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NCFL Middle School Nationals**

Bill Packet

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A Bill to Provide Homes for Sibling Groups 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
3 assist in resolving the shortage of appropriate foster homes for children,
4 to develop resources to keep sibling groups together, and to provide for a
5 system of checks and balances to ensure a child’s ongoing safety and
6 well-being, by providing for the placement of a foster child in cottage
7 family homes and making a child so placed eligible for foster care
8 maintenance payments.

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

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

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Levi Finch, Sims Middle School..

The Whale Protection Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1:** The US shall cease trade with all countries that
3 engage in whaling or are not properly protecting their
4 populations of whales from whaling. The US will also
5 stop all whaling inside the US aside from subsistence
6 whaling by Indigenous peoples and specially permitted
7 whaling for scientific reasons.

8 **SECTION 2:** Specifically, the United States shall no longer trade
9 with countries such as Japan, Norway, Iceland
10 Denmark, South Korea, and Saint Vincent and the
11 Grenadines who commercially whale until they end this
12 practice, as well as with and countries such as Mexico,
13 Canada, France, India, Indonesia, Mexico, and the UK
14 until they bring their protections against whaling up to
15 date.

16 **SECTION 3:** The embargo on Mexico will not be lifted until that
17 nation fully enforces a ban on gill nets to save the
18 Vaquita Porpoise and this population has risen to over
19 100. Countries with similar problems will also be
20 embargoed until the population of the whale species
21 in question has also risen above 100.

22 **SECTION 4:** The Office of Foreign Assets Control will oversee the
23 embargos and their enforcement, and the U.S. Fish and
24 Wildlife Service will decide which countries are
25 affected and when they have fulfilled their duties to the
26 whales.

27 **SECTION 5:** This legislation shall take effect immediately upon
28 passage. All laws in conflict with this legislation are
29 hereby declared null and void.
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Respectfully submitted by Ronan Russell, Portland ME Diocese

A BILL TO CEASE MILITARY ACTIVITY IN THE MIDDLE EAST

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The United States of America will now cease all military action in
2 the Middle East:

3 A. Military Action is defined as any action taken by the U.S Department of
4 War in the Middle East, including but not limited to, missile strikes, sending
5 troops to the area, and offering military support in the area

6 B. The Middle East is defined as the countries, Turkiye, Iran, Egypt, Israel,
7 Jordan, Syria, Iraq, Palestine, Saudi Arabia, Yemen, Oman, UAE, Qatar, Bahrain,
8 Kuwait, and Afghanistan

9 **SECTION 2.** All strictly humanitarian aid is permitted under this legislation:

10 A. Humanitarian aid is defined as sending food, medical supplies, and
11 non-militants to support a nation or group of people.

12 **SECTION 3.** This large-scale military pullout will be orchestrated by the DoW
13 (Department of War) and will need to be accomplished 2 years after the
14 passage of this bill

15 **SECTION 4.** All funding needed for this legislation will be provided by the DoW's
16 yearly budget

17 **SECTION 5.** This Legislation will go into effect immediately upon passage. All laws in
18 conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void

A BILL TO COMBAT HOMELESSNESS

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 Article I: We shall aid those who are facing homelessness by establishing
3 affordable housing and enabling them to achieve self-sustainability.

4 Article II: A. "Homelessness" shall defined as a person who lacks fixed regular or
5 proper residence, has a residence not meant for human habitation, or is
6 under temporary housing provided by charitable organizations or
7 governments.

8 B. "Self- sustainability" shall be defined as possessing a permanent
9 residence, a stable job, and possessing the proper education to keep
10 maintain steady full-time employment.

11 Article III: This legislation goes into effect a year from passage.

12 Article IV: The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) shall
13 enforce the provisions of this legislation.

14 A. HUD shall be responsible for establishing between ten (10) and
15 twenty-five (25) facilities in each state where Homeless individuals
16 can access housing and vocational training materials. HUD is further
17 responsible for maintenance of these facilities.

18 B. This Congress shall appropriate annual funding not to exceed three-
19 billion dollars to discharge the provisions of this legislation.

20 C. HUD shall further promulgate regulations in the furtherance of
21 assisting Homeless persons in achieving Self-Sustainability.

22 Article V: All other laws in conflict with this new policy shall hereby declared null
23 and void.

Respectfully submitted,

A BILL TO END SOLITARY CONFINEMENT

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 Article I: Solitary Confinement shall hereby be prohibited from use in all prisons
3 operated by the federal government or by federally sanctioned contractors.

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

7 Article III: This legislation will go into effect immediately upon passage.

8 Article IV: The Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP) shall be responsible for enforcing
9 the provisions of this bill.

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

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

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

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

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

22 Article V: All other laws in conflict with this new policy shall hereby declared null
23 and void.

Respectfully submitted,

**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 STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 Article I: The United States shall negotiate and enter into a modernized bilateral trade
3 and 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
7 to support infrastructure, clean energy, and port modernization projects and
8 supply-chain resilience.

9 Article II: 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
11 funding 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 Article III: This legislation will go into effect FY 2027.

16 Article IV: The Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR), in coordination
17 with the Department of State and the Department of Commerce, shall
18 oversee negotiation, implementation, and enforcement of this legislation.

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

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

27 Article V: All other laws in conflict with this new policy shall hereby declared null and
28 void.

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