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A Bill to Increase Housing Supply by Incentivizing Local Zoning Reform

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** States and localities that legalize higher-density housing
2 including duplexes, triplexes, and accessory dwelling units on land currently
3 zoned for single-family homes only shall receive priority access to federal
4 housing and transportation grants, including but not limited to Community
5 Development Block Grants, HOME Investment Partnership Program grants,
6 and Surface Transportation Block Grants. Jurisdictions that refuse to reform
7 such zoning shall have this federal funding reduced by twenty percent.

8 **SECTION 2.** “Accessory dwelling unit” shall be defined as a smaller,
9 independent residential unit located on the same lot as a single-family
10 home. “Single-family zoning” shall be defined as local rules permitting only
11 one detached home per lot.

12 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Housing and Urban Development shall
13 oversee enforcement and certify which jurisdiction qualify.

14 A. HUD shall publish an annual list of compliant and non-compliant
15 jurisdictions.

16 B. \$50 million shall be appropriated to the Department of Housing and
17 Urban Development annually to administer, monitor, and enforce the
18 requirements of this Act.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by David Martin, Ransom Everglades.

A Bill to Ban Unpaid Internships to stop the Exploitation of intern labor

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** For-profit employers shall be prohibited from offering
2 unpaid internships. All interns employed by for-profit entities shall be
3 compensated at no less than the federal minimum wage.
- 4 **SECTION 2.** **A.** *Internship* shall be defined as a temporary position that
5 provides training, mentorship, or practical experience related to a field of
6 employment.
- 7 **B.** *For-profit employer* shall be defined as any private entity operating for
8 commercial gain.
- 9 **C.** This Act shall not apply to unpaid internships offered by nonprofit
10 organizations, government agencies, or academic institutions providing
11 academic credit.
- 12 **SECTION 3.** **A.** The Department of Labor (DOL) shall oversee
13 enforcement of this Act through workplace audits and employee complaint
14 investigations.
- 15 **B.** Employers found in violation shall be subject to civil fines of up to
16 \$10,000 per violation and required to provide back pay at 2x rate to
17 affected interns
- 18 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on July 1, 2027. All laws in
19 conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
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Introduced for Congressional Debate by Maya Bhandari, Ransom Everglades.

A Bill to Authorize Humanitarian Assistance to the People of Cuba

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States shall authorize and distribute humanitarian aid to the people of Cuba to address continual shortages of food, medicine, and infrastructure resources.

SECTION 2. A. “Humanitarian aid” refers to food supplies, medical equipment, medicine, clean water resources, and infrastructure support intended to alleviate human suffering.

B. “Infrastructure support” refers to materials and resources used to repair essential services including hospitals, water systems, and power systems.

C. Aid must be distributed through approved humanitarian organizations to ensure it directly benefits civilians.

SECTION 3. The U.S. Department of State shall oversee the distribution and enforcement of this program.

A. The U.S. Department of State will coordinate with international humanitarian organizations such as the Red Cross and United Nations relief agencies to ensure proper delivery.

B. Funding for this legislation shall be authorized at \$150 million annually for fiscal years 2027 through 2030, appropriated from the Economic Support Fund (ESF).

C. Annual reports shall be submitted to Congress detailing the amount of aid delivered and its humanitarian impact.

D. No Cuban government, military, or state-run entity may control or manage any aid provided under this legislation.

E. If the Cuban government attempts to seize or utilize any method of blocking aid for governmental benefit, the U.S. Department of State shall immediately suspend all distributions until control is restored.

SECTION 4. This Legislation shall take effect immediately upon passage. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Bianca Thakur, Westglades Middle School.

A Bill to Raise Taxes on Ultra-Processed Foods to Improve Health Conditions

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall levy a federal retail tax on
2 ultra-processed foods (UPFs) to reduce consumption and improve public
3 health.

4 **SECTION 2.** A. *Ultra-processed foods* shall be defined using Group 4 of
5 the NOVA classification system. This refers to industrial formulations
6 typically containing five or more ingredients not commonly used in
7 domestic culinary preparations (e.g., hydrogenated oils, high-fructose corn
8 syrup, artificial additives, and synthetic flavor enhancers, etc.).

9 B. *Health conditions* shall refer to chronic medical conditions
10 strongly linked to high UPF consumption, including but not limited to
11 obesity, type 2 diabetes, cardiovascular diseases, hypertension, and specific
12 gastrointestinal disorders.

13 C. *Taxes* shall defined as a 10% retail sales tax added to the
14 final purchase price at the point of sale.

15 C. *Low-income Individuals* shall be defined as individuals or
16 households 130% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL), aligning with SNAP
17 eligibility criteria.

18 **SECTION 3.** The Food and Drug Administration (FDA), The Internal
19 Revenue Service (IRS), and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) shall
20 work together to administer and enforce this legislation.

21 A. The FDA shall maintain and annually update a registry of products
22 qualifying as UPFs under Section 2A.

23 B. The IRS shall collect and administer the tax revenue.

24 C. 100% of the revenue shall be appropriated to the USDA to expand SNAP
25 benefits and fund whole-food subsidies for low-income individuals.

26 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be implemented 180 days upon
27 passage. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null
28 and void.

The Currency Modernization Bill

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States Mint shall permanently cease the production of the one-cent coin and the five-cent coin in general circulation.

SECTION 2. “One-cent coin” refers to the copper-plated zinc currency unit currently valued at one percent of a United States dollar.

“Five-cent coin” refers to the copper-nickel currency unit currently valued at five percent of a United States dollar.

SECTION 3. The U.S. Department of the Treasury and the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) shall jointly oversee the enforcement of this legislation.

- A. The Department of the Treasury shall immediately halt all active manufacturing and minting pipelines for pennies and nickels.
- B. A mandatory cash-rounding system shall be enforced for all physical cash transactions, where final totals ending in 1 through 4 cents round down to the nearest dime, and totals ending in 5 through 9 cents round up to the nearest dime.
- C. Digital, credit card, and electronic transactions shall remain completely unaffected by this legislation and continue to be processed to the exact cent.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Bianca Thakur, Westglades Middle School.

A Bill to Ban Homeschooling to Enhance Social Activity and Independence

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** In order to ensure children have the opportunity to gain independence and
3 receive the basic standards of education and fundamental skills,
4 homeschooling shall be banned for children of appropriate age for education.

5 **SECTION 2.** The terms shall be defined as followed:

6 A. "Basic Standards of Education" shall be defined as the basic skills
7 necessary to learn the average school curriculum.

8 B. "Homeschooling" shall be defined as education conducted in any
9 place other than a school.

10 C. "Appropriate Age for Education" shall be defined as any person at or
11 between the ages of 4 to 17.

12 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education shall pull the funding of institutions,
13 individuals, and programs that receive Federal funds if they do not comply
14 with the provisions of this bill.

15 A. Recipients of Federal funds through grants, agreements, loans, or
16 arrangements are subject to the consequences of encouraging
17 homeschooling.

18 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2025. All laws in conflict with
19 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
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A Bill to Support Venezuelan Migrants

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Government shall allocate \$500 million to the Peruvian
3 government to supplement their efforts to support Venezuelan migrants
4 within Peru's borders.

5 **SECTION 2.** The Department of State will be responsible for distributing aid to the
6 Republic of Peru. Aid will be distributed in the following allocations:

7 A. \$250 million will be earmarked for building infrastructure related to
8 resettlement, including housing and transportation infrastructure.

9 B. \$150 million will be earmarked for training and resources to the
10 National Police of Peru to combat Tren de Aragua.

11 C. \$100 million will be allocated for direct payments to refugee support
12 organizations operating in Peru.

13 **SECTION 3.** The Department of State, in conjunction with the
14 Department of Government Efficiency, will deploy a monitoring and
15 evaluation framework to determine the efficacy of the aid. The framework
16 should include spot checks and financial auditing to ensure that aid is being
17 used to its maximum efficiency.

18 **SECTION 4.** Enforcement of this legislation is entrusted to the Department of State and
19 the Department of Government Efficiency. Congress may terminate aid early
20 if reports indicate that it is being used for illegitimate purposes.

21 **SECTION 5.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2026. All laws in conflict with
22 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
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A Bill to Require Insurers to Cover GLP-1s as Weight-Loss Medication

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** Insurance companies in the United States that cover GLP-1
2 medications for diabetes or heart disease are required to also cover them
3 for weight-loss purposes.

4 **SECTION 2.** GLP-1 medication refers to medication containing the
5 Glucagon-like peptide-1 hormone. Brand names for these medications
6 include, but are not limited to, Ozempic, Wegovy, and Trulicity.

7 **SECTION 3.** Implementation of this legislation shall be overseen by the
8 Federal Insurance Office and the Department of Health and Human
9 Services. Insurance companies found to have made unreasonable denials
10 for valid claims under this legislation will be fined \$10,000 per
11 unreasonable denial.

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

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A Bill to Restrict the Use of Artificial Intelligence technologies in Healthcare

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Artificial Intelligence and Large Language Models are hereby banned from
3 use in healthcare settings unless a human operator retains decision-making
4 control at every step of the process. Under no circumstances should the
5 aforementioned technologies be implemented without proper controls.

6 **SECTION 2.** “Artificial Intelligence” is defined as any technology which makes
7 autonomous decisions without human input. “Large Language Models” are
8 defined as any chatbot technology that can process natural language and
9 autonomously generate a response.

10 **SECTION 3.** Enforcement of this bill will be delegated to the Department of Health and
11 Human Services. Healthcare entities found to be in violation of this bill will be
12 fined no less than \$10,000 per violation.

13 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect immediately after passing. All laws in conflict
14 with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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A Bill to Prohibit the Launch of LEO Satellites

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Federal Government shall prohibit the launch
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4 Low Earth Orbit (LEO) Satellites by private corporations.

5 **SECTION 2.** A LEO Satellite is defined as a piece of electronic equipment that
6 circles in low Earth orbit (LEO) at an altitude of 2,000 kilometers
7 or
8 less.

9 **SECTION 3.** The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) will
10 oversee and enforce this legislation.

11 A. Illegally launched LEO Satellites shall be disabled and moved to
12 end-of-life
13 disposal orbits at the expense of the private corporation which
14 originally
15 launched the device.

16 B. Any private corporation out of compliance will incur an additional fine of
17 up to \$1,000,000 per illegally launched LEO Satellite.

18 C. Private corporations illegally launching ten or more LEO Satellites shall
19 have their business license permanently revoked.

20 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2027.

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

A Bill to End Gerrymandering to Restore Election Fairness

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

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SECTION 1. The United States has continuously participated in partisan and racial gerrymandering. After each decennial census, legislative maps are unjustly altered, suppressing voter intent. This legislation mandates the return of redistricting to an impartial process to increase competitive elections, foster equal representation, and reduce political polarization.

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SECTION 2. Upon the release of the 2030 census data and every ten years thereafter, all congressional and state legislative district maps must be drawn by independent redistricting commissions (IRCs)

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A. Commissions must consist of equal representation from the two major political parties and independent members, all selected via a transparent screening process. Elected officials, candidates, and registered lobbyists are barred from serving.

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B. Maps shall be drawn without intent to favor or disfavor any political party, incumbent, or candidate, while adhering to geographic contiguity and compactness.

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SECTION 3. The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) shall enforce this legislation.

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A. The DOJ Civil Rights Division shall oversee the compliance of all maps to ensure statutory fairness and protections for minority voters under the Voting Rights Act.

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B. The DOJ shall establish federal guidelines for commission transparency and investigate allegations of partisan bias. Jurisdictions found in violation shall be subject to civil litigation by the Attorney General, and federal courts shall hold the authority to appoint a special master to draw compliant maps.

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C. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to the U.S. Department of Justice to carry out the enforcement and administrative duties mandated by this legislation.

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SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2031. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Sahithya G. Muddurajaveera, Westglades Middle School.

A Bill to Enhance Rare Earth Element Collaboration with Namibia

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States (US) shall provide Namibia with annual economic aid of \$1 Billion, fostering mutually beneficial partnerships between US companies and local Namibian miners in the rare Earth element industry. This collaboration aligns with the US national security mission to diversify its rare Earth elements supply chains and simultaneously contribute to the economic development of Namibia.

9 **SECTION 2.** The economic aid shall be utilized to subsidize local Namibian
1 businesses, promoting grassroots economic stabilization
0 initiatives.
1 Additionally, a portion of the aid will be allocated to
1 infrastructure
1 enhancement and the construction of facilities. In return, US
2 companies shall be granted priority access to partnership
1 opportunities with local miners, ensuring that contracts offered
3 by
1 US companies take precedence over those from other foreign
5 nations. US companies shall receive full approval from the
1 Namibian government to establish infrastructure for mining and
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7 processing facilities on local land.
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1 **SECTION 3.** The US Department of Defense and the US Agency for
9 International
2 Development will collaborate to implement this legislation.

2 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2027. All laws in
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2 conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
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Introduced for Congressional Debate by Keith Richards, Nova High School