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Florida Sunshine District Tournament

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C.S.G.O.

A Bill for Congolese Support, Growth, and Opportunity

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall provide 1.5 billion dollars to the Democratic Republic
3 of Congo for the construction of a Joint-Force Military Base in the Haut-
4 Katanga region.

5 **SECTION 2.** A. “Joint-Force Military Base” shall hereby be defined as a facility
6 designated to be occupied by both American and Congolese forces.

7 B. “Military Base” is hereby further defined as a facility designed to act as a
8 base of operations for both ground and air military forces.

9 C. 1.3 billion dollars shall be provided for expenses surrounding the
10 construction of the facility. 200 million dollars shall be invested into the
11 creation of a monitoring system, the development of engagement guidelines,
12 as well as the hiring of personnel to detect inefficiency, corruption, or misuse
13 of resources.

14 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of State, in conjunction with the U.S. Department of
15 Defense, shall be responsible for the enforcement of the provisions of this
16 bill.

17 A. The Democratic Republic of Congo shall be required to submit monthly
18 reports detailing all spending, allocation of resources, employees, and
19 progress.

20 B. The Department of State shall conduct quarterly investigations to ensure
21 efficiency, proper use and disbursement of resources, and construction
22 progress.

23 C. If substantial issues of corruption are discovered, the U.S. Department of
24 State may suspend all aid until it is resolved.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Robinson High School.

A Bill to Support Siblings in Foster Care

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** This Congress hereby authorizes a fund of \$100,000,000 to address or assist
3 in resolving the shortage of appropriate foster homes for children, to develop
4 resources to keep sibling groups together, and to provide for a system of
5 checks and balances to ensure a child’s ongoing safety and well-being, by
6 providing for the placement of a foster child in cottage family homes and
7 making a child so placed eligible for foster care maintenance payments.

8 **SECTION 2.** The term ‘cottage family home’ means a home—
9 “(i) that is operated by a public or private child care agency licensed or
10 approved by the State in which the home is situated as an agency that meets
11 the standards established for the licensing or approval;
12 “(ii) that is able to serve as a resource to facilitate sibling groups being placed
13 together where daily contact and interaction strengthens family ties;
14 “(iii) that is in a single-family style residence with no more than 2 children per
15 bedroom unless it is in the best interest of the children; and
16 “(iv) in which the children are under the care of live-in parents that use the
17 reasonable and prudent parent standard and provide 24-hour substitute care
18 of children placed away from their parents or other caretakers.

19 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Health and Human Services shall oversee enforcement of
20 this legislation.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Pensacola High School.

A Bill to End Seed Patent Protections

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The US federal government will end the practice of granting intellectual
3 property rights protections, including patents, trademarks, and copyrights,
4 for seeds, seed DNA strands, transgenic seed organisms, and seed biomes.

5 **SECTION 2.** All terms in this legislation carry meanings defined by federal law.

6 **SECTION 3.** The US Department of Agriculture, along with the Office of the US Trade
7 Representative, will oversee the following provisions.

8 A. Existing patent protections will be allowed to expire at the end of the
9 patent period with the following exceptions:

10 1. Farmers will be allowed to germinate seeds for replanting from
11 existing crops without paying patent holders fees for those seeds.

12 2. Natural cross-pollination of DNA in crops will no longer be
13 considered patent violations.

14 B. Any seed patents issued between the passage of this legislation and its
15 implementation date will be limited to years.

16 C. The Office of the US Trade Representative will lobby the World Trade
17 Organization to remove seed patent protections from the TRIPS (Trade-
18 Related Aspects of 17 International Property Rights) Agreement

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Sunshine District Committee.

A Bill to Prohibit Solitary Confinement to Protect Inmates

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Solitary Confinement shall hereby be prohibited from use in all prisons
3 operated by the federal government or by federally sanctioned contractors.

4 **SECTION 2.** As used herein, "Solitary Confinement" refers to the disciplinary practice
5 wherein an incarcerated person is physically isolated in a cell for at least 20
6 hours a day with minimal human interaction.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP) shall be responsible for enforcing the
8 provisions of this bill.

9 A. 400 billion dollars shall be taken from the Department of Defense budget
10 and allocated towards the BOP.

11 B. 350 million dollars will be used by the BOP to provide resources such as
12 training, staff, and treatment programs to federal prisons.

13 C. 50 million dollars will be used to conduct regular, unannounced audits of
14 federal prisons to ensure compliance with this legislation.

15 D. Resources appropriated to federal prisons, or privately held prisons that
16 receive federal funding, may have funding withheld if the prison is found
17 to be in violation with the provisions of this bill.

18 E. Prison administrators whose facilities are found to be in violation with the
19 provisions of this bill will be subject to personal liabilities associated civil
20 rights violations detailed in 42 U.S.C. § 1983.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Robinson High School

A Resolution to Grant Puerto Rico Self-Determination

1 **WHEREAS,** Puerto Rico has remained an unincorporated territory of the United States
2 since 1898, a status under which its residents are subject to federal
3 authority without full political representation; and

4 **WHEREAS,** residents of Puerto Rico are United States citizens yet lack voting members
5 of Congress and are unable to vote in presidential elections, contradicting
6 democracy and the principle of consent of the governed; and

7 **WHEREAS,** Facilitating this process represents a shift from territorial governance toward
8 cooperation that respects Puerto Rico's political agency; now therefore, be it

9 **RESOLVED,** That the Student Congress here assembled shall formally recognize and
10 facilitate binding and informed process of self-determination for Puerto Rico,
11 allowing its people to freely choose their territorial status.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Callie Schwingel, Sarasota High School.

A Bill to Support Strategic Trade and Investment for Vital Expansion (S.T.R.I.V.E) of Indonesia

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall negotiate and enter into a modernized bilateral trade and
3 investment framework with the Republic of Indonesia that:

4 A. Eliminates or phases down tariffs on designated Priority Sectors over a
5 period not to exceed ten years.

6 B. Establishes a 4-billion-dollar U.S.–Indonesia Strategic Investment Reserve to
7 support infrastructure, clean energy, and port modernization projects and
8 supply-chain resilience.

9 **SECTION 2.** A. “Strategic Investment Reserve” shall be defined as a dedicated pool of U.S.
10 public finance; deployed through loans, and limited grants, to facilitate funding
11 for projects jointly approved by both governments.

12 B. “Priority Sectors” shall be defined as industries identified by the U.S.
13 Department of Commerce and the Indonesian Ministry of Trade as advancing
14 supply-chain security, decarbonization, and economic development.

15 **SECTION 3.** The Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR), in coordination
16 with the Department of State and the Department of Commerce, shall oversee
17 negotiation, implementation, and enforcement of this legislation.

18 A. USTR shall lead negotiations of the trade and investment framework,
19 including tariff schedules, services commitments, digital trade provisions, and
20 shall submit an annual report to Congress on compliance and market-access
21 outcomes.

22 B. The Department of State shall incorporate labor-rights, sustainability, and
23 anti-corruption benchmarks into project agreements, and may pause Reserve
24 disbursements upon credible evidence of serious violations until corrective
25 actions are verified.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Sunshine District Committee.

A Bill to Prevent Government Shutdowns

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Debate on any bill regarding any authorization of spending or budget for the
3 Federal Government is hereby exempt from the 2/3 vote threshold under the
4 “Cloture Rule.”

5 **SECTION 2.** This legislation shall use the following definitions:

6 A. The 2/3 vote threshold of the Cloture Rule shall be defined as the Senate
7 rule that requires 2/3 votes to end debate on a bill.

8 B. A bill that authorizes spending or budget shall be defined as any bill that
9 authorizes the federal government to spend the budget allocated by
10 Congress.

11 **SECTION 3.** The United States Senate shall be responsible for enforcing this legislation.

12 A. In the place of the 2/3 threshold, a simple majority shall be used to end
13 debate on the policies outlined in Section 1.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Sunshine District Committee.

A Bill to Expand Funding for

Mental Health Services in Schools

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The federal government shall allocate \$10 billion annually to fund mental
3 health services in K-12 public schools across the United States.

4 **SECTION 2.** “Mental Health Services” shall include access to school psychologists,
5 counselors, social workers, and mental health education programs.

6 “Public schools” refer to all primary and secondary schools receiving federal
7 education funding.

8 **SECTION 3.** Department of Health and Human Services shall oversee implementation in
9 concert with State Departments of Education and ensure proper allocation of
10 funds by the states.

11 A. State Departments of Education shall submit reports annually to the
12 Department of Health and Human Services that include:

13 (1) A comprehensive breakdown of the allocation and expenditure of
14 federal funds within the state, detailing specific programs,
15 institutions, and personnel supported.

16 (2) Quantitative and qualitative data measuring the impact of funded
17 initiatives on mental health outcomes among students, including
18 incidence rates, utilization of services, and changes in access or
19 reach.

20 (3) Identification of any barriers or challenges encountered during
21 implementation and recommendations for improving program
22 effectiveness.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Sunshine District Committee.

A Bill to Expand Paid Apprenticeship Opportunities

for Young Adults

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The federal government shall provide a 10,000-dollar tax credit to employers
3 offering paid, certified Apprenticeship programs to Young Adults in skilled
4 trades, technology, healthcare, and clean energy, allowing participants to
5 earn wages and academic credit.

6 **SECTION 2.** A. “Apprenticeship” shall be defined as a paid, structured training program
7 approved by the U.S. Department of Labor that combines on-the-job training
8 with instructional learning.

9 B. “Young adults” shall be defined as individuals enrolled in or recently
10 graduated from accredited secondary schools or equivalent programs.

11 C. All programs receiving tax credits under this legislation are required to pay
12 apprentices in accordance with the federal minimum wage.

13 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Labor in conjunction with the U.S. Internal Revenue
14 Service, shall be responsible for the enforcement of the provisions of this bill.

15 A. The Department of Labor shall be responsible for the certification of
16 Apprenticeship programs.

17 B. The Department of Labor shall promulgate regulations that detail specific
18 criteria for Apprenticeship program certification.

19 C. Employers found in violation of a provision of this bill shall lose their
20 certification and be subject to fines not to exceed \$25,000 per violation.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Robinson High School

Sovereign Respect for Venezuelan Operations Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall immediately cease any ongoing unilateral military,
3 intelligence, or law-enforcement operation aimed at seizing, detaining, or
4 transporting the President of Venezuela, and shall initiate diplomatic steps to
5 return the President of Venezuela to Venezuela.

6 **SECTION 2.** A. “Unilateral Operation” is defined as any action undertaken by the United
7 States without prior authorization from Congress and without an explicit
8 mandate from either the United Nations Security Council or the Organization
9 of American States.

10 B. “President of Venezuela” refers to the individual currently exercising the
11 office of head of state and government of the Bolivarian Republic of
12 Venezuela under its constitutional order, regardless of U.S. political
13 recognition.

14 **SECTION 3.** A. The Department of Defense, the Intelligence Community, and the
15 Department of Justice are prohibited from obligating or expending funds to
16 plan, support, or conduct any unilateral operation to capture, detain, or
17 transfer the sitting President of Venezuela, except where Congress has
18 expressly authorized such action through subsequent legislation.

19 B. The Department of Justice shall pursue any criminal allegations against
20 foreign heads of state only via cooperation with international tribunals, or
21 other lawful international law mechanisms.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Ashton Carter Pensacola High School.

A Bill to Expand U.S. Regional Security Operations by Establishment of a Base in Cyprus

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall establish one rotational U.S. military installation
3 within the territory of the Republic of Cyprus, dedicated primarily to
4 humanitarian evacuation, disaster response, and regional security support
5 operations in the Eastern Mediterranean.

6 **SECTION 2.** A. “Rotational U.S. military installation” shall be defined as a facility on
7 foreign territory where U.S. personnel, equipment, and aircraft or vessels
8 deploy for limited periods under host-nation consent, without permanent
9 U.S. sovereignty over the land.

10 B. “Humanitarian evacuation and disaster response operations” shall be
11 defined as missions to evacuate civilians, deliver relief supplies, and support
12 stabilization after natural disasters or armed conflict in nearby countries.

13 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Defense, in coordination with the Department of State,
14 shall oversee implementation of this legislation.

15 A. The Department of State shall negotiate an access and basing agreement
16 with the Republic of Cyprus specifying the location, maximum personnel
17 levels, and legal status of U.S. forces.

18 B. The Department of Defense shall construct, lease, or upgrade required
19 facilities, and shall limit routine activities at the installation to training,
20 logistics, humanitarian staging, and non-offensive regional support
21 operations unless otherwise authorized by Congress.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Sunshine District Committee.

A Bill to Accelerate Rare Earth Metal Recovery Through E-Waste Recycling

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall invest 5 billion dollars over five years to expand domestic
3 recovery of Rare Earth Elements (REE) and other critical minerals from Electronic
4 Waste and End-of-Life Batteries, prioritizing low-emission processes.

5 **SECTION 2.** The following definitions shall be used:

6 A. “Rare Earth Magnets (REM)” shall mean permanent magnets containing
7 REE, including but not limited to neodymium-iron-boron (NdFeB)
8 magnets used in electronic equipment and electric drive systems.

9 B. “Electronic Waste” shall mean discarded electronics equipment and
10 their components.

11 C. “End-of-Life Batteries” shall mean lithium-ion or other rechargeable
12 batteries that no longer meet minimum performance requirements for
13 their original applications.

14 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Energy shall, through the Office of Energy Efficiency and
15 Renewable Energy and the Advanced Research Projects Agency, allocate
16 competitive grants and agreements to:

17 A. Commercial facilities using water-based and other low-emission
18 processes to selectively dissolve and recover REMs.

19 B. Expand hydrometallurgical and electrochemical facilities capable of
20 recovering at least 90 percent of REEs or critical minerals.

21 C. Facilities receiving funds under this Act shall submit annual public
22 reports to DOE detailing throughput, recovery percentages for targeted
23 materials, and environmental performance metrics.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Sunshine District Committee.