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ARTICLE --

SECTION 2: The Congress will have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

A Resolution to Reject the Alleged Link between Vaccines and Autism

- 1 **WHEREAS** There is no reliable scientific evidence pointing to a causal link between vaccines and autism;
2 and
- 3 **WHEREAS** The medical journal *Lancet* has long since retracted Andrew Wakefield’s fraudulent 1998
4 study that originated the specious claim that vaccines cause autism; and
- 5 **WHEREAS** In recent months these nonexistent links have nevertheless received significant credibility
6 boosts from influential political leaders, in particular several high-profile members of the
7 current presidential administration; and
- 8 **WHEREAS** These pseudoscientific misconceptions can cause grave injury when taken seriously, not
9 merely for those individuals who choose not to vaccinate themselves and/or their children
10 but for others who rely on herd immunity for their health and wellbeing; now, therefore be
11 it
- 12 **RESOLVED** by the Congress here assembled that any and all alleged links between vaccines and autism
13 are roundly rejected; and be it
- 14 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that Congress encourages all individuals to follow the advice of medical experts,
15 especially where vaccines are concerned; and be it
- 16 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that Congress condemns those in power who seek to cast doubt on established
17 medical science and warns such leaders that official repercussions, up to and including
18 impeachment and removal from office, may ensue if these mistruths continue to be
19 recklessly platformed at the expense of our constituents.

A Resolution to Reaffirm the Importance of Unbiased International Aid

1 **WHEREAS,** Foreign aid provided by the United States been continually
2 attacked and defunded by the current executive administration; and
3 **WHEREAS,** The executive order titled Reevaluating and Realigning
4 United States Foreign Aid has defunded foreign aid to countries that do not
5 fully align with America’s current executive ideals; and
6 **WHEREAS,** This defunding has highly endangered countries who are in
7 need of foreign funding by withholding foreign aid based on political
8 philosophy; and
9 **WHEREAS,** The dissolution measures taken against USAID have made
10 foreign aid explicitly tied to the Department of State; and
11 **WHEREAS,** This further aligns foreign aid with agreement on the
12 political values of a cabinet, endangering millions of people and the
13 international standing of the United States based on agreement with the
14 Secretary of State; now, therefore, be it
15 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled recommend the
16 executive administration take steps to reverse their course against
17 unbiased foreign aid; and, be it
18 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled recommend
19 investigation into practices of withholding or giving foreign aid on the basis
 of personal relationship and endorsement of involved politicians.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Jack Basso of Cottonwood High School.

A Bill to Raise the Federal Minimum Wage to \$10.00 per hour and increase the Tipped Worker Cash Wage

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The federal minimum wage for all non-tipped jobs shall be
2 increased to \$10.00 per hour. This new wage rate will be the base rate
3 required under the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938.

4 **SECTION 2.** A. An employer must pay all tipped employees a direct cash
5 wage of at least \$7.25 per hour. B. An employer may continue to use a
6 worker's tips (a "tip credit") to cover the difference between the cash
7 wage and the full \$10.00 minimum wage, provided the worker's total pay
8 equals or exceeds \$10.00 per hour. C. A "tipped employee" will keep the
9 definition currently established in the Fair Labor Standards Act.

10 **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of Labor, acting through the Wage and Hour
11 Division of the Department of Labor, shall oversee and enforce this law.
12 Enforcement will include investigating worker complaints, conducting
13 mandatory worker audits, and collecting any unpaid wages and penalties.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Eliza Berry of Cottonwood High School.

A Bill to Grant Citizenship to Dreamers

BE IT ENACTED BY THIS CONGRESS THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States shall grant citizenship to all who were given DACA status.

SECTION 2. All individuals who are living under the DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) program will be granted U.S. citizenship. This provides access for children with parents who don't have U.S. naturalization to become a US citizen.

SECTION 3. This will be overseen and funded by the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Homeland Security.

SECTION 4. This will be implicated at the beginning of 2027.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Reese Gunnarson of Park City High School.

A Bill to Federally Legalize Physician-Assisted Death to End Unnecessary Suffering

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The administration of life-ending medication by a
- 2 physician, or physician-related death, shall be made legal in the United
- 3 States.
- 4 **SECTION 2.** Definitions
- 5 A. Physician-assisted death (PAD): A practice in which a physician
- 6 provides a terminally ill, mentally competent adult patient with a
- 7 prescription for a lethal dose of medication, which the patient then
- 8 self-administers to end their own life.
- 9 B. Life-ending medication: A high dosage of barbiturates, enough to
- 10 humanely end an individual's life with minimal suffering.
- 11 **SECTION 3.** U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), and
- 12 the National Institutes of Health (NIH) will jointly oversee the
- 13 enforcement of this legislation.
- 14 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect at the beginning of Fiscal
- 15 Year 2028.
- 16 **SECTION 5.** All laws or provisions in conflict with this legislation are
- 17 hereby declared null and void.
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Introduced for Congressional Debate by Jesse Wilkerson of Highland High School

A Bill to lower the legal drinking age to 18

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States shall lower the legal drinking age to 18 in all states and territories.

It is unlawful for any person to sell, give, or otherwise supply liquor to any person under the age of 18 years.

This section does not apply to liquor given for medicinal or religious purposes to a person under the age of 18 years by a parent, guardian, physician, dentist, or religious authority.

SECTION 2. Furthermore, minors may consume alcohol if the alcohol is administered by a parent or legal guardian and consumed in the presence of the parent or legal guardian.

SECTION 3.

A. Administered: be responsible for the implementation or use of

B. Minors: a person under the age of 18

SECTION 4. State and local law enforcement will continue to oversee enforcement of this law as well as The Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB).

A. State and local law enforcement will enforce laws regarding underage drinking of people younger than 18

B. The Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB) will oversee the regulations put on producers and retailers of alcohol and the age that alcohol can be sold to.

SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect 365 days after being signed into law. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Tess Lisonbee Highland Highschool.