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A Bill to End Funding for United States Military Bases in Iraq

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** Beginning in Fiscal Year 2027, no federal funds shall be appropriated,
2 obligated, or expended for the operation, maintenance, staffing, or
3 expansion of United States military bases within the sovereign territory of
4 the Republic of Iraq.
- 5 **SECTION 2.** For the purposes of this legislation:
- 6 A. **“United States military bases in Iraq”** shall refer to any permanent or
7 semi-permanent installation, facility, or site operated, maintained, or
8 funded by the United States Department of Defense within Iraq.
- 9 B. “Operational Funding: shall refer to federal appropriations used for
10 maintenance, staffing, security, logistics, infrastructure, and base
11 support services.
- 12 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Defense shall oversee enforcement of this legislation.
- 13 A. The Department of Defense shall submit a report to Congress within
14 180 days of enactment detailing the orderly closure or transfer of
15 responsibilities associated with United States military bases in Iraq.
- 16 B. Funds previously allocated for base operations in Iraq shall be
17 reallocated as follows:
- 18 a. Forty percent to veterans’ healthcare services administered by the
19 Department of Veterans Affairs;
- 20 b. Thirty percent to domestic infrastructure projects;
- 21 c. Thirty percent to diplomatic and humanitarian assistance
22 programs in the Middle East, administered by the Department of
23 State and the United States Agency for International
24 Development.
- 25 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect at the beginning of Fiscal Year 2027.
- 26 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

A Bill to Ban Companion Chatbot Access for Minors

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** Operators of companion chatbot platforms are hereby prohibited from
2 providing access to or maintaining accounts for any individual under
3 the age of 18.
- 4 **SECTION 2.** For the purposes of this legislation:
- 5 A. **“Companion Chatbot”** is defined as an artificial intelligence system
6 with a natural language interface designed to simulate human-like
7 relationships by providing adaptive responses, meeting social or
8 emotional needs, and sustaining a relationship across multiple
9 interactions.
- 10 B. **“Operator”** refers to any person or entity that makes a companion
11 chatbot platform available to users.
- 12 C. **“Age-Verification”** refers to commercially reasonable methods
13 used to confirm a user’s age.
- 14 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) shall oversee enforcement
- 15 A. Operators must implement robust age-verification measures prior
16 to account creation.
- 17 B. Violations of this act shall be subject to civil penalties of up to
18 \$2,500 per minor user.
- 19 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect January 1, 2027.
- 20 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and
21 void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lennox High School.

A Resolution Rejecting False Claims of a Link Between Vaccinations and Autism

- 1 **WHEREAS,** extensive peer-reviewed research and findings from leading medical and
2 public health organizations have found no credible evidence supporting a
3 causal link between vaccinations and Autism Spectrum Disorder, creating a
4 strong scientific consensus that vaccines do not cause Autism.
- 5 **WHEREAS,** there are significant public health risks posed by misinformation about
6 vaccines and Autism, including increased vaccine hesitancy, declining
7 immunization rates, and the resurgence of preventable diseases.
- 8 **WHEREAS,** vaccine hesitancy, declining immunization rates, and resurgence of
9 preventable diseases pose a unique risk to vulnerable populations and
10 place undue strain on public health systems.
- 11 **RESOLVED,** that the Congress here assembled rejects the claim that vaccines cause
12 Autism Spectrum Disorder, encouraging state and private agencies to
13 conduct affairs with this understanding; and, be it
- 14 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** that Congress reaffirms its commitment to evidence-based
15 policymaking, supports efforts to promote accurate public health
16 information, and maintains trust in scientific and medical institutions.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Henry Huether, Beresford High School.

A Bill to Implement Comprehensive Background Checks for Firearms Possession

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** This act hereby establishes and requires a comprehensive background check of
2 records and files, and mental health records, for all current and future owners of a
3 firearm.
- 4 **SECTION 2.** For the purposes of this legislation:
- 5 A. **Mental Health Records** shall refer to any record kept by a therapist,
6 doctor, or other practitioner with regard to the individual's psychological
7 well-being.
- 8 B. **Records and Files** shall refer to important segments of information relating
9 to a person's past actions that have the potential to give information or
10 insight into their past psychological well-being.
- 11 **SECTION 3.** The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) shall oversee and
12 enforce this act:
- 13 A. The ATF shall require all gun sellers to administer a background check to
14 any gun owners, previous, current, or new.
- 15 B. Local law enforcement will be required to assist in removing firearms from
16 those possessing them illegally, as currently expected, with the addition
17 that it is illegal to own a firearm without a background check, which shows
18 the person's psychological well-being is in good standing.
- 19 C. The owner or person attempting to purchase a firearm will be expected to
20 pay for the background check.
- 21 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2028.
- 22 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Jude Abdalla, Sioux Falls Washington High School.

A Resolution Recognizing Mental Health as Equally Important as Physical Health

- 1 **WHEREAS,** mental health conditions affect millions of Americans and are a significant
2 component of overall health and well-being; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** mental health conditions are often stigmatized, underdiagnosed, and
4 undertreated compared to physical health conditions, demonstrating a lack
5 of parity in care and recognition; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** the failure to treat mental health with equal importance contributes to
7 increased rates of suicide, substance abuse, homelessness, and decreased
8 quality of life; and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** research shows that untreated mental health conditions negatively impact
10 physical health outcomes, workplace productivity, educational attainment,
11 and economic stability; and
- 12 **WHEREAS,** recognizing mental health as equally important as physical health is a
13 necessary step toward reducing stigma, improving access to care, and
14 promoting holistic health outcomes; now, therefore, be it
- 15 **RESOLVED,** that the Congress here assembled recognizes mental health as equally
16 important as physical health and affirms the need for parity in healthcare
17 policy, public awareness, and institutional practices; and, be it
- 18 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** that Congress encourages federal agencies, healthcare providers,
19 and educational institutions to promote mental health awareness, reduce
20 stigma, and support equitable access to mental health resources.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Yankton High School.

A Bill to Ban the Use of Lyrics in Court

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** Congress prohibits the use of lyrics as evidence for federal legal cases.

2 **SECTION 2.** For the purpose of this legislation:

3 A. **Lyrics** shall be defined as any words or phrases used within any
4 independently or commercially produced music.

5 B. Books, poems, and all other forms of art are not affected by this
6 legislation.

7 C. **Federal Legal Cases** shall be defined as any federal civil or criminal
8 proceeding.

9 D. Other names for Federal Legal Cases may include action, suit, or
10 controversy, depending on the nature of the dispute.

11 E. **Ex Parte** shall refer to a proceeding brought before a court by one
12 party only, without notice or to be challenged by the other side.

13 F. **The Exclusionary Rule** shall refer to any doctrine that says evidence
14 obtained in violation of a criminal defendant's constitutional or
15 statutory rights is not admissible at trial.

16 **SECTION 3.** Any lyrics presented as evidence shall be declared dismissible ex parte, in
17 accordance with the exclusionary rule.

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

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Everhett Miller, Stevens High School.

A Bill to Strengthen the Requirements for Foster Families to Ensure the Well-Being of Children in Foster Care

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The federal government shall require more stringent screening, training, and
2 monitoring standards for foster families in order to improve child safety and placeme
3 quality within the foster care system.
- 4 **SECTION 2.** For the purposes of this legislation:
- 5 A. **Foster Family** shall mean any individual or household licensed by a state or
6 federal agency to provide temporary care for foster children.
- 7 B. **Background Check** shall mean a comprehensive review of federal and state
8 criminal records, child abuse and neglect registries, and fingerprint identification
- 9 C. **Licensing Agency** shall mean any state or federal agency responsible for approvir
10 and supervising foster families.
- 11 D. **Foster Child** shall mean a person under the age of eighteen who is placed by the
12 government into temporary care outside of their biological home for safety and
13 well-being.
- 14 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) shall oversee enforcement of
15 this legislation:
- 16 E. HHS shall require the implementation of enhanced background checks, including
17 child abuse registry checks prior to residence.
- 18 F. HHS shall mandate a minimum of 40 hours of pre-licensing training and 20 hours
19 of annual continuing education for foster parents.
- 20 G. Quarterly home inspections and unannounced visits will be required to ensure
21 ongoing compliance.
- 22 H. States and agencies shall have two years to comply, and failure to do so may resu
23 in reduced federal funding reduction of up to 10% of applicable federal child
24 welfare funding until compliance is achieved.
- 25 **SECTION 4.** Congress shall authorize funding through HHS to support implementation and trainin
26 costs.
- 27 **SECTION 5.** This legislation shall take effect July 1, 2027.
- 28 **SECTION 6.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

A Bill to Establish Block Grant Funding for Inclusive Sex Education

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The Department of Education shall establish the “Inclusive Health Education
2 Block Grant” program. This program will provide annual funding to public
3 school districts for the purpose of adopting and implementing inclusive
4 sexual health curricula.
- 5 **SECTION 2.** **Definition**—Inclusive Sex Education—age-appropriate, medically accurate,
6 and evidence-based instruction that includes information on human
7 development, relationships, personal safety, and sexual health, while
8 specifically incorporating the experiences and identities of LGBTQ+
9 individuals.
- 10 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education, in coordination with the Department of
11 Health and Human Services (HHS), shall oversee the distribution of funds.
- 12 A. To qualify for funding, a school district must certify that its
13 curriculum does not omit or stigmatize LGBTQ+ identities.
- 14 B. Initial funding of \$400 million shall be allocated from the
15 Department of Education’s discretionary budget for the first fiscal
16 year.
- 17 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect at the beginning of the 2027-2028 academic
18 school year.
- 19 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lennox High School.

A Bill to Raise Taxes for the Top 1% of Individuals in the United States to Reduce Inequality

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The United States Congress shall hereby elevate taxes for the top 1% of
2 individuals. All taxing that current top individuals pay shall be raised to help
3 benefit revenue for public services and reduce inequality in America.
- 4 **SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS:**
- 5 A. **The Top 1% of individuals** shall be defined as people who earn
6 \$800,000 to over \$1 million annually in the United States of America.
- 7 B. **Reduce Inequality** refers to the gap in taxpayers who earn a
8 lower/middle to high income individuals to make the illusion of power
9 withdraw.
- 10 **SECTION 3.** The implication of this bill shall be overseen by the Internal Revenue
11 Service (IRS) and the Treasury Department of the United States.
- 12 A. Upon passage of this bill, Congress shall raise the taxes for the top 1%
13 by 10% each month until Congress adjusts by future legislation.
- 14 **SECTION 4.** This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2028.
- 15 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Jude Abdalla, Sioux Falls Washington High School.

A Bill to Increase Funding for Nuclear Energy on the Moon

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall allocate federal funding to support research, development,
2 testing, deployment, and regulation of nuclear power systems for sustained civilian
3 and scientific operations on the lunar surface and in lunar orbit.
- 4 **SECTION 2.** For the purpose of this legislation:
- 5 A. "Lunar nuclear energy system" shall refer to reactors, radioisotope power
6 systems (RPS), nuclear thermal and/or electric propulsion, fuel elements, and
7 supporting hardware designed or adapted for lunar surface or orbital
8 operations.
- 9 B. "Civilian and scientific operations" shall refer to non-weapons uses, including
10 habitats, life support, communications, in-situ resource utilization (ISRU), and
11 scientific research.
- 12 **SECTION 3.** The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) shall lead implementation
13 and coordinate with the Department of Energy (DOE), Nuclear Regulatory Commission
14 (NRC), Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), and Department of Defense (DoD).
- 15 A. DOE shall manage technical development and testing; NRC shall issue adapted
16 licensing and safety authorizations; FAA shall oversee launch safety; DoD shall
17 conduct national security reviews.
- 18 B. There is authorized to be appropriated \$2,500,000,000 for FY2027-2031, with
19 approximately allocations of:
- 20 a. 48% to NASA for mission integration and lunar demonstrations
21 b. 36% to DOE for research/development and testing
22 c. 12% to NRC/FAA for licensing and oversight; and
23 d. 4% for grants to commercial partners, universities, and research institutions.
- 24 C. Agencies shall establish interagency memoranda of understanding within 180
25 days. Failure to meet reporting or safety requirements may result in the
26 suspension of authorizations or the withholding of funds.
- 27 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on July 1, 2027.
- 28 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.