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B1. A Bill to Improve the Treatment of Prisoners Affected by Mental Illnesses

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** One hundred million (\$100,000,000) dollars will be allocated to the
3 Federal Bureau of Prisons in order to provide mental health training
4 to federal prison guards.

5 A. Fifty million (\$50,000,000) dollars will be allocated to subsidize
6 the cost of mental health training programs implemented by state
7 prisons.

8 B. Annual checks shall be conducted to ensure that the allocated
9 funds are being used for their dedicated purpose. If a prison is
10 found to be misusing the allocated funds, the mental health
11 funding for that prison will be withdrawn for the next two(2) years,
12 and a fine of at least one-hundred thousand(100,000) dollars shall
13 be imposed upon the executive staff of that prison in addition to
14 any punishment imposed through the pursuit of criminal charges.

15 **SECTION 2.** Mental health training will be defined as training concerning
16 interaction with, and treatment of prisoners affected by mental
17 health issues, based on the Crisis Intervention Teams (CIT) model
18 established by the National Institute of Corrections (NIC).

19 **SECTION 3.** The implementation of this legislation will be jointly administered by
20 the Federal Bureau of Prisons(BoP) and the National Institute of
21 Corrections under the Department of Justice (DoJ).

22 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be implemented at the start of the next fiscal
23 year.

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



B2. The College Affordability Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All Universities receiving any form Federal Funding are required to
3 make the following changes:

4 A: Freeze tuition rates for the next five years.

5 B: Cap international students at 15% of the undergraduate student body.

6 C: Require applicants to submit a standardized test score(s).

7 D: At least 10% of a university’s endowment must be spent on
8 improving student life.

9 **SECTION 2.** A. Standardized tests are defined as any widely used assessment
10 scored in a predetermined way. These include the SAT, ACT, IB,
11 and other testing equivalents.

12 B: Improving student life includes but is not limited to:

13 i.) Increasing the amount of scholarship money given per year.

14 ii.) Improving and expanding student housing.

15 iii.) Improving and upgrading student technologies and facilities.

16 iv.) Investing into student run clubs and organization that work to
17 better the university and local community.

18 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education will oversee the enforcement of this
19 legislation.

20 A: Any university found in violation of this legislation will have all
21 federal funding revoked until they are found compliant.

22 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on August 1, 2028. All laws in conflict
23 with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.



B3. A Bill to Establish a Federal Curriculum Standard for the Public Education System

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Department of Education shall assume primary
3 regulatory authority over all publicly managed primary and
4 secondary schools within the United States. The Department shall
5 develop and implement:

- 6 A. A nationally standardized core academic curriculum;
- 7 B. State-specific history curricula developed in consultation with
8 individual state education agencies;
- 9 C. National standards and programs for special education
10 services; and
- 11 D. Uniform regulations governing social programs, student
12 conduct, educator professionalism, non-discrimination
13 compliance, and co-curricular and extracurricular activities.

14 **SECTION 2.** Publicly managed schools shall be all schools managed by a local
15 public school district, as well as all publicly funded magnet and
16 charter schools. This shall include primary and secondary schools
17 but exclude post-secondary educational institutes, including
18 community colleges, universities, and vocational institutes.

19 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education shall be responsible for oversight,
20 enforcement, and compliance monitoring of this Act. The Internal
21 Revenue Service, in coordination with the Department of
22 Education, shall administer the reallocation and transfer of
23 applicable federal education funds from local and state educational
24 agencies to the Department of Education for the execution of
25 national standards and programs.

26 A. The Department of Education shall be granted a transitional
27 implementation period not to exceed two years from the date of
28 enactment to develop curricula, regulations, and enforcement
29 mechanisms required under this Act.

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



B4. A Bill to Make Federal Jury Service Voluntary

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** Henceforth, federal juries shall be filled by volunteers only.

3 **SECTION 2.** District courts may still contact citizens to entreat them to serve as
4 jurors, but those who do not want to serve may simply ignore these
5 solicitations. The federal judiciary is encouraged to increase
6 incentives for jury service if they find it necessary to do so.

7 **SECTION 3.** States and territories are encouraged to enact similar legislation as
8 soon as is practicable.

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
11 void.



B5. A Bill to Institute the 50-Year Mortgage

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** Mortgage lenders throughout the United States and its territories
3 are directed to begin offering homebuyers the option of a 50-year
4 mortgage and to make this option as attractive and affordable as
5 possible.

6 **SECTION 2.** This legislation shall be overseen by the Federal Housing Finance
7 Agency (FHFA).

8 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall take effect sixty (60) days after passage.

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



B6. A Bill to End Legacy Admissions

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Educational Institutions shall be prohibited from taking legacy
3 status into consideration during their admission process.

4 **SECTION 2.** “Legacy admissions” is defined as giving preferential admission
5 consideration to a prospective student based on a relative’s prior or
6 current attendance at the educational institution. “Educational
7 Institutions” are defined as any organization whose primary function
8 is the education of students, whether adults or children, and which
9 select their students based on a competitive or selective admission
10 process.

11 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education (DOE) will oversee the
12 implementation of this legislation. Educational Institutions found to
13 be granting legacy admissions will be denied federal funding.

14 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on July 1, 2027. All laws in conflict
15 with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.



B7. A Bill to Promote Artificial Intelligence Education in Schools

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Department of Education shall establish a
3 national initiative to integrate Artificial Intelligence (AI) education
4 into K–12 public school curriculum.

5 **SECTION 2.** A. Artificial Intelligence can be defined as the application of
6 computer systems able to perform tasks or produce output normally
7 requiring human intelligence, especially by applying machine
8 learning techniques to large collections of data.

9 B. Development of standardized AI literacy modules covering
10 fundamentals of machine learning, ethical considerations, and
11 responsible use.

12 C. Funding for teacher training programs to equip educators with
13 the skills to teach AI-related topics.

14 D. Partnerships with universities, research institutions, and private
15 sector organizations to provide resources and materials.

16 **SECTION 3.** The program shall be administered by the Department of Education
17 in consultation with the National Science Foundation (NSF). An
18 annual appropriation of \$500 million shall be allotted to fund this
19 program.

20 A. Should program demand exceed initial allocations, the
21 Department of Education may request supplemental appropriations
22 from Congress, not to exceed an additional \$250 million annually.

23 B. Congress will conduct a review every two years to ensure
24 effectiveness and proper allocation of funding. If not, the
25 parameters of today’s legislation will be revisited.

26 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect with the 2026-2027 academic year.
27 All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and
28 void.



B8. A Bill to Invest in Hypersonic Missiles

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Department of Defense shall initiate a comprehensive program
3 to invest into the construction, research, and deployment of
4 hypersonic weapons.

5 **SECTION 2.** Hypersonic weapons shall be defined as any missile that travels at
6 or above

7 **SECTION 3.** Mach-5 (five times the speed of sound).

8 The Department of Defense shall receive \$10 billion per year over
9 the next 5 fiscal years in order to research, test, and eventually
10 deploy hypersonic missiles.

11 A. 60% will be allocated for research and development.

12 B. 20% will be allocated for testing, evaluation, and deployment.

13 C. 20% will be allocated to defend against foreign hypersonics
14 using surveillance systems.

15 The Department of Defense will be required to provide Congress
16 with annual reports detailing allocation of funds, expenditures, and
17 planning.

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



B9. A Bill to Establish the Lithium Extraction and Development (LEAD) Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Due to recent discoveries of domestic lithium reserves and to
3 combat China’s monopoly on global lithium, the United States shall
4 create a fund to offset initial mining costs as well as creating a tax
5 subsidy to incentivize businesses to mine domestic lithium and
6 manufacture green technology that requires lithium domestically.

7 **SECTION 2.** Green technology in this instance shall be defined as technology
8 that primarily serves to help the environment, requiring lithium for
9 production, including but not limited to lithium-ion batteries, wind
10 turbines, and EV energy storage systems.

11 **SECTION 3.** The Department of the Interior, the EPA, and the IRS shall be
12 responsible for enforcing this legislation.

13 A. The United States shall allocate \$100 billion over 5 years to
14 create a fund to help cover US mining businesses’ initial costs for
15 getting started, only if they pledge to exclusively mine in the United
16 States.

17 B. A 5% tax credit on a business’s income tax shall be provided to
18 those who mine lithium domestically to manufacture green
19 technology.

20 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect on January 1st, 2027. All laws in
21 conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.



B10. The Medical Appearance Restoration Act (MARA)

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Medicaid, CHIP, Medicare, and all federally regulated
3 private insurers shall provide coverage for medically verified
4 restorative treatments for conditions currently classified as
5 “cosmetic,” previously denied under cosmetic exclusions.

6 **SECTION 2.** Restorative treatments are medically necessary
7 interventions intended to restore normal appearance or function
8 that has been altered by disease, congenital anomalies, trauma, or
9 required medical care, and are prescribed to prevent or reduce
10 physical or psychological harm.

11 **SECTION 3.** The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS),
12 under the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), shall
13 oversee and administer all coverage requirements and enforcement
14 actions.

15 A. D. A total of \$25 million shall be appropriated for each fiscal year
16 from 2026 through 2030 to implement this Act.

17 a. \$15 million shall be allocated to the National Institute of
18 Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases (NIAMS)
19 within the National Institutes of Health (NIH) for research.

20 b. The remaining funds shall be distributed through grants to
21 rural and medically underserved areas.

22 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on FY 2027. All laws in
23 conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.



B11. A Bill to Establish Teacher Maximums

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All schools within the United States are directed to assign no more
3 than 90 students to each teacher within a given school year, and to
4 assign no more than 25 students to a given class period

5 **SECTION 2.** Any federally funded school or school district that violates this
6 legislation shall lose said funding until such time as compliance is
7 reached

8 **SECTION 3.** To support compliance with this legislation, Congress shall increase
9 the annual budget of the Department of Education by \$10 billion,
10 with these funds to be used to support schools in hiring additional
11 teachers and building additional classrooms as necessary.

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

13 **SECTION 5.** This legislation shall take effect on July 1, 2026.

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



B12. A Bill to Establish Independent Redistricting Commission to Abolish Gerrymandering

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States hereby establishes Independent Redistricting
3 Commission in each of the 50 states to redraw congressional
4 district lines every 12 years following the U.S. Census
5 Demographic shift. This Independent Redistricting Commission will
6 be created by the state.

7 **SECTION 2.** A. The Independent Redistricting Commission will have its
8 members selected to reflect the state’s geographical, racial, gender,
9 and political diversity. The commission will require 8 members, with
10 2 chosen from the two major political parties respectively, and four
11 independents. Any map will have to pass with eight members in
12 favor of the map to pass.

13 B. Each state will create its own independent redistricting
14 Commission. State legislatures shall only reject the district map if
15 they are found to violate the state Constitution or the Constitution of
16 the United States.

17 C. The independent commission will be established every 12 years
18 according to the U.S. Census demographic survey.

19 D. In the case that these maps violate the constitution, redistricting
20 will be done repeatedly until a map is approved.

21 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Election Commission will work alongside states to
22 implement this bill. The Federal Election Commission will intervene
23 if it’s observed that there exist any discrepancies in any of the terms
24 listed above.

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



B13. A Bill to Allow Voting by Phone in All Federal Elections

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Mobile voting (voting by phone) shall hereby be permitted and
3 available in all federal elections for all registered voters.

4 **SECTION 2.** The voting technology being utilized is End-to-End Verifiability
5 (E2E-V). This provides cryptography evidence, including audits of
6 vote casting. The voters can also check themselves if their vote is
7 tabulated correctly.

8 A. In collaboration with experts employed by the organization
9 leading this legislation, state and federal election officials will
10 implement and oversee the system.

11 B. This option will be available for every registered voter, especially
12 voters who face barriers to traditional voting options, including
13 voters with disabilities, military and overseas voters, voters on tribal
14 lands, hospitalized voters, and voters experiencing natural
15 disasters or other emergencies.

16 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Elections Commission will oversee the enforcement of
17 this legislation.

18 A. Tusk Philanthropies, in cooperation with its partners, including
19 the National Cybersecurity Center and the National Federation of
20 the Blind, will oversee the implementation and funding of mobile
21 voting and monetary compensation for federal election officials.

22 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect in FY 2026. All laws in conflict with
23 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.



B14. 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
3 ongoing 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 additional time depending on the situation's
12 progression.

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

15 **SECTION 2.** "Humanitarian aid" shall be defined as food, water, shelter,
16 healthcare, 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
22 Department of Defense will oversee this legislation's
23 implementation.

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

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

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



B15. The Haitian Recovery Act (HR Act)

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States government shall allocate \$1 Billion to
3 support Haiti in restoring stability, strengthening its national police
4 force, and addressing urgent humanitarian needs.

5 **SECTION 2.** For the purpose of this bill, the following term shall be defined:

6 a) Haitian National Police (HNP): The primary law enforcement
7 agency of Haiti.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Department of State, in coordination with the

9 Department of Defense and the Department of Treasury, shall
10 oversee the enforcement of this legislation. The specific
11 enforcement mechanisms shall include:

12 a) Allocation of Funds: i. \$500 million shall be earmarked for
13 enhancing and strengthening the capacity of the Haitian National
14 Police, including training, equipment, and infrastructure. ii. \$300
15 million shall be allocated for urgent humanitarian aid, including
16 food, medical supplies, and clean water. iii. \$200 million shall be
17 reserved for future governance support and economic development
18 initiatives.

19 b) Deployment of U.S. Troops: A limited contingent of U.S. troops,
20 not exceeding 1,000 personnel, shall be deployed to Haiti to assist
21 in training the HNP and providing logistical support for aid
22 distribution.

23 c) Monitoring and evaluation: The Department of State shall
24 establish a monitoring and evaluation framework to assess the
25 effectiveness of the funds allocated and the progress achieved in
26 stabilizing Haiti.

27 d) Reporting requirements: The Department of State shall provide
28 quarterly reports to Congress on the implementation of this bill and
29 the situation in Haiti, which they will get from the HNP.

30 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect immediately upon passage.

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



B16. A Bill to Aid Egypt

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall hereby donate and deliver \$400 million in
3 humanitarian aid to the citizens of Egypt through Egypt’s
4 maritime border with Saudi Arabia. US troops will be allotted as
5 necessary to deliver the aid to USDOS representatives at the
6 border.

7 **SECTION 2.** A. Humanitarian aid shall consist of a combination of agricultural
8 supplication, temporary housing, bottled water, and medical
9 supplies, including but not limited to; vaccines and first aid
10 equipment.

11 B. The maritime border shall be defined as the Red Sea that is a
12 part of Egypt’s territorial waters.

13 C. US troops allocation shall include but not be limited to: arming
14 ships used for transport.

15 **SECTION 3.** The US Department of State will be responsible for the
16 implementation and oversight of this bill.

17 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be implemented immediately upon passage.

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



B17. A Bill to Build up Venezuela

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** American oil companies that establish and utilize
3 infrastructure in Venezuela must give 20% of the annual revenue
4 derived from drilling in Venezuela to a sovereign wealth fund.

5 **SECTION 2.** The Venezuelan sovereign wealth fund will be an
6 endowment managed by the American transitional government that
7 subsidizes social services.

8 A. Projects funded by the Venezuelan sovereign wealth fund shall
9 include but not be limited to: the creation of railways, pipelines,
10 hospitals, police stations, and school zones.

11 B. Whilst infrastructure is under construction and unable to be
12 harnessed, oil companies will be required to pay an annual fee to
13 the sovereign wealth fund.

14 **SECTION 3.** The Department of State shall work in conjunction with
15 the American transitional government and the Venezuelan
16 government in order to implement this legislation.

17 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on July 5th, 2026.

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



R1. A Resolution to Prioritize Nigerian Sovereignty in U.S. Foreign Policy to Prevent Coercive Intervention and Strategic Overreach

1 **WHEREAS**, the United States has leveraged aid, diplomatic
2 influence, and security policy in ways that may pressure
3 Nigeria’s internal decision-making; and

4 **WHEREAS**, such involvement risks functioning as soft coercion
5 and undermining Nigeria’s right to autonomous policy
6 formation; and

7 **WHEREAS**, foreign policy lacking sovereignty safeguards invites
8 escalation, anti-U.S. sentiment, and weakened bilateral
9 stability; now, therefore, be it

10 **RESOLVED**, That the Congress here assembled urges the United
11 States to adopt sovereignty-first standards in all engagement
12 with Nigeria, avoiding interventionist precedent or
13 conditional leverage that compromises autonomy; and be it

14 **FURTHER RESOLVED**, That future involvement emphasizes
15 consent-based cooperation rather than coercive diplomatic or
16 security tactics.

