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2024 HIGH SCHOOL
CONGRESSIONAL DEBATE LEGISLATION

**PRELIMINARY ROUND LEGISLATION
FOR ALL DEBATE**

A Bill Requiring Employers to Provide Employees with Paid Parental Leave

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All employers shall provide all employees with paid parental leave, regardless of gender.

3 **SECTION 2.** The minimum amount of parental leave provided by an employer shall be 12 weeks for any
4 employee who has been employed for a minimum of one year. Parental leave is defined as
5 time taken off by someone who is a guardian to a minor. It can be taken any time after an
6 employee has become a parent/guardian, and can be taken up to 1 month before the end
7 of a pregnancy, finalization of an adoption, or foster care placement.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Bureau of Labor will oversee regulation of this policy in ensuring that employers are
9 providing this benefit to their employees. Furthermore, the IRS will oversee the regulation
10 of business taxes for the purpose of creating a fund to be utilized by smaller businesses. For
11 companies that make less than 2 million in annual revenue, 0.5% of tax dollars will go into a
12 fund that these companies can use to compensate their employees on parent leave.
13 Companies who make more than \$2 million will be responsible for paying their employees'
14 parental leave.

15 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2025.

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

A Bill to Abolish U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to Prevent Domestic Human Rights Violations

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall hereby abolish the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)
3 and all funding delegated to the agency will instead be granted toward the processing of
4 citizenship requests.

5 **SECTION 2.** “Abolish” shall be defined as the ending of all previously established duties of an
6 organization, the termination of all employment, and the repeal of the Immigration and
7 Customs Enforcement Authorization Act of 2017.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Homeland Security shall oversee the implementation of this legislation.

9 A. Funding previously granted to ICE shall be rerouted to the United States Citizenship
10 and Immigration Services.

11 B. The Office of the Principal Legal Advisor shall have its duties delegated to the
12 Department of Justice.

13 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect 180 days after its enactment.

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

A Bill to Admit Guam as the 51st U.S. State

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Guam shall be admitted into the United States as a state and be on equal footing with
3 other states in all respects.

4 **SECTION 2.** The State of Guam shall consist of all islands and territorial waters presently under the
5 jurisdiction of the territory of Guam.

6 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Election Commission (FEC) and Congress shall oversee implementation of this
7 legislation.

8 A. The FEC shall allocate 2 Senate seats and 3 Electors to Guam. Additionally, Guam's
9 current non-voting delegate in the House of Representatives shall be given voting
10 status.

11 B. Congress shall approve the state constitution proposed by the Legislature of Guam
12 and delegate all other matters of implementation to the appropriate government
13 agency.

14 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall immediately go into effect.

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

A Bill to Aid the Central American Northern Triangle

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall allocate \$1 billion to reopening the Alliance for Prosperity. The
3 results from the first year will determine contribution in future years.

4 **SECTION 2.** The Alliance for Prosperity is a program that gives financial assistance to Central America's
5 Northern Triangle (consisting of Guatemala, Honduras, and El Salvador) while requiring that
6 each country pledges their own domestic resources. The alliance focuses on improving
7 well-being through job creation, food programs, stopping crime, reducing corruption, and
8 more, with the underlying goal of reducing immigration to the U.S.

9 **SECTION 3.** The United States Office of Foreign Assistance will enforce this legislation.

10 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall be implemented in the fiscal year 2025.

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

A Bill to Authorize and Incentivize Syringe Service Programs

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Syringe service programs (SSPs) are hereby authorized under federal law.

3 **SECTION 2.** Syringe service programs shall be defined as facilities that distribute sterile syringes, safer
4 drug use supplies, and education to people who inject drugs.

5 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) shall work with state and local
6 governments for the implementation of this bill.

7 A. Cities that implement syringe service programs shall be reimbursed for 50% of the
8 cost from the budget of HHS.

9 B. Federal HHS funds may now be used to purchase syringes, needles, and any other
10 supplies needed for successful SSPs.

11 C. This bill shall also act as an explicit statement from Congress legalizing syringe
12 service programs.

13 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2025.

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

A Bill to Ban Homeowner Associations

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All Homeowner Associations (HOAs) are hereby banned.

3 **SECTION 2.** HOAs will be defined as an organization in a subdivision, planned community, or
4 condominium building that makes and enforces rules for the properties and residents.

5 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development will oversee the
6 implementation of this bill.

7 A. Any person that starts an HOA will be charged with a fine up to five-thousand
8 dollars (\$5,000).

9 B. The Department of Justice will oversee this legislation.

10 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2025.

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

A Bill to Ban Medical Patents

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All medical patents shall hereby be nullified, and the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office shall
3 be restricted from issuing any and all medical patents in the future. The National Institutes
4 of Health (NIH) shall be allocated an additional 60 billion dollars per year to finance the
5 research and development done by the pharmaceutical industry.

6 **SECTION 2.** Medical patents shall be defined as patents on any medication, medical device, or medical
7 process that prevent other competitors from producing similar medications, devices, or
8 processes.

9 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, the Department of Commerce, and the Department
10 of Health and Human Services shall oversee the enforcement of this legislation.

11 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on July 1, 2025.

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

A Bill to Cap the Cost of College Attendance to Make Higher Education Affordable

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All state and private colleges or universities will follow a federal mandated maximum cost
3 of attendance at \$30,000. Any colleges or universities that do not follow this mandated
4 pricing will be subject to removal of their tax-exempt status.

5 **SECTION 2.** "Cost of attendance" shall include tuition, room and board, and other fees imposed on a
6 student by the college.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education shall oversee the implementation of this bill. The Internal
8 Revenue Service will oversee penalty enforcement.

9 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on August 1, 2025.

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

A Bill to Encourage Sustainable Business Practices

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States government shall introduce Green Innovation Tax Credits to provide
3 financial incentives for businesses actively investing in and developing innovative green
4 technologies.

5 **SECTION 2.** "Green Innovation" shall refer to the research, development, and implementation of
6 technologies that contribute to environmental sustainability, including but not limited to
7 renewable energy, energy-efficient practices, waste reduction, and eco-friendly
8 manufacturing processes.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Energy (DOE) shall oversee the enforcement of this policy. The DOE will
10 collaborate with relevant federal agencies to define and update qualifying criteria for green
11 innovation projects. The DOE shall have the authority to investigate and ensure compliance
12 with the tax credit program, with penalties for businesses found in violation.

13 A. The DOE shall establish a transparent and accessible application process for
14 businesses to qualify for green innovation tax credits, ensuring fair and consistent
15 evaluation.

16 B. Regular reports shall be submitted to Congress detailing the impact and
17 effectiveness of the tax credit program in promoting green innovation.

18 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2025.

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

A Bill to End the Syrian Drug Trade

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** In stipulation that Syria end their inter-country narcotics trade, the United States shall
3 hereby repeal the Caesar Syria Civilian Protection Act of 2019.

4 **SECTION 2.** The Caesar Syria Civilian Protection Act of 2019 shall be defined as the act that put
5 sanctions on all Syrian trade and barred them from participating in global trade, effectively
6 collapsing the Syrian economy. Infrastructure recovery aid shall be defined as aid for
7 building roads, solar panels, public schools, and water irrigation systems.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Department of State in cooperation with USAID shall be responsible for allocating the
9 aid given under this legislation.

10 A. At the time of implementation, the United States will give the Syrian Arab Republic
11 \$500 million in infrastructure recovery aid.

12 B. After a 6-month period, a comprehensive audit of the Syrian government's
13 utilization of the aid will take place. If it is deemed they use the aid effectively, the
14 Syrian government shall be given \$1 billion each year for a 10-year term thereafter.

15 C. USAID will measure the progress made by the Syrian Government in ending the drug
16 trade. USAID shall submit requirements the Syrian government must fulfill to
17 receive aid to the Senate for ratification for approval.

18 D. The Department of Foreign Affairs shall conduct a bi-yearly audit of the utilization of
19 the aid.

20 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2025.

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

A Bill to Incorporate AI into the Military

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** A total of \$25 billion will be allocated to incorporate fully autonomous artificial intelligence
3 into United States military operations.

4 A. \$20 billion is allocated to develop a fully autonomous AI that will operate combat
5 drones.

6 B. \$5 billion is allocated to develop a fully autonomous AI system that will collect,
7 process, and analyze data used by the United States military.

8 **SECTION 2.** Artificial intelligence (AI) is a machine-based computer system that can replicate a range of
9 human functions and continually get better at their assigned tasks. Fully autonomous AI is
10 capable of completing assigned tasks without any human input or intervention. Data is any
11 information collected during military intelligence and surveillance operations.

12 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Defense (DoD) shall be tasked with implementing this
13 legislation. The DoD budget will be increased by \$25 billion.

14 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect January 1, 2026.

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

A Bill to Invest in Nuclear Energy

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall substantially increase investment into U.S. nuclear power plants
3 and infrastructure to decrease reliance on foreign energy supplies. The U.S. shall increase
4 the affordability of nuclear energy options by subsidizing consumer costs.

5 **SECTION 2.** A. Nuclear power plants are nuclear power reactors that generate electricity for a
6 power grid.

7 B. Substantially increasing investment is investing enough money to build 25 more
8 nuclear plants over the next 10 years. This funding will also cover the costs
9 associated with maintaining existing nuclear plants.

10 C. Subsidizing consumer costs will be defined as keeping costs low enough to stay
11 competitive with solar, wind, and other renewable energies.

12 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Energy will be responsible for implementing this legislation.

13 A. The Department of Energy will submit an annual report on the progress made.

14 B. If logistical or other challenges should arise, the Department of Energy will allocate
15 as much funding as necessary to stay on schedule.

16 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect January 1, 2026.

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

A Bill to Protect Student Literacy

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** State governments shall revoke legislation that bans any book from public school libraries.

3 **SECTION 2.** Banning books shall include the removal or censorship of material for reasons including but
4 not limited to the material containing content that is violent, offensive, and/or sexual.

5 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education will work with state governments for the implementation of
6 this bill.

7 A. Any state that complies with this legislation will see a 20% increase in federal
8 funding of said state's education budget.

9 B. The funding of this bill will come from the U.S. Department of Education.

10 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2025.

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

A Bill to Standardize Primary Dates to Ensure Election Equity

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All states shall be mandated to hold any and all presidential primaries on March 30.

3 **SECTION 2.** A presidential primary shall be defined as a primary election for the selection of state
4 delegates to a national party convention and/or the expression of preference for a U.S.
5 presidential nominee.

6 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) and Department of Justice (DOJ) shall jointly
7 share responsibility for implementing this legislation.

8 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2026.

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

A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Establish Supreme Court Term Limits

1 **RESOLVED,** By two-thirds of the Congress here assembled, that the following article is proposed as an
2 amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all intents and
3 purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of
4 the several states within seven years from the date of its submission by the Congress:

5 **ARTICLE --**

6 **SECTION 1.** A. All Supreme Court justices shall serve one 18-year term. Justices are not permitted
7 to be appointed for a second term.

8 B. All current Supreme Court justices are exempt from this amendment.

9 **SECTION 2.** The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.



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**HOUSE QUARTERFINAL /
SENATE SEMIFINAL
ROUND LEGISLATION**

A Bill to Ensure Sufficient Nurse Staffing

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 201 et seq.) is amended to establish direct care
3 registered nurse-to-patient staffing ratio requirements, and a nursing program grant of
4 \$250 million shall be established.

5 **SECTION 2.** A sustainable direct care registered nurse-patient ratio as outlined in the subsections below
6 shall be required.

7 A. 1-to-1 in operating rooms

8 B. 1-to-2 in intensive care, labor and delivery, ICU patients in the ER, and neonatal care

9 C. 1-to-3 in step down

10 D. 1-to-4 in emergency rooms, postpartum/antepartum, and telemetry units

11 E. 1-to-5 in medical-surgical units

12 F. 1-to-6 in postpartum (women only) and psychiatry units

13 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the Occupational
14 Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) shall oversee the enforcement of this legislation.

15 A. OSHA shall be able to enforce administrative fines of up to \$50,000 under non-
16 compliance with this legislation.

17 **SECTION 4.** Effective Dates:

18 A. The requirements under section 2 shall take effect 2 years after the date of the
19 enactment of this title and in the case of a hospital in a rural area (as defined in
20 section 1886(d)(2)(D) of the Social Security Act), 4 years after the date of the
21 enactment of this title.

22 B. The nursing program grant shall take effect 6 months after the date of the
23 enactment of this title.

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

A Bill to Establish and Fund a Universal Pre-Kindergarten Program to Empower America's Youth

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** This bill shall establish and fund a universal pre-kindergarten (UPK) program that shall
3 provide voluntary early childhood education to all 3- and 4-year-old children in the United
4 States.

5 **SECTION 2.** "Universal Pre-Kindergarten" refers to the program established by this bill that provides
6 grants to states, local educational agencies, and other eligible entities to offer UPK services
7 to eligible children.

8 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Education shall be responsible for the implementation of
9 this legislation including but not limited to:

10 A. Establishing and administering a competitive grant program that awards funds to
11 states, local educational agencies, and other entities to plan, develop, and operate
12 UPK programs.

13 B. Developing and enforcing quality standards for UPK programs and services, such as
14 teacher qualifications, class size, health, and safety.

15 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect beginning FY 2025.

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

A Bill to Establish Rent Control Nationwide

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States will implement rent control nationwide.

3 A. Newly-constructed housing is exempt from this legislation for 10 years after its
4 construction.

5 B. Small landlords are exempt from this legislation.

6 **SECTION 2.** Rent control is defined as capping annual rent increases to the rate of inflation, as
7 determined by the Consumer Price Index (CPI). Small landlords are defined as landlords
8 with 4 or fewer rental properties.

9 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) will be tasked
10 with implementing and enforcing this legislation. All landlords found in violation of this
11 legislation will be sentenced to a minimum of five years in jail and a \$100,000 fine per
12 violation.

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

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

A Bill to Invest in the Security of the U.S. Electric Grid

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The U.S. Department of Energy shall make the following provisions:

3 A. The Office of Cybersecurity, Energy Security, and Emergency Response (CESER) shall
4 be allocated an additional 50 billion U.S. dollars per fiscal year to improve the
5 cybersecurity of the U.S. electric grid.

6 B. The U.S. Department of Energy as a whole shall be allocated an additional 100
7 billion U.S. dollars per fiscal year to invest in the improvement of the physical
8 security of the U.S. electric grid.

9 **SECTION 2.** The physical security of the U.S. electric grid is defined to be the protection of the U.S.
10 electric grid from physical and environmental threats like climate change and bad weather.

11 **SECTION 3.** This law will be overseen and enforced by the U.S. Department of Energy.

12 A. The additional 150 billion U.S. dollars allocated per fiscal year will be drawn from
13 the budget of the U.S. Department of Defense.

14 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect upon the start of FY 2026.

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

A Bill to Require Background Checks to Purchase Firearms

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All persons will be required by law to pass a background check to purchase a firearm. All
3 types of firearms, including but not limited to shotguns, handguns, and rifles, will be
4 included in this bill.

5 **SECTION 2.** The requirements to pass this background check will include but are not limited to:

6 A. U.S. citizenship

7 B. The legal age to purchase a firearm

8 C. No criminal record

9 D. Not currently diagnosed with any serious mental illness or personality disorder.

10 a. A serious mental illness is defined as a mental illness that interferes with a
11 person's life and ability to function.

12 b. A personality disorder is defined as a mental health condition that involves
13 long-lasting, all-encompassing, disruptive patterns of thinking, behavior,
14 mood and relating to others.

15 **SECTION 3.** The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) will oversee the
16 implementation of this legislation.

17 A. All current laws put in place by the ATF regarding firearms will remain in effect
18 unless the laws directly interfere with the implementation of this bill.

19 B. The ATF will implement an extra tax of \$50 per firearm purchased to help cover the
20 costs of the background checks.

21 C. After this legislation is passed, the ATF will review and have the option to add
22 requirements to pass the background tests.

23 a. The FBI's Public Corruption Program will make sure that the requirements
24 are not discriminatory or corrupt.

25 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect January 1, 2025.

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

A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Change the Requirements for Presidential Candidacy

1 **RESOLVED,** By two-thirds of the Congress here assembled, that the following article is proposed as an
2 amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all intents and
3 purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of
4 the several states within seven years from the date of its submission by the Congress:

5 **ARTICLE --**

6 **SECTION 1.** Article II, Section 1, Clause 5 of the Constitution shall no longer require presidential
7 candidates to be natural born citizens.

8 **SECTION 2.** The Constitution will require the candidate to be a citizen who is at least 35 years old and
9 has been a resident of the United States for at least 14 years, but not necessarily born in
10 the United States.

11 **SECTION 3.** The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

A Resolution to End United States Support for the Saudi-Led Military Intervention in Yemen

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The civil war and humanitarian crisis in Yemen has led to over 377,000 deaths and
2 widespread human suffering; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** Saudi Arabia initiated an intervention in Yemen in 2015 that has resulted in indiscriminate
4 attacks causing thousands of civilian casualties; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** This Saudi-led coalition could not wage war without the United States providing
6 intelligence sharing, training, arms sales, aerial refueling and other military assistance; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** Human rights groups have documented Saudi war crimes including bombing hospitals,
8 schools, markets, and civilian infrastructure; now, therefore, be it
- 9 **RESOLVED,** That the United States Congress calls for immediately ending all military assistance and
10 arms sales to Saudi Arabia used to perpetuate civil war and humanitarian disaster in
11 Yemen; and, be it
- 12 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That any future military support or arms sales be conditioned on Saudi Arabia
13 upholding ceasefire agreements, facilitating humanitarian relief, and demonstrating
14 concrete human rights reforms.

A Resolution to Impose Sanctions on Countries Utilizing Forced Labor in Supply Chains

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Certain countries are known to utilize forced labor in their supply chains, thereby
2 undermining international labor standards; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** The use of forced labor in supply chains leads to the exploitation of vulnerable populations
4 and violates human rights, contributing to global socio-economic imbalances; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** The prevalence of forced labor in international supply chains hinders fair trade practices,
6 negatively impacting economies that adhere to ethical labor standards; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** Addressing forced labor in supply chains is crucial for promoting ethical business practices,
8 protecting human rights, and ensuring global economic fairness; now, therefore, be it
- 9 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled imposes economic sanctions on countries that are found
10 to utilize forced labor in their supply chains, with specific measures including trade
11 restrictions and financial penalties; and, be it
- 12 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That these sanctions be reviewed annually, with the possibility of adjustment or
13 removal based on verifiable improvements in labor practices within the affected countries.



2024 HIGH SCHOOL
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**HOUSE SEMIFINAL ROUND
LEGISLATION**

A Bill to Implement a National Prescription Drug Price Negotiation Program

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall establish a National Prescription Drug Price Negotiation Program
3 (NPDN Program) to negotiate and set maximum prices for the top 50 most prescribed
4 medications in the country.

5 **SECTION 2.** Definitions:

6 A. "Top 50 most prescribed medications" refers to a list of drugs most commonly
7 prescribed, as determined by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

8 B. "Negotiated price" refers to the maximum price set for a prescription medication
9 under the NPDN program after negotiations between the government and
10 pharmaceutical companies.

11 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) shall oversee the NPDN Program.

12 A. HHS shall annually negotiate prices with pharmaceutical companies to establish a
13 maximum price scale for each drug in the top 50 list.

14 B. HHS shall penalize non-compliant pharmaceutical companies with a fine equal to
15 10% of the previous year's total sales of the non-compliant drug in the United
16 States.

17 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on July 1, 2026.

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

A Bill to Invest in Small Modular Reactors (SMRs) to Reduce Carbon Emissions

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Department of Energy shall have \$20 billion added to its yearly budget in
3 order to invest in the creation of small modular reactors. This funding shall be dedicated
4 towards the manufacture of these reactors, as well as the building of necessary
5 infrastructure to support their development in both urban and rural areas.

6 **SECTION 2.** Small modular reactors shall be defined as nuclear reactors that have a power capacity of
7 up to 300 MW(e) per unit, about $\frac{1}{3}$ the capacity of a traditional reactor, and are able to be
8 factory-assembled and transported as a unit to a location for installation.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Energy shall oversee the implementation and enforcement of this
10 legislation.

11 A. The Department of Energy in conjunction with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission
12 shall perform maintenance and quality assurance tests of small modular reactors
13 every other year after their manufacture.

14 B. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the Environmental Protection Agency shall
15 oversee the disposal and storage of nuclear waste created from small modular
16 reactors in a safe, orderly manner.

17 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2025.

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

A Bill to Nationalize Starlink

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All satellites operated by Space Exploration Technologies Corporation (SpaceX) as part of
3 the Starlink constellation and the control thereof shall be handed over within thirty days of
4 the passage of this legislation to the National Space and Aeronautics Administration
5 (NASA). All costs and revenues associated with the maintenance of and services provided
6 by these satellites shall flow through the treasury of the United States.

7 **SECTION 2.** SpaceX shall swiftly and fully comply with the handover of the aforementioned assets and
8 payment systems under penalty of up to three billion dollars.

9 **SECTION 3.** A Starlink division of NASA shall be created to operate the Starlink system and process the
10 distribution of its services.

11 A. This division will receive 300 million dollars to begin its operations, after which the
12 revenue from its operations shall be designated solely for its operations.

13 B. Congress shall dictate the operations of this division, including but not limited to the
14 usage of any profit received through its operations and the prices of its services.

15 **SECTION 4.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

A Bill to Protect State-Built Border Defenses from Federal Removal

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States federal government including the United States Border Patrol, is hereby
3 banned from removing or otherwise altering any state-constructed barriers installed to
4 mitigate illegal immigration.

5 **SECTION 2.** Barriers shall be defined as any physical obstacle that prevents movement across our
6 border. Illegal immigration shall be defined as the act of moving into and living in a country
7 without government permission.

8 **SECTION 3.** U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement will be in charge of overseeing and enforcing
9 this Act.

10 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on August 1, 2024.

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

A Bill to Reduce SRO Presence in Schools

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** K-12 schools funded by the federal government shall reduce the number of School
3 Resource Officers (SROs) to a maximum of 1 per school. All SROs shall be required to
4 comply with specific requirements as laid out below:

5 A. SROs shall not be dressed in a standard police uniform, instead they should wear
6 plain clothes with the logo of the police department on the officer's shirt.

7 B. SROs shall practice concealed carrying of weapons.

8 C. SROs shall undertake extensive training including but not limited to youth crisis
9 intervention training, trauma informed care, cultural competence, and mental
10 health training.

11 D. SROs shall not have a working office within school buildings.

12 E. An impartial committee appointed by the state and approved by the Department of
13 Education shall review any circumstance where a crime or delinquent act has been
14 committed.

15 **SECTION 2.** SROs shall be defined as a police officer who works in schools with the power to arrest.

16 **SECTION 3.** Any potential funding needed for this bill to pay for training, uniforms, stipends, etc. shall
17 be allocated from the Department of Defense.

18 **SECTION 4.** The states shall be responsible for enforcement of legislation within school districts.

19 **SECTION 5.** The Department of Education shall conduct random checks every three months beginning
20 five months after implementation of this legislation to ensure compliance. Any states not
21 in compliance with this legislation shall lose 5% of their federal education funding.

22 **SECTION 6.** This legislation will take effect on August 1, 2025.

23 **SECTION 7.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

A Bill to Regain the Sovereignty of the United States by Withdrawing from the North Atlantic Treaty Organization

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall hereby withdraw from NATO.
- 2 A. The United States shall allocate the \$400 million spent annually on NATO into the
- 3 Veterans Affairs Administration.
- 4 B. All troops stationed at bases operated by NATO allied countries, not involved in an
- 5 active combat zone, shall return to the United States.
- 6 **SECTION 2.** “NATO” is defined as the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.
- 7 “Combat zone” is defined by 6 USC § 112(c)(2) as any area which the President of the
- 8 United States by Executive Order designates as an area in which Armed Forces of the
- 9 United States are or have engaged in combat.
- 10 **SECTION 3.** This act shall be enforced by the Department of State.
- 11 **SECTION 4.** This act shall go into effect on January 1, 2025.
- 12 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

The Healthcare Expansion and Rural Telemedicine (HEART) Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) shall establish and
3 administer a comprehensive program to support the development of healthcare facilities
4 and the expansion of telehealth services in rural areas.

5 **SECTION 2.** Rural Areas shall refer to regions classified as rural by the U.S. Census Bureau. Telehealth
6 Services shall encompass all medical services provided through telecommunications
7 technology.

8 **SECTION 3.** HHS will provide necessary grants and services to eligible healthcare providers in rural
9 areas, and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) will ensure the necessary
10 telecommunications infrastructure is in place.

11 A. \$5 billion shall be allocated over ten years for the development and modernization
12 of rural healthcare facilities.

13 B. \$2 billion shall be allocated over ten years for the establishment and enhancement
14 of telehealth services.

15 C. The United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) will conduct
16 annual audits of grant recipients to oversee funds.

17 D. All funding necessary for the bill will come from the current U.S. military budget.

18 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2025.

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

The National Railroad Support Act of 2024

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Congress shall invest \$100 billion into both creating new high-speed railroads as well as
3 maintaining all pre-existing railroads.

4 **SECTION 2.** Railroads are defined as a track or set of tracks made of steel rails along which passenger
5 and freight trains run. Traditional Railroads are defined as any railroads that are not high-
6 speed.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Railway Administration (FRA) and the Federal Department of Transportation
8 (DOT) will oversee enforcement.

9 A. Funding shall come from a 5% tax on diesel sales, a 5% tax on No.6 fuel oils, and a
10 5% tax on airline ticket sales. Any additional funding required shall generously be
11 provided by the U.S. Department of Defense.

12 B. The FRA and DOT must submit a plan of action detailing the location of railways they
13 will construct as well as which sections of pre-existing railways they will maintain to
14 Congress within 6 months of this legislation taking effect. The plan will emphasize
15 maintaining high-speed and traditional railroads first and then constructing new
16 railroads second.

17 C. Newly created railroads must be able to withstand high-speed passenger trains
18 traveling above 180 miles/hour.

19 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect at the start of the FY 2025.

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



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SENATE FINAL ROUND LEGISLATION

A Bill to Augment the Diversity Visa Program to Promote National Interests

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The U.S. will increase the total number of green cards offered through the Diversity Visa
3 Program from 50,000 to 500,000 in order to boost the economy and increase diversity in
4 immigration.

5 **SECTION 2.** The Diversity Visa Program is defined as an existing program run by the U.S. Federal
6 Government that distributes visas to citizens of countries underrepresented in the U.S.
7 based on a random lottery system.

8 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of State (DOS) will continue to oversee this program and its successful
9 implementation. Eligibility for individuals seeking diversity visas will remain the same. The
10 inclusion and exclusion of specific countries will continue as outlined by the existing
11 program and will continue to be overseen by DOS and modified as required by existing law.

12 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2025.

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

A Bill to Implement a Carbon Tax

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** A carbon tax of \$35 per metric ton of CO₂ emitted will be imposed on for-profit companies
3 that emit more than 30 metric tons of CO₂ per year. Beginning in 2030, this same carbon
4 tax will increase to \$60 per metric ton of CO₂ emitted by for-profit companies that emit
5 more than 30 metric tons of CO₂ per year.

6 **SECTION 2.** “Carbon dioxide emitted” is defined as any direct or indirect emissions that stem from the
7 production or general operations of a for-profit corporation.

8 **SECTION 3.** This legislation will be overseen by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and the United States
9 Department of Energy.

10 **SECTION 4.** The tax revenue taken from this carbon tax will be managed by the IRS and will go toward
11 the building of solar panels to reduce the amount of fossil fuel usage.

12 **SECTION 5.** Any companies found in violation of this legislation will be fined \$10,000 on first offense,
13 with fines increasing by \$10,000 per additional violation.

14 **SECTION 6.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2025.

15 **SECTION 7.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

A Bill to Implement Medicare For All

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States will adopt the Medicare For All Act of 2022 and provide comprehensive
3 healthcare to all U.S. residents.

4 **SECTION 2.** Comprehensive healthcare will be outlined under the Medicare For All Act of 2022.

5 A. Medicare For All will be a national health insurance program.

6 B. Medicare For All will cover items and services that are medically necessary to
7 maintain health, including prescription drugs, mental health and substance abuse
8 treatment, dental and vision services, and long-term care.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Health and Human Services will oversee the implementation of this
10 legislation. The Internal Revenue Service will oversee the funding for Medicare For All.

11 A. Medicare For All will be funded through a wealth tax.

12 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2025.

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

A Bill to Set a Maximum on the Caseload for Public Defenders

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Public defenders shall not concurrently work on more than 60 misdemeanor cases or 20
3 felony cases. If a public defender is handling misdemeanor and felony cases
4 simultaneously, they shall be restricted to 40 cases, with fewer than 10 being felony cases.

5 **SECTION 2.** “Misdemeanor” is defined as a crime punishable by fines or short terms of imprisonment in
6 local jails.

7 “Felony” is defined as a crime punishable by long terms of imprisonment in a federal or
8 state prison.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice (DOJ) will be responsible for the enforcement and
10 implementation of this bill.

11 A. The DOJ will collaborate with local and state public defense systems to hire more
12 public defenders.

13 B. The budget of the DOJ will be increased by \$1 billion annually, until FY 2030, when
14 the funding will be reevaluated.

15 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect beginning FY 2025.

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

A Resolution to Increase U.S. Support for West African Nations

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs labeled China's trade with Africa one
2 of the most dramatic international developments of the new millennium; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** China has accelerated its policy of foreign direct investment into Africa as a whole, and
4 nations of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) in particular; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** ECOWAS nations increasingly turn to China to provide military support and equipment in
6 their efforts to secure regional stability; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** Rich mineral and rare earth element deposits in ECOWAS countries render these nations
8 strategically important for continued U.S. economic growth and national defense; and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** China's moves to secure mining rights in ECOWAS nations requires the United States to act
10 with all haste to strengthen relations with ECOWAS nations; now, therefore, be it
- 11 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled increase foreign aid to ECOWAS member nations to \$2
12 billion; and, be it
- 13 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the United States provide an additional \$1 billion worth of military
14 equipment to ECOWAS nations to aid efforts to combat terrorism and to secure regional
15 stability.



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CONGRESSIONAL DEBATE LEGISLATION

HOUSE FINAL ROUND LEGISLATION

A Bill to Abolish Gifted and Talented Programs to Embolden Opportunities for Equal Education

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall hereby prohibit the usage of Gifted and Talented programs in all
3 public-school districts. All grants previously gifted to state educational agencies (SEAs) and
4 local educational agencies (LEAs) concerning Gifted and Talented programs shall be
5 remarked as funding for SEAs and LEAs to use as needed to address critical infrastructure.

6 **SECTION 2.** “Gifted and Talented programs” shall be defined as curricular programs that distinguish
7 group(s) of students as high performing relative to other students. This includes all
8 programs previously defined by the Jacob K. Javits Gifted & Talented Student Education Act
9 of 1988.

10 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education and the Well-Rounded Education Programs Office shall
11 oversee implementation of this legislation in the following ways:

12 A. The Department of Education shall identify school districts in non-compliance with
13 this legislation and reduce the federal funding these school districts receive by ten
14 percent each year until all federal funding has been eliminated.

15 B. The Well-Rounded Education Programs Office shall reroute funding for research
16 associated with Gifted and Talented programs toward funding general elementary
17 education research.

18 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on August 1, 2024.

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

A Bill to Dissolve The Space Force

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Federal Government shall dissolve The Space Force by implementing the
3 following measures to ensure a safe transition and still maintain national security by
4 directly funding innovation:

5 A. Within a 5-year period, the Office of Personnel Management will help transition the
6 14,000 current employees from the Space Force to other vacant positions or the
7 private sector.

8 B. After 5 years, the remaining bases and facilities will be distributed between the Air
9 Force and the Department of Defense, and the budget is to be absorbed by the
10 Treasury.

11 C. Private space companies and NASA can take loans to implement safety and security
12 measures on their satellites and spacecraft and can pay the loan back with 5%
13 interest after 5 years.

14 **SECTION 2.** Definitions and Inclusions

15 A. Private space companies include corporations that have successfully put objects or
16 people into orbit in space.

17 B. Safety and security measures include jammer technology, cybersecurity defenses,
18 and properly tested alloys.

19 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Defense will help organize loans and send officials to give reports on
20 the security and safety of a satellite or spacecraft. NASA will enforce this by creating more
21 in-depth guidelines on security and safety measures.

22 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect beginning FY 2025.

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

A Bill to Enhance Rare Earth Element Collaboration with Namibia

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall provide Namibia with annual economic aid of \$1 billion, fostering
3 mutually beneficial partnerships between U.S. companies and local Namibian miners in the
4 rare earth element industry.

5 A. This collaboration aligns with the U.S. national security mission to diversify its rare
6 earth elements supply chains and simultaneously contribute to the economic
7 development of Namibia.

8 **SECTION 2.** The economic aid shall be utilized to subsidize local Namibian businesses, promoting
9 grassroots economic stabilization initiatives. Additionally, a portion of the aid will be
10 allocated to infrastructure enhancement and the construction of facilities.

11 A. In return, U.S. companies shall be granted priority access to partnership
12 opportunities with local miners, ensuring that contracts offered by U.S. companies
13 take precedence over those from other foreign nations.

14 B. U.S. companies shall receive full approval from the Namibian government to
15 establish infrastructure for mining and processing facilities on local land.

16 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Defense and the U.S. Agency for International Development will
17 collaborate to implement this legislation.

18 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect in FY 2025.

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

A Bill to Establish a Universal Basic Income Program to Provide All Citizens with Monthly Payments

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All United States citizens will receive a guaranteed \$1,000 monthly universal basic income
3 payment.

4 **SECTION 2.** The universal basic income payments will be fully universal, with all citizens aged 18 and
5 older receiving \$1,000 per month regardless of employment status or work history. The
6 payments will have no conditions, work requirements, or limitations on use of the money.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Social Security Administration will distribute the monthly basic income payments by
8 expanding their existing payment infrastructure.

9 A. To fund the program, the IRS income tax system will be adjusted as follows:

10 a. Repeal the standard deduction and personal exemptions.

11 b. Raise the corporate tax rate to 35% and capital gains tax rate to 45%.

12 B. The IRS will oversee any enforcement related to the taxation of basic income
13 payments.

14 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2025.

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

A Resolution to Free Puerto Rico from Colonial Rule

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Puerto Rico is a United States territory, entirely denied political representation in the
2 Federal government; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** One-sided exploitative policies such as the Jones Act have been used to extract economic
4 value from the Puerto Rican people, stifling prosperity and financial stability; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** The United States has a history of suppressing independence movements throughout the
6 20th century, including by banning independence parties and opposition to federal
7 mandates; and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** Statehood and the accompanying political representation is insufficient to change the
9 systematic exploitative and illiberal policies enforced by the U.S. Federal Government; now,
10 therefore, be it
- 11 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that the United States call a referendum of Puerto Rican
12 voters to decide between complete independence or free association with the United
13 States to be held at the discretion of the territorial legislature of Puerto Rico.