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Bill Packet**

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A Bill to Create a National Sales Tax

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States will hereby create a national sales tax that will apply to all retail purchases of goods and products in the United States, with the exceptions of the products in the legislation that follows.

SECTION 2. The baseline federal sales tax rate will be set at 5% nationally for goods that do not qualify for any exemption.

SECTION 3. The following goods will be exempt from the tax.

- a) Certain grocery items will be exempt from the tax.
 - i) Basic groceries and unprepared foods including fruits and vegetables, canned products, dry cooking ingredients, and bread and dairy products. Prepared goods such as restaurant food, hot food from stores, and snacks and beverages will not be exempt.
- b) Medical devices including but not limited to pacemakers, prosthetic limbs.
- c) Prescription drugs.

SECTION 4. The following goods will be taxed at a higher rate than the 5% baseline.

- a) Yacht purchases in the United States will be taxed at a rate of 15%..
- b) Private jet purchases in the United States will be taxed at a rate of 15%.
- c) Purchases of fine art above the value of 30,000 USD will be taxed at a rate of 20%.

SECTION 5. As administrative burdens typically fall on small businesses, filing for forms will be simplified.

- a) Instead of submitting remittances of revenue on a monthly basis, businesses with under 1 million USD of revenue yearly will be allowed to submit revenue quarterly throughout the year.

SECTION 6. Enforcement will be carried out by the Department of Treasury, and businesses who fail to comply will face penalties and fines determined by the Treasury Department.

- a) The tax will be collected monthly.

SECTION 7. This legislation will take effect 90 days after passage. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this bill will be declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted by
Pelham Memorial High School

A Bill to Restructure Amtrak as a Nonprofit

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Aligning with the values of the Amtrak Improvement Act of 1978, Amtrak will
3 henceforth be structured as a nonprofit.

4 **SECTION 2.** A nonprofit is defined as a “group organized for purposes other than
5 generating profit and in which no part of the organization's income is
6 distributed to its members, directors, or officers.”

7 **SECTION 3.** The Amtrak Board of Directors will carry out this legislation with assistance
8 from the Department of Transportation.

9 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2026, but Amtrak will have until
10 January 1, 2027 to fully transition. All laws in conflict with this legislation are
11 hereby declared null and void.

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A Bill to Condition U.S. Trade with South American Nations on Amazon Deforestation Reduction

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The Amazon spans nine South American nations and is vital
2 to global biodiversity and climate stability. As deforestation rises due to
3 illegal logging, mining, and agriculture, the United States shall condition
4 trade benefits with countries containing sizable Amazon rainforest territory
5 on measurable annual reductions in forest loss.
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8 **SECTION 2.** A. “Trade benefits” refer to tariff reductions, preferential
9 trade agreements, and import privileges granted by the United States.

10 B. “Sizable Amazon rainforest territory” refers to the
11 national boundaries of Brazil, Peru, Colombia, and Bolivia, which together
12 contain the majority of the Amazon’s land area.

13 C. “Measurable reductions” shall mean an annual decrease
14 in deforestation of at least 10%, as verified by satellite data from Global
15 Forest Watch, continuing each year until total deforestation falls to 20% of
16 the 2024 baseline rate.
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19 **SECTION 3.** The Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR),
20 in coordination with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), shall
21 monitor deforestation data and determine eligibility for trade benefits.
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23 A. Any country that fails to meet the deforestation reduction benchmark
24 for two consecutive years shall have its U.S. trade benefits suspended.
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26 B. Suspended benefits may be reinstated after one full year of verified
27 improvement in deforestation rates.
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SECTION 4. This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2026. All laws
in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by The Bronx High School Of Science.

A Bill for Strategic Metrics for Advanced Rigorous Teaching (SMART Act)

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1.

Nationwide standards for core subject education shall be established and mandated across all public schools in the United States and its territories.

SECTION 2.

A. "Core Subjects" include mathematics, science, language arts, and social studies, as defined by the U.S. Department of Education.

B. The standards shall establish uniform benchmarks for educational proficiency, referencing evidence-based frameworks such as the Common Core State Standards (2010) and the Next Generation Science Standards (2013).

SECTION 3.

A. The Office of National Educational Standards (ONES) shall be created within the Department of Education to develop, disseminate, and enforce these standards.

1. ONES will include curriculum experts, state education representatives, and stakeholders from each core subject area.
2. The office will consult state boards, researchers, and subject-matter organizations to ensure equitable and rigorous standards adaptable to evolving needs.

B. ONES shall:

1. Periodically update standards to maintain relevance and competitiveness.
2. Provide technical assistance and resources to state education boards for implementation.
3. Monitor compliance through biennial audits and federal reporting systems.

C. Of the \$5 billion in federal funding allocated annually:

1. \$500 million shall support ONES operations, including standard development, compliance monitoring, and technical assistance.
2. \$4.5 billion shall be distributed to states and schools to aid compliance, with priority given to underfunded districts.

D. Schools failing to meet the standards will face a 10% reduction in federal funding after one year of noncompliance, increasing by 5% annually until compliance is achieved.

A Bill to Establish a Government Agency for AI Oversight

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** This congress shall authorize the establishment of an independent
2 federal agency known as the Federal Artificial Intelligence Oversight
3 Agency (FOIOA). The purpose of this agency is to regulate and oversee
4 the development of AI among private and public companies operating in
5 the United States in the interest of public safety.

6 **SECTION 2.** “Artificial Intelligence”(AI) is defined as a computer system capable of
7 completing tasks otherwise requiring human intelligence
8 “High-Impact AI” is defined as an AI system that affects individual rights,
9 safety, employment, education, civic processes or public resources.
10 “regulatory sandbox program” is defined as a program where businesses
11 can test innovative products, services, or business models with relaxed
12 regulations for a limited time under regulatory supervision.

13 **SECTION 3.** The FOIOA will:

- 14 A. Require the developers of AI systems to submit annual reports including:
15 a. Training Data Sources
16 b. Bias testing and mitigation strategies
17 c. Known limitations and intended applications of AI systems
18 d. Environmental Impact of AI model development and application
19 B. Conduct independent audits of High-Impact AI Systems
20 C. Enforce compliance through fines up to \$3,000,000 (or 4% of annual global
21 revenue, whichever is greater) or temporary suspension of AI deployment.
22 D. Provide public reports and guidance on AI system transparency
23 E. Publish annual summaries of compliance audits available to the public
24 F. Establish a regulatory sandbox program to allow AI developers to innovate with
25 reduced compliance burden while maintaining safety protections.

26 The Agency is authorized to receive \$200,000,000 annually from federal
27 appropriations to support staff, audits, and enforcement initiatives. The National
28 Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) shall oversee the allocation of funds
29 and support standards development for AI audits and transparency.

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

A Resolution to Abolish Charter Schools

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Charter schools are a detriment to the education of all students; and
- 2 **WHEREAS,** Charter schools operate independently of the government, with little
3 oversight, while still accepting government funding; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** Charter schools have had a negligible effect on overall academic performance
5 at best, and impose a financial burden on public schools at worst, causing
6 budget cuts, reduced salaries, and eliminated classes; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** Attempts to reform charter schools in the past have failed; therefore, be it
- 8 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that a Department of Education commission
9 be established to create a plan to effectively abolish charter schools by the
10 2027-2028 school year.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Raymond Chen of Stuyvesant High School

A Bill to Make SNAP benefits more accessible

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

Section 1 - The United States Department of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) shall expand access to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). Ensuring that all who require nutritional assistance, adults, children, and families are able to receive the help they need.

Section 2 - To expand the eligibility requirements under the following conditions:

1. Increase the gross income limit for all households to 100% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL)
2. Automatically qualify low-income college students who are enrolled in at least one semester a year and/or receive Pell Grants.
3. Allow senior citizens and disabled adults to enroll through a short application with minimal documentation.
4. Provide 24-month certification periods for all SNAP card holders.

Section 3 - Streamline the application process and make renewal easier for SNAP card holders.

1. Allow SNAP applications to be completed through government offices, such as Medicaid, Social Security, Veterans Affairs, and municipal housing authorities.
2. Use Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Social Security Administration (SSA), and Medicaid data to pre-fill income and identity information to prevent accidental discrepancies in SNAP applications.
3. Households with fixed incomes (SSI, SSDI, and retirement) get automatic renewal unless circumstances have changed.

Section 4 - People who abuse SNAP benefits will be subject to both civil and/or criminal punishment.

1. Legal SNAP benefits and card use will be monitored and enforced by the USDA Food and Nutrition Service (FNS).
2. Any misuse, fraud, or theft of SNAP benefits will be subject to investigation by the United States Secret Service (USSS) in partnership with state and municipal law enforcement agencies.

Section 5 - This legislation will take effect 90 days after passage. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

A Bill to Ban All Social Media for Children Under the Age of 16

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Children under the age of 16 are prohibited from creating, using, or accessing social media platforms within the United States, except for the following limited circumstances:

A. Educational purposes explicitly verified by a school or educational institution.

B. Verified health-related needs as determined by a licensed healthcare provider.

SECTION 2. The purpose of this Act is to protect children's mental and emotional well-being by addressing the following concerns:

A. Social media platforms expose children to harmful content, including cyberbullying, inappropriate material, and online predators.

B. Excessive screen time associated with social media use negatively affects cognitive, emotional, and social development.

C. Children under 16 are particularly vulnerable to these risks due to their developing cognitive and emotional maturity.

SECTION 3. To ensure compliance and enforcement:

A. The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) shall oversee the implementation and enforcement of this legislation.

B. Social media platforms shall implement robust age-verification systems to prevent users under the age of 16 from creating accounts or accessing their services.

C. Platforms found in violation of this Act will face penalties, including: 1. Fines of up to \$10,000 per violation. 2. Additional penalties as determined by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

SECTION 4. This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2026.

SECTION 5. All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Pace High School.

A Bill to Reduce Protectionism

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The Jones Act is hereby repealed, and all rules and regulations
2 promulgated by Customs and Border Patrol, the U.S. Coast Guard, or any
3 other federal agency in the United States sourcing their authority
4 therefrom are repealed as well.

5 **SECTION 2.** (a) "Jones Act" is defined as 46 U.S.C. §§ 55102 and 46 U.S.C. §§ 56101.
6 (b) "Federal agency" is defined as any department, bureau, agency,
7 administration, corporation, or organization under the control of the
8 federal government, in any branch thereof.

9 **SECTION 3.** This Act shall take immediate effect. All laws, rules, or regulations contrary
10 to this Act are hereby repealed.

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Introduced for Congressional Debate by Regis High School.

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A Bill to Return Education Authority to the States

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

Section 1. The United States Department of Education (ED) shall be abolished.

Section 2. All federal education programs and responsibilities currently managed by ED shall be transferred to state education agencies.

Section 3. Current federal education funding levels shall continue for a transition period of two (2) years, during which states may allocate funds according to their individual needs.

Section 4. All ED functions related to the protection of civil rights will be transferred to the Department of Health and Human Services.

Section 5. This legislation shall be implemented on July 1 following passage and fully enacted within two (2) school years.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Pace High School.

The Sudan Aid For Emergency Relief Act (S.A.F.E.R. Act)

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall officially send aid to Sudan to address the ongoing
3 humanitarian crisis

4 A. The United States shall allocate \$350 million in humanitarian aid
5 to the Darfur region of Sudan to mitigate the effects of violence
6 and human rights abuses.

7 B. Additionally, 10,000 US troops will be sent to Sudan to work with
8 humanitarian aid groups currently in Sudan to provide protection
9 and logistical support for international peacekeeping operations

10 C. The US troops will be stationed in Sudan for a 12-month period,
11 with an option for an additional time period depending on the
12 situation's progression.

13 D. The US troops will only be permissible to use force in self-defense
14 or to protect the humanitarian-aid groups.

15 **SECTION 2.** "Humanitarian aid" shall be defined as food, water, shelter, healthcare,
16 and other similar assistance.

17 "Peacekeeping operations" refer to international missions aimed at
18 protecting civilians and maintaining peace in conflict zones, such as
19 United Nations Integrated Transition Assistance Mission In Sudan
20 (UNITAMS) or the World Food Programme (WTF)

21 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of State and the United States Department
22 of Defense will oversee this legislation's implementation.

23 A. Funding for this bill will come from the Department of Defense
24 budget.

25 B. The Department of State will conduct bimonthly audits to confirm the
26 proper implementation of this bill.

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

A Bill to Protect College Students' Right to Peacefully Protest on College Campuses

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** College students will not be eligible to face arrest or prosecution for
2 organizing or participating in a peaceful protest that takes place on a
3 college campus.
- 4 **SECTION 2.** A. "Peaceful Protests" shall be defined as a public demonstration
5 expressing dissent or demanding change without using violence, threats, or
6 property damage.
7 B. "Arrest" shall be defined as seizing someone by legal authority and
8 taking them into custody.
9 C. "Prosecution" shall be defined as the institution and conduct of legal
10 proceedings against someone in respect of a criminal charge.
- 11 **SECTION 3.** Any and all police departments (local, state, or federal) and educational
12 institutions found in violation of this bill shall be subject to a 5% cut to their
13 federal funding for each violation.
- 14 **SECTION 4.** The Department of Justice and the Department of Education shall oversee
15 the enforcement of this bill.
16 A. In the event that the Department of Education is dissolved, the
17 Department of Justice will assume full responsibility for the oversight of
18 this legislation.
19 B. In the event that the situation described in subsection 3A occurs, the
20 workers and funding assigned to this project in the DOE will be
21 transferred to the DOJ.
- 22 **SECTION 5.** This legislation will take effect on Jan, 1, 2026. All laws in conflict with this
23 legislation are hereby declared null and void.