificial General Intelligence capabilities as
6 soon as possible. As a matter of national defense, such a project would receive top priority
7 and be executed with the strictest confidentiality to protect against foreign espionage.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Congressional Budget Office shall be tasked with bringing about the economic
9 feasibility of such an expensive undertaking. All funding options shall be open for
10 consideration, including significant reallocation of the current budgets of the Department
11 of Defense and the Department of Energy.

12 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be jointly overseen by the Department of Defense and the Department
13 of Energy.

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 Ensure Competency in the Department of Education

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** No individual shall serve in any decision-making role within the Department of Education
3 without having attained a bare minimum of experience as an educator within the United
4 States and its territories.

5 **SECTION 2.** A decision-making role shall be defined as any role that empowers the individual holding it
6 to affect education policy in any way whatsoever, however minute. A bare minimum of
7 experience as an educator shall be defined as at least thirty (30) cumulative days within a
8 six-month period spent as a classroom teacher, including substitute teaching, with no
9 statute of limitations on this requirement.

10 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall not apply to any persons currently working for the Department of
11 Education but only to all future appointees and hires.

12 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be overseen by the Department of Education.

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

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

A Bill to Demand Accountability from the UN

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** Until the United Nations (UN) has appropriately investigated and remediated recent acts of
3 disrespect, inadvertent or not, against the United States and our leaders, Congress shall
4 halt all funding of this organization.

5 **SECTION 2.** This legislation shall be overseen by the Department of Justice, which shall be tasked with
6 determining when its terms have been satisfied so that funding may be resumed.

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.

A Bill to Invest in Meteorite Prevention

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Department of Defense is hereby directed to utilize their resources to make meteorite
3 prevention a priority. Congress shall expect within five years a comprehensive report from
4 the Department of Defense detailing a variety of protocols they have made ready to
5 engage against approaching meteorites of all shapes and sizes.

6 **SECTION 2.** Congress encourages the Department of Defense to spearhead and engage consistently in
7 international collaboration in pursuit of these goals.

8 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall be overseen by the Department of Defense.

9 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect immediately upon passage.

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

The Presidential Library Ethics Act (PLEA)

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** A sitting President is hereby prohibited from soliciting donations of any size or sort to
3 foundations supporting their future presidential libraries, as are the Vice President and all
4 members of the cabinet appointed by the President.

5 **SECTION 2.** Violation of this legislation shall be deemed an impeachable offense, and any illegally
6 solicited donations shall be returned to their donor. In the case of an anonymous donor or
7 in the event that returning the donations should prove impractical, any illegally solicited
8 donations shall be turned over to the Smithsonian Institution.

9 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall be overseen by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

10 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect immediately upon passage.

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

A Bill to Fund Air Conditioning in Developing Nations

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** Congress shall establish an annual fund of \$5 billion for each of the next ten years to be
3 used to support the proliferation of air conditioning in developing nations, with the
4 stipulation that, wherever possible and practicable, domestic companies shall provide the
5 services and supplies necessary to bring about said proliferation.

6 **SECTION 2.** This legislation shall be overseen by the U.S. Agency for International Development
7 (USAID), which shall be specifically tasked with developing an efficient and equitable means
8 by which developing nations may apply for and receive these funds.

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

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

A Bill to Protect SNAP for U.S. Citizens

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** Benefits paid to documented citizens of the United States through the Supplemental
3 Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) shall no longer be halted during government
4 shutdowns.

5 **SECTION 2.** Under no circumstances will SNAP payments be made to undocumented workers and
6 residents during a government shutdown.

7 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall be overseen by the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS).

8 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect immediately upon passage. Should the government be shut
9 down at the time of passage, SNAP benefits shall be restored for U.S. citizens immediately.

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

A Resolution to Encourage the Establishment of ICE-Free Zones

1 **WHEREAS** Raids carried out by the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) have
2 become increasingly inhumane and invasive; and

3 **WHEREAS** Some cities, notably Chicago, have set inspirational examples for the rest of the nation by
4 establishing ICE-Free Zones to protect residents and citizens from such excesses; and

5 **WHEREAS** This sort of resistance is crucial in the fight to uphold our nation's most dearly treasured
6 values; now, therefore be it

7 **RESOLVED** by the Congress here assembled that cities and other jurisdictions throughout the United
8 States and its territories are strongly encouraged to establish ICE-Free Zones, banning ICE
9 from conducting raids in areas where they would be particularly disruptive and upsetting,
10 including but not limited to schools, parks, and libraries; and be it

11 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that Congress additionally encourages these policies to offer their protections to
12 any private businesses that desire to opt in.

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

SECTION 1. The right to practice one’s religious beliefs shall not be infringed in any public environment, so long as no clear and present danger is presented to others through that practice.

SECTION 3. Religious expression by public figures and in governmental arenas shall not be construed as government establishment of religion.

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