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A Resolution to Make the United States Party to the Rome Statue of the International Criminal Court

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The United States currently is unable to arrest members of nations who have
2 violated international law, and additionally actively harbors said persons;
3 and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** The United States currently provides weapons to, and openly welcomes
5 various war criminals on American soil. It is an inherent moral failing of the
6 United States to enable such actions; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** The impact of shaping the United States stands with these criminals is
8 tremendous, and paints a negative international image of our nation. The
9 proliferation of weapons to these criminals has even more alarming
10 consequences; indirectly causing large amounts of innocent civilians to pass
11 away; now, therefore, be it
- 12 **WHEREAS,** By the Congress here assembled calls upon the President of the United
13 States to submit to the Senate the ratification of the Rome Statute of the
14 International Criminal Court.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by School 14.

A Bill to Expand Access to Transportation for Students Participating in Extracurricular Activities

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** Public secondary schools that offer interscholastic athletics or
2 extracurricular activities shall be required to provide reasonable
3 transportation options for students who would otherwise be unable to
4 participate due to lack of after-school transportation.

5 **SECTION 2.** Extracurricular activities include school-sponsored athletics, academic
6 competitions, fine arts programs, and other interscholastic or co-curricular
7 programs offered outside the regular school day.
8 Reasonable transportation options include late bus routes, activity buses,
9 shared transportation services, or other school-approved transportation
10 arrangements.

11 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Education shall oversee enforcement of this
12 legislation and administer federal grants to assist school districts in
13 providing transportation for extracurricular participation.
14 A. Priority grant awards and additional funding shall be made available to
15 districts classified as rural or low income by the U.S. Department of
16 Education.
17 B. Funding for this program shall be provided through federal
18 appropriations to the Department of Education and may be used for
19 vehicle operation, fuel, staffing, contracted transportation services, or
20 other related costs.

21 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect one fiscal year after passage. All laws in
22 conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for congressional debate by School 13.

A Bill to Ban Semiautomatic Assault Weapons

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** It shall be unlawful for a person to import, sell, manufacture, transfer, or
2 purchase, in or affecting interstate or foreign commerce, a semiautomatic
3 assault weapon.

4 **SECTION 2.** A semiautomatic assault weapon shall be defined as any of the following:

- 5 a. A semiautomatic rifle with the capacity to accept a detachable
6 ammunition feeding device and has any 1 of the following:
7 a. A pistol grip.
8 b. A forward grip.
9 c. A stock operates to reduce the length, size, or any other
10 dimension, or enhances the concealability, of the weapon.
11 b. A semiautomatic pistol that has a non-fixed ammunition feeding device
12 and has any 1 of the following:
13 a. A threaded barrel.
14 b. A second pistol grip.
15 c. Any component designed or redesigned to allow or facilitate the
16 firearm to be fired from the shoulder.

17 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall be enforced by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco,
18 Firearms, and Explosives. Section 1 shall not apply to:

- A. the importation for, manufacture for, sale to, transfer to, or possession
by a department or agency of the United States.
B. parties authorized by the attorney general for the purpose of research,
experimentation, or historical preservation.
C. the possession of any lawfully obtained semiautomatic assault weapon
obtained prior to enactment.

SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect 30 days after passage. All laws in conflict
with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by School 12.

A Bill to Fund The Research and Development of Oil-Eating Microbes

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration shall be allocated
2 \$53.7 million annually for five years to fund a program to develop the use
3 of *Alcanivorax borkumensis* in oil spill remediation.

4 **SECTION 2.** *Alcanivorax Borkumensis* is defined as an alkane-degrading marine
5 bacterium that naturally propagates and becomes predominant in
6 crude-oil-containing seawater when nitrogen and phosphorus nutrients are
7 supplemented.

8 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of State and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric
9 Administration will oversee this legislation.

10 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect upon the fiscal year 2027. All laws in
11 conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by School 20.

A Bill to Allow Access to Medical Assistance in Dying

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The United States Department of Health and Human Services shall establish
2 that as a condition of participation in the Medicare and Medicaid programs,
3 a State, hospital, or health care provider shall not unreasonably restrict
4 access or prohibit access to Medical aid in dying for eligible patients, as
5 stated in this act. Within 10 months after the enactment, final regulations
6 will be carried out, and by 18 months, this will apply to all states and health
7 care providers, after which penalties will be imposed unless there is a good
8 faith effort to comply, where then assistance will be provided.

9 **SECTION 2.** “Medical assistance in dying” is defined as a terminally ill, mentally
10 competent adult patient, who is likely to die within six months, takes
11 prescribed medicines, which must be self-administered, to end suffering and
12 achieve a peaceful death.

13 “Eligible patient” means an individual who is 18 years of age or older, and
14 United States resident or citizen, has been diagnosed with a terminal illness
15 and is in reasonable medical judgment of death within 6 months in the
16 judgment of the attending physician and a consulting physician, has the
17 capabilities to make a voluntary, informed request.

18 “Decision-making capability” means the ability to understand nature and
19 consequences, appreciate alternative options including hospice, reason for
20 the options, and communicate a clear expression of choice.

21 **SECTION 3.** This legislation will be enforced by the US Department of Health and
22 Human Services.

23 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect at the start of fiscal year 2027. All laws in
24 conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by School 16.

A Bill to Authorize the Research and Development of Tactical Nuclear Artillery

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The Department of Energy, in coordination with the Department of Defense,
2 shall issue a request for proposals (RFP) for the research, development, and
3 production of tactical nuclear artillery capabilities and associated tactical
4 radiation shielding.

5 **SECTION 2.** Nuclear artillery shall be defined as a subset of limited-yield tactical nuclear
6 weapons that are cannon-launched from the ground at military targets on the
7 battlefield.

8 Tactical Radiation Shielding shall be defined as protective devices used in
9 battlefield or tactical settings that shield from nuclear radiation.
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11 **SECTION 3.** The National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA), in coordination
12 with the Department of Defense, shall oversee the development, security,
13 and implementation of this legislation.

14 A. Funding for this legislation shall be allocated through the Department of
15 Energy's existing nuclear weapons research, development, and
16 modernization budget.
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18 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect at the beginning of Fiscal Year 2028.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by School 13.

A Bill to Keep Funding the Forest Service in the Event of a Government Shutdown

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** During a government shutdown, a trust fund will be used to support the
2 Forest Service and park rangers to prevent environmental damage.
- 3 **SECTION 2.** Furlough: A mandatory, temporary suspension or reduction of work hours
4 and payment.
- 5 Mitigation: The act of lessening the severity, seriousness, or harmful
6 effects of something, like a disaster, risk, or punishment, by taking actions
7 to reduce its impact, damage, or likelihood.
- 8 Reduction: Can refer to a general decrease in something, a specific
9 administrative procedure, or a philosophical/critical concept used in
10 political analysis.
- 11 **SECTION 3.** The Department of the Treasury will oversee this legislation.
- 12 A. Funds will be earmarked from yearly funding.
- 13 B. Money can be pulled from the trust fund in emergency scenarios.
- 14 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on FY 2027.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by School 11.

A Bill to Ban Privatized Standardized Testing

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** No public or private school may require any student to take a standardized
2 test administered by a testing corporation.

3 **SECTION 2.** A. Standardized testing will be defined as any form of test that requires all
4 test takers to answer the same questions, or a selection of questions from
5 a common bank of questions and that is scored in a standardized or
6 consistent manner that makes it possible to compare the relative
7 performance of individual students or a group of students.

8 B. Testing corporations will be defined as any organization separate from the
9 Department of Education or a school that offers standardized tests.

10 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education (ED) shall be tasked with overseeing the
11 implementation and enforcement of this legislation

12 A. Any school in violation of this legislation may have federal funding
13 revoked or decreased.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by School 14.

A Bill to Limit Lumbering

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** All major lumbering on trees will be prohibited until the trees reach an age
2 of at least 40 years. (Not including regular trimmings already done by
3 timbering groups.)

4 **SECTION 2.** Major lumbering will hereby be defined as any lumbering operation,
5 cultivation of forests, the felling and trimming of timber, the cutting,
6 hauling, and transportation of timber, logs, lumber, and like products, the
7 sawing of logs into lumber or the conversion of logs into ties, posts, and
8 similar products, and similar operations.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Agriculture will oversee the implementation of this bill.
10 A. Fines will be allocated to violators by the Forest Service and the Bureau
11 of Land Management.

12 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect at the beginning of 2040. All laws in
13 conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by School 16.

A Bill to Prohibit Sanctions

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** No state recognized as sovereign by the United States may be unilaterally
2 embargoed by the United States Federal Government.
- 3 **SECTION 2.** An embargo shall be defined as an official ban on trade or other commercial
4 activity with a particular country.
- 5 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall be enforced by the Office of Foreign Assets Control.
- 6 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect immediately upon passage. All laws in
7 conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by School 12.