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NATIONAL CONGRESSIONAL DEBATE

2020 PRELIMINARY ROUNDS LEGISLATION

The Dual Directive to Drastically Deal with Discrimination and Debt (DDDDDD)

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1 A program of income-share agreements (ISAs) shall be instituted.

- i. The Internal Revenue Code is hereby amended to include an ISA as a qualified education loan.
- ii. The Investment Company Act of 1940 is amended to exclude as an investment company a business which substantially consists of making ISAs.
- iii. The repayment cap will be set at 2.5 times the amount of the loan.
- iv. ISAs will be permitted to collect anywhere from 3 to 15 percent of borrowers' income over a period of 5 to 15 years.
- v. The amount the lender receives in excess of the amount provided to the borrower shall be taxed as income. The initial sum borrowed shall not be taxed or counted as assets for financial aid eligibility purposes.
- vi. Borrowers are permitted 3 "grace years" in which the ISA payment plan is paused. These years must be low-salary years for the borrower such that if one were to iterate the year across the entire payment plan, the total paid would be less than 40% of the amount loaned.
- vii. Lenders shall be permitted, but not required, to serve only students in lender-specified areas of study.
- b. The federal government shall phase out student loans in the next 10 years.
 - i. Every year, the cap on subsidized and unsubsidized loans shall decrease by 2,000 dollars, until year 10, at which point it will drop to 0.
- d. Pell Grants shall be ineligible for use towards IHEs which have a greater than 2:3 spending ratio between administration and education/faculty purposes.
- e. The Clery Act is hereby repealed.

SECTION 2. An Income-Share Agreement is defined as a financial arrangement to be used exclusively for education, wherein the borrower pays back a set proportion of income every year, for a fixed number of years.

SECTION 3. The Department of Education shall oversee enforcement of this bill.

SECTION 4. This legislation shall take effect immediately upon passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the New York District

A Bill to Shift Venezuelan Policy to Promote Peace

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall take a multipronged approach to alter its
3 Venezuelan Policy.

4 A) All sanctions by the United States Federal Government on the
5 state of Venezuela and its officials shall hereby be repealed.

6 B) The United States shall attempt to engage in diplomatic talks with
7 Venezuelan officials affiliated with the Maduro Administration.

8 **SECTION 2.** Sanctions shall be defined as political or economic penalties imposed by a
9 foreign nation. Diplomatic talks shall be defined as meetings between
10 foreign officials in a neutral location to address the current political state.

11 **SECTION 3.** The Department of State shall be responsible for the implementation and
12 enforcement of this legislation

13 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be implemented by October 1, 2020.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the Florida Oceanfront District

A Bill to Modify Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Federal Government shall encourage broader
3 enforcement of Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972.

4 **SECTION 2.** Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972 protects people from
5 discrimination based on sex in education programs or activities that
6 receive Federal financial assistance.

7 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Justice shall oversee implementation.

8 A. The Department of Education shall change the definition of sexual
9 harassment to “sexual contact forced on an un-consenting individual,
10 or perpetrated on an individual who is not capable of giving consent.”

11 B. The Department of Education shall change the current standard of
12 evidence from “clear and convincing” to the new standard of the
13 “preponderance of the evidence.”

14 C. If any educational institution which falls under Title IX jurisdiction fails
15 to follow the guidelines of this legislation, the Department of Justice
16 shall fine five (5) thousand dollars for each incident.

17 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall be implemented immediately upon passing.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the Magnolia District

A Bill to Enact Mandatory Body Cameras for Police Officers

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All police officers shall be required to wear recording devices on their persons
3 while on duty.

4 **SECTION 2.** Recording devices shall be defined as a small device recording audio and visual
5 while turned on. On duty shall be defined as a police officer actively on shift as a
6 law enforcement officer.

7 A. The audio and video obtained from these cameras shall be kept
8 private unless there is probable cause and justifiable means for the video to be
9 accessed.

10 B. At no time shall the footage obtained be edited, obscured, or otherwise
11 tampered with during or after recording.

12 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice shall work with national, state, and local
13 police forces to oversee the passage of this legislation.

14 A. The \$20 million previously allocated from the Department of Justice budget
15 to fund body cameras shall be used for any funding this bill may require.

16 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall be enacted one month upon passage, with fully functional body
17 cameras on all officers by the year 2021.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the Virginia District

A Bill to Tax and Control Big Pharmaceuticals

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Secretary of Health and Human Services will be charged with
3 negotiating the price of prescription drugs for all Americans. A 50% tax
4 will also be implemented on all profits made on prescription drugs by
5 pharmaceutical companies.

6 **SECTION 2.** Profit will be calculated by determining the money remaining after
7 money used for drug research and development is considered. Money
8 collected via taxation will be allocated to develop a universal healthcare
9 system.

10 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Health and Human Services will oversee
11 implementation of this bill.

12 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect on August 1, 2020.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the Central Minnesota District

A Resolution to Increase Foster Care Availability

The Foster Care Availability Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Additional funding in the amount of \$50 million shall be distributed
3 among the appropriate agencies which oversee foster care in each state.

4 **A.** This funding shall be dedicated to streamline the licensing process
5 and purchase advertising intended to increase numbers of foster care
6 family applicants.

7 **B.** As a requirement to receive funding, the state shall adopt a system
8 where foster parent licenses are granted or denied within two
9 months of initial application.

10 **SECTION 2.** "Advertising" shall be defined as televised commercials, radio segments,
11 or billboards directed at encouraging the public to apply to foster a child.

12 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Health and Human Services will oversee funding and
13 shall monitor compliance by each states' appropriate agency.

14 **SECTION 4.** This shall take effect at the start of fiscal year 2021.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the Ozark District

A Bill to Pass the “Keep Big Tech Out of Finance Act” to Stop Facebook’s Control Over the Finance Industry

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The passage of this legislation constitutes the passage of H.R. 4813 – A
3 bill to stop large technological platforms cryptocurrency plans or the
4 “Keep Big Tech Out of Finance Act.”

5 **SECTION 2.** “H.R. 4813 – *A bill to stop large technological platforms cryptocurrency*
6 *plans*” shall be defined as a bill introduced by The House Financial
7 Services Committee that explicitly bans large platform companies from
8 performing banking functions.

9 **SECTION 3.** The United States Congress has the authority to implement and enforce
10 this piece of legislation.

11 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect August 1, 2020.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the West Kansas District

A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Allow Emancipated People the Right to Vote

**A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Allow Emancipated
People the Right to Vote**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

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

7 **ARTICLE --** The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or
8 abridged by the United States or by any State on account of adult legal
9 status

10 **SECTION 1.** Emancipated people hold the responsibilities and maturity of an adult
11 and should be granted the right to vote as such.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the New Mexico District

A Bill to Limit Donor Advised Funding

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Donations given to donor advised funds will now be limited to \$1,000,000
3 USD per year per donor.

4 **SECTION 2.** A donor advised fund is defined as a charitable giving vehicle
5 administered by a public charity created to manage charitable donations
6 on behalf of organizations, families, or individuals.

7 **SECTION 3.** This legislation will be implemented and enforced by the Internal
8 Revenue Service.

9 A. Donors often place contributions of stock, money, or other assets in
10 funds to avoid tax deduction.

11 B. This allows companies to take advantage of tax deduction incentives
12 while not immediately releasing funds to charities.

13 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will be implemented in May 2020.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the Inland Empire District

A Bill to Ban Police Use of Facial Recognition Technology

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All state, local, and federal law enforcement agencies are hereby
3 prohibited from utilizing facial recognition technology.

4 **SECTION 2.** Facial recognition technology shall be defined as any technology utilizing
5 landmarking methodology for feature extraction. This includes skin
6 texture analysis, thermal cameras, or any other biometric authentication
7 in software capable of identifying or verifying information about a
8 person's physical characteristics.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice will be responsible for enforcement of the law,
10 and agencies non-compliant with law shall be subject to repercussions.

11 A. Use of facial recognition technology by law enforcement shall now be
12 viewed as a violation of Section 12601 of Title 34 of U.S. Code.

13 B. Data collected using facial recognition technology can no longer be
14 utilized to meet probable cause standards or be brought up as
15 evidence before a jury.

16 **SECTION 4.** The bill goes into effect January 1, 2021.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the Puget Sound District

The Judicial Procedures Reform Act of 2020

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The number of Associate Justices on the Supreme Court will be increased
3 from eight to fourteen. New nominees for Chief Justice will be required
4 to have served as an Associate Justice.

5 **SECTION 2.** The additional vacancies will be filled incrementally — two new vacancies
6 every two years.

7 **SECTION 3.** The President will still nominate, and the Senate will still review and
8 confirm all potential candidates for a Supreme Court seat.

9 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will begin implementation on January 21, 2021, following
10 the next presidential inauguration. Implementation will be completed on
11 January 21, 2025.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the Wind River District

A Resolution to Curb Russian Influence in Crimea

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- 1 **WHEREAS,** Russia currently maintains a military presence in the Ukraine; and
- 2 **WHEREAS,** Russian annexation of Crimea went largely ignored by the international
- 3 community; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** the Russian government has shown no signs of withdrawing from the
- 5 peninsula; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** In March 2018, the Russian government increased opposition against
- 7 peaceful protests and political arrests; and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** the United Nations has condemned Russian involvement in the Crimean
- 9 Peninsula; and
- 10 **WHEREAS,** the United States has the ability to combat Russian oppression of the
- 11 Crimean people; now, therefore, be it
- 12 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that the United States urge the North
- 13 Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) to send \$5 billion in military aid to
- 14 the Ukrainian Security Assistance Initiative's efforts in combating Russian
- 15 Occupation.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the Central Texas District

A Bill to Fund African Union Technology Infrastructure

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall provide \$75 million in funds to the African Union's
3 Scientific Technical Research Commission.

4 **SECTION 2.** Funds shall be defined as monetary gains specifically outlined to the
5 African Union's technology infrastructure department. Development shall
6 be defined as the growth in tech infrastructure to eventually match
7 technology standards of the west.

8 **SECTION 3.** The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) will
9 oversee the implementation of this bill.

10 A. The USAID shall allocate all funds necessary for the implementation of
11 this bill.

12 B. Upon failure to utilize the funds properly or effectively, Congress shall
13 retract funding.

14 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall go into effect on January 1, 2021.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the Heart of Texas District

A Resolution to Allow Felons with Completed Sentences the Right to Vote

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1 **WHEREAS,** An estimated 6.1 million persons with a felony conviction are barred from
2 voting in elections, known as disenfranchisement; and

3 **WHEREAS,** Disenfranchisement is unconstitutional and decreases voter turnout
4 which inherently leads to unequal representation amongst various
5 populations; and

6 **WHEREAS,** Felon disenfranchisement has tremendously affected the political
7 landscape, leading researchers to report that felon disenfranchisement
8 may have altered the outcome of as many as seven recent U.S. Senate
9 elections and one Presidential election; and

10 **WHEREAS,** Felons in multiple successful countries have the right to vote, and it has
11 dramatically improved equal representation amongst various
12 populations; now, therefore, be it

13 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that felons who have completed their
14 prison sentence will henceforth be allowed to vote in order to establish
15 equal representation among American citizens.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the North Texas Longhorns District

A Resolution to Recognize the Rights and Existence of Kurdistan

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- 1 **WHEREAS,** The nationhood of the Kurdish ethnic group in the Middle East has been Middle
2 Eastern nations such as Syria, Iraq, Iran, and Turkey; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** The regions of upper Iraq known as Greater Kurdistan are inhabited by mostly
4 Kurdish citizens and granted relative autonomy; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** Multiple civil rights violations and genocide have been enacted upon the Kurds,
6 making relative autonomy insufficient for self-protection and thus sovereignty;
7 now, therefore, be it
- 8 **RESOLVED,** That the United States grant recognition to the rights and existence of
9 Kurdistan as a sovereign and rightful nation belonging to the Kurdish
10 People

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the Tall Cotton District



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2020 SENATE SEMIFINAL & HOUSE QUARTERFINAL ROUNDS LEGISLATION

A Bill to Make Vaccinations Mandatory to Ensure Public Health

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. All naturally born or naturalized citizens participate in state or federally designated child vaccination programs. In addition, electronic health records shall be implemented to track and store all shot records.

A. Amends the Public Health Service Act (PHSA) of 1944, Section 361 to replace state-level exemption laws when it comes to youth vaccinations.

B. Amends Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 (Pub. L. 104-208, Div C, 110 Stat. 14 3009) requiring full shot records be submitted as part of the I-9 employment verification processes.

C. Student enrollment in public, private, or parochial programs of instruction will be contingent upon written proof of all appropriate immunizations prior to gaining access to any educational program. Citizens over the age of majority must provide documentation of a current record of immunizations in order to receive an application or approval of a state-issued driver license, marriage certificate, or voter registration card.

SECTION 2. Mandatory Vaccines can be defined as vaccines for diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, measles, mumps, rubella, hepatitis A, hepatitis B,

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A Bill to Make Vaccinations Mandatory to Ensure Public Health

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20 meningococcal disease, human papillomavirus, varicella, polio, and
21 influenza that all citizens below the age of majority are required to
22 receive.

23 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Health and Human Services in conjunction with the
24 Center for Disease Control and Prevention and the United States
25 Citizenship and Immigration Service will oversee the promulgation of
26 appropriate regulations for implementation.

27 A. Sufficient block grants shall be distributed to state agencies to carry
28 out the requirements of the mandatory vaccination programs.

29 **SECTION 4.** This legislation upon passage will go into effect on January 1, 2021.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the Chesapeake District

A Resolution to Promote Free Trade Agreements with African Nations

**A Resolution to Promote Free Trade Agreements with
African Nations**

- 1 **WHEREAS,** China has extensive investments in natural resources throughout the
2 African continent, which is undermining Western influence; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** China has a comprehensive strategy toward Africa while the U.S. does not
4 have a similar comprehensive response, illustrating the lack of long-term
5 planning the U.S. has toward the continent; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** Due to Chinese political and economic interests in the region being of
7 greater importance than the livelihood of the civilians of African Nations,
8 any form of Chinese control of any African sector could be potentially
9 disastrous; and
- 10 **WHEREAS,** The United States stands to prosper greatly, both economically and
11 politically, by reaching out to African nations; now, therefore, be it
- 12 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled make the following recommendation;
13 to enter talks with African nations in order to create free trade
14 agreements.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the New Jersey District

A Bill to Omit Misdemeanors from Criminal Background Checks to Decrease the Rate of Recidivism

A Bill to Omit Misdemeanors from Criminal Background Checks to Decrease the Rate of Recidivism

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Federal Government will expunge misdemeanors from
3 criminal background checks in order to decrease the rate of recidivism
4 from ex-offenders.

5 **SECTION 2.** A. A misdemeanor is a crime punishable by less than 12 months in jail
6 which can result in community service, probation, fines, and
7 imprisonment for less than a year are commonly issued punishments for
8 misdemeanors.

9 B. A criminal background check is the process of investigating a person's
10 past criminal misconduct.

11 C. Recidivism refers to a person's relapse into criminal behavior and is
12 measured by criminal acts that result in re-arrest, re-conviction, or return
13 to prison.

14 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Justice will be tasked with overseeing
15 the enforcement of the bill.

16 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented on January 1st, 2022.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the Arkansas District

Legislation to Amend the Constitution to Reverse *Citizens United*

Legislation to Amend the Constitution to Reverse *Citizens United*

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

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

7 **ARTICLE --**

8 **SECTION 1.** Whereas the right to vote in public elections belongs only to natural
9 persons as citizens of the United States, so shall the ability to make
10 contributions and expenditures to influence the outcome of public
11 elections belong only to natural persons in accordance with this article.

12 **SECTION 2.** Nothing in this Article shall be construed to alter the freedom of the
13 press.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the Carver-Truman District

A Bill to Prohibit Safe Third Country Agreements with Mexico and Guatemala

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States will be prohibited from entering into and/or
3 maintaining a Safe Third Country Agreement with either Mexico or
4 Guatemala.

5 **SECTION 2.** A “Safe Third Country Agreement” will be defined as a deal between
6 countries to prevent individuals who arrive at the U.S. border via Mexico
7 or Guatemala from applying for asylum in the United States, on the
8 presumption that they could have safely applied for, and plausibly
9 received, protection in one of these countries.

10 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Homeland Security and the United
11 States Citizenship and Immigration Services shall be tasked with
12 implementing a measure to enforce this legislation.

13 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented at the beginning of Fiscal Year 2021.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the Golden Desert District

A Bill to Prevent COVID-19 Related Evictions to Protect Renters' Welfare

**A Bill to Prevent COVID-19 Related Evictions to
Protect Renters' Welfare**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** It shall be unlawful for a person, business, or other entity to evict a tenant of a
3 commercial real estate property, including a business or non-profit organization,
4 during the pendency of the National State of Emergency related to COVID-19.

5 **SECTION 2.** A violation of Section 1 is a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment in a
6 county jail for a period not exceeding one year, or by a fine of not more than ten
7 thousand dollars (\$10,000), or by both that fine and imprisonment.

8 **SECTION 3.** An eviction in violation of Section 1 that occurred after the Proclamation of the
9 State of Emergency but before the effective date of this section shall be deemed
10 void, against public policy, and unenforceable.

11 **SECTION 4.** It is not a violation of this section for a person, business, or other entity to
12 continue an eviction process that was lawfully begun prior to the Proclamation
13 of the State of Emergency.

14 **SECTION 5.** The Department of Housing and Urban Development, working in concert with
15 the Department of Justice, will oversee the enforcement of this bill.

16 **SECTION 6.** This bill will take effect immediately upon passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the West Los Angeles District

The Sahel Counterterrorism Action Reform (S.C.A.R.) Act

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** U.S. counter-terrorism operations in the Sahel region of Africa shall be
3 restructured to prioritize regional development over military operations.

4 **SECTION 2.** Such reprioritization shall include the following reforms:

5 A. An additional \$500 million of developmental aid shall be distributed
6 annually to the Sahel to fund regional healthcare infrastructure,
7 education access, and refugee assistance programs.

8 B. Armed drone and troop deployments shall be significantly scaled back
9 over the course of five years, with the remaining military presence
10 focusing on surveillance, intelligence-gathering, and military training.

11 **SECTION 3.** USAID and the Department of Defense (DoD) shall be tasked with
12 implementing this legislation.

13 A. USAID shall work with regional NGOs and U.N. agencies to distribute
14 the aid under Section 2A.

15 B. The DoD shall submit an annual report to Congress for review
16 detailing the state of ongoing military operations under Section 2B.

17 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall take effect in FY 2021.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the East Texas District

The Medicare Public Option Act of 2020

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** Medicare will now be available in the health insurance exchanges to
2 every U.S. citizen, regardless of age or income. Current budgeting
3 methods used for Medicare shall continue to be used to fund the plan in
4 part or in whole.
- 5 **SECTION 2.** The following definitions will be applied:
6 A. "Medicare" shall be defined as the national federal health insurance
7 program available to those above the age of 65 and to anyone with
8 disability status.
9 B. "Current budgeting methods" is defined as the premiums paid by
10 those enrolled in Medicare.
- 11 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Health and Human Services will oversee the funding
12 implementation of this legislation.
13 A. \$2 Billion in Congressional funds shall be allocated for any start-up
14 costs.
- 15 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect January 1, 2021.
- 16 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the UIL District



NATIONAL CONGRESSIONAL DEBATE

2020 HOUSE SEMIFINAL ROUNDS LEGISLATION

A Bill to Provide a Public Health Insurance Option**A Bill to Provide a Public Health Insurance Option**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** A. All citizens and permanent residents of the United States shall be eligible to
3 enroll in Medicare Part C plans. Employers shall have the option to sponsor
4 Medicare Part C plans rather than private coverage for their employees.

5 B. A 1% tax shall be levied on households whose net worth is between \$20
6 million and \$100 million. A 2% tax shall be levied on households whose net
7 worth is above \$100 million. The revenue from these taxes shall be allocated to
8 the implementation of Section 1 Part A of this legislation.

9 C. No part of this legislation shall be construed as to prohibit private health
10 insurers from operating.

11 **SECTION 2.** Permanent residents shall be defined in accordance with the Immigration and
12 Nationality Act of 1952. Medicare Part C plans shall be defined in accordance
13 with the Balanced Budget Act of 1997.

14 **SECTION 3.** A. The Department of Health and Human Services shall be responsible for
15 implementing Section 1 Part A of this legislation.

16 B. The Internal Revenue Service shall be responsible for implementing Section 1
17 Part B of this legislation.

18 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect in fiscal year 2022.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the New England District

A Bill to Adopt the Iranian Peace Act of 2020

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** No federal funds may be obligated or expended for any use of military
3 force in or against Iran unless congress has declared war or enacted
4 specific statutory authorization for such use of military force after the
5 enactment of this act that meets the requirements of the war powers
6 resolution.

7 **SECTION 2.** Iran shall be defined as any military unit affiliated or working with the
8 Iranian government and armed forces. This will include any foreign
9 militias or extremist groups that have been observed being supported
10 with the Iranian government.

11 **SECTION 3.** The enforcement of this bill will be overseen by a congressional
12 committee formed of ten senators. Five of the senators will be chosen by
13 the senate majority leader and the remaining five shall be chosen by the
14 senate minority leader.

15 **SECTION 4.** This piece of legislation shall go into effect on July 1, 2020.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the Valley Forge District

A Bill to Streamline the U.S. Military

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The U.S. Government Accountability Office shall submit a report to the
3 US Congress for the purpose of reducing appropriations to the US
4 Department of Defense for the next fiscal year.

5 **SECTION 2.** The report produced by the U.S. Government Accountability Office shall
6 have the following objectives:

7 **A.** Determining which programs have inflated budgets and how to
8 streamline spending.

9 **B.** Recommending which military assets to retire without increasing
10 national security risk.

11 **C.** Establishing potential military assets that could modernize and replace
12 current assets, to reduce procurement costs and operation and
13 maintenance costs.

14 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Government Accountability Office shall oversee the
15 implementation of this legislation.

16 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will be enacted immediately upon passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the Tennessee District

A Bill to End Non-Violent Felon Disenfranchisement

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Non-Violent felons shall be given the right to vote in federal elections.

3 **SECTION 2.** Non-Violent felons shall be defined as individuals whose offenses do not
4 involve the use or threat of any force, and federal elections shall be
5 defined as a general, special, primary, or runoff election for the office of
6 President or Vice President, or of Senator or Representative in, or
7 Delegate or Resident Commissioner to, the Congress.

8 **SECTION 3.** This bill will apply to felons while they are in federal and state prisons, as
9 well as those on parole, and post-incarceration.

10 **A.** This act shall be enforced by the Federal Election Commission (FEC).

11 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be implemented by the time of the first election
12 after the passage of this bill, with one hundred million dollars allocated.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the Nebraska District

A Bill to Increase Election Cyber Security

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Each state shall form an independent commission to review and make
3 recommendations to its Secretary of State as to how the state should
4 spend money allocated by Congress to improve its cybersecurity
5 readiness in elections.

6 **SECTION 2.** Each state's commission shall consist of 20 members to be appointed by
7 the Governor's office for terms of 48 months.

8 **A.** Commission members must be highly knowledgeable on the topic
9 - by the discretion of the Governor's office.

10 **B.** Additionally, an annual budget that is pulled from the original
11 \$380 million allocated by Congress will be set by the Governor.

12 **C.** An extra \$50 million will be allocated to the cybersecurity fund
13 every two years.

14 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Homeland Security will be responsible for
15 implementing this legislation.

16 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect four months after passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the Southern Minnesota District

A Bill to Create the National American College Stipend Act to Ease the Cost of College Expenses

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The National American College Stipend Act will be created to provide a
3 guaranteed stipend of \$800 a term for college students.

4 **SECTION 2.** A stipend is a fixed regular sum paid as a salary or allowance.

5 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education will oversee the enforcement of this Act.

6 A. Students will enroll in the stipend program by completing the FAFSA
7 form.

8 B. Full-time students enrolled in four-year colleges and universities are
9 eligible to receive the stipend for each term during which they are
10 enrolled as full-time students.

11 C. Money will be reallocated from the Department of Defense budget.

12 D. If a family's net worth exceed \$1 million, they will be ineligible for the
13 stipend.

14 **SECTION 4.** The legislation will go into effect on January 1, 2021.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the Colorado District

A Bill to Improve the Elections of the United States to Ensure that all Voices are Represented

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All U.S. citizens will be mailed a voter registration form on their 17th
3 birthday. If a citizen does not return the registration by their 18th
4 birthday, they will be automatically registered to vote as an independent.
5 All citizens will receive a ballot and pre-paid return envelope in the mail
6 six weeks prior to any state-wide or nation-wide election. Ballots must be
7 received or post-marked the day of the election.

8 **SECTION 2.** Municipal elections are exempt but can opt-in and mail out ballots.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice and the Federal Elections Commission will
10 oversee the implementation.

11 A. Any state to be found in violation of the Voting Rights Act will be
12 punished to the extent of the law.

13 B. The Department of Education will assist in providing addresses of all
14 students who are turning 17 during that school year.

15 **SECTION 4.** This bill will become law on October 1, 2020.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the Rushmore District

A Bill to Tax Automation to Fund Welfare Programs

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Government shall hereby implement a 20% tax rate on
3 businesses substituting human workers with automatic equipment for
4 the purpose of funding welfare programs.

5 **SECTION 2.** Automatic equipment shall be defined as machines used for the purpose
6 of fulfilling the jobs a human worker would perform. Welfare programs
7 shall be defined as both welfare programs, including but not limited to
8 Medicaid and SNAP, and entitlement programs such as Social Security.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Treasury, the Internal Revenue Service, the United
10 States Social Security Administration, and the Department of Health and
11 Human Services shall work together when implementing this bill.

12 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect on January 1, 2022.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the Space City District



NATIONAL CONGRESSIONAL DEBATE

2020 SENATE FINAL ROUNDS LEGISLATION

Clean Start Act

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** An eligible individual, convicted of a nonviolent qualifying offense, who
3 fulfills the requirements as set forth below, shall be eligible to petition to have
4 their criminal record sealed. The petition shall be approved or denied within 180
5 days by a district court in consultation with the appropriate United States
6 Attorney for the jurisdiction.

7 **SECTION 2.** **A.** A qualifying offense shall be defined as a nonviolent offense
8 committed by an individual whose substance use disorder is a substantial
9 contributing factor in the commission of the offense.

10 **B.** An eligible individual is one who has fulfilled each requirement of the
11 sentence for the qualifying offense, including completing imprisonment,
12 probation, or supervised release, has completed an approved treatment
13 program at their own expense, has rendered service for not less than 180
14 days as a peer mentor in a substance use program or as a volunteer, and
15 has not been convicted of more than 2 felonies.

16 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice will oversee the creation of the petition
17 program. The Attorney General shall use the COPS grant program to
18 provide states with incentives to adopt similar programs for state courts.

19 **SECTION 4.** This shall take effect upon passage. Eligible individuals shall be permitted
20 to petition to have their records sealed three years after the completion
21 of the requirements of Sections 1 and 2.

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

Introduced by the National Speech & Debate Association; adapted from S. 423, as introduced in the 116th Congress

Ensuring Diverse Leadership Act of 2020

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** In making the appointment of a president, all Federal Reserve Banks shall
3 interview at least one individual reflective of gender diversity and one
4 individual reflective of racial or ethnic diversity. Not later than January 1
5 of each year, the bank shall submit to the Committee on Banking,
6 Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate, the Committee on Financial
7 Services of the House of Representatives, and the Office of Inspector
8 General for the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and
9 the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau a report describing the
10 applicant pool demographic for the preceding fiscal year.

11 **SECTION 2.** The entire United States Code shall have technical adjustments to
12 remove all gendered terms and substitute gender neutral terminology,
13 such as “Chair” for “Chairman.”

14 **SECTION 3.** The regional Federal Reserve banks shall develop a process, to be
15 approved by both chambers of Congress, which will ensure diversity is a
16 priority in hiring practices.

17 **SECTION 4.** This shall take effect by January 1, 2021.

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

Introduced by the National Speech & Debate Association; adapted from S. 65, as introduced in the 116th Congress

No CORRUPTION Act**No CORRUPTION Act**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Section 8332(o) of title 5, USC, is amended to include the following fourth
3 section (4):

4 **A.** Subject to subparagraph (B) in Section 8332(o), an individual
5 convicted of an offense described in paragraph (2) shall not be eligible
6 to receive any payment of an annuity pursuant to the retirement
7 system under this subchapter or chapter 84, except that this sentence
8 applies only to such payments based on service rendered as a
9 Member (irrespective of when rendered).

10 **B.** If the conviction of an individual described in subparagraph (A) is held
11 to be invalid, the individual shall receive payments that the individual
12 would have received but for the application of subparagraph (A) but
13 shall not be entitled to retroactive payments which may have been
14 withheld.

15 **SECTION 2.** Conviction on any charge as outlined in Section 8332(o), including but not
16 limited to tax evasion, campaign finance violations, bribery, witness
17 intimidation, and obstruction of justice, shall be considered a violation
18 and will result in the forfeiture of pension.

19 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Employees Retirement System shall oversee the removal of
20 pension payments when necessary.

21 **SECTION 4.** This shall take effect upon passage, and shall retroactively apply to any
22 officeholder convicted since the start of the 114th Congress.

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

Introduced by the National Speech & Debate Association; adapted from S. 3332, as introduced in the 116th Congress

REPUBLIC Act

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Should the President declare a National Emergency, such declaration must
3 immediately be transmitted to Congress for approval.

4 **A.** The declaration shall be terminated 72 hours after transmittal unless
5 Congress, in a joint resolution passed by both chambers, approves both the
6 declaration of the emergency and the exercise of the President's authority
7 in such matters.

8 **B.** Section 706 of the Communications Act of 1934 is amended by striking
9 subsection (c). The President shall possess no ability to suspend
10 telecommunications rules and regulations.

11 **SECTION 2.** Congressional approval of the national emergency shall terminate after 90 days
12 unless both chambers pass a joint resolution renewing such approval.

13 **SECTION 3.** Each chamber shall create standing rules related to the debate and approval of
14 the joint resolutions. Upon the creation of such standing rules in each chamber,
15 this Act shall take effect.

16 **SECTION 4.** Each national emergency declared under Section 201 of the National
17 Emergencies Act before the date of the enactment of this legislation, shall
18 terminate on such date of enactment as outlined in Section 3.

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

Introduced by the National Speech & Debate Association; adapted from S. 1809, as introduced in the 116th Congress

SHIPS Implementation Act

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** It is the sense of Congress that to achieve the national policy of the
3 United States we must have available, by fiscal year 2025, 355 battle
4 force ships.

5 **SECTION 2.** To achieve this goal, the Secretary of the Navy will procure funding for
6 and start construction on the following: 12 Arleigh Burke-class
7 destroyers; 10 Virginia-class submarines; 3 San Antonio-class amphibious
8 ships; 1 LHA-class amphibious ship; 6 John Lewis-class fleet oilers; and 5
9 guided missile frigates.

10 **A.** Should any current Navy vessel be taken out of service, the Secretary
11 of the Navy shall identify necessary replacements and include those
12 in any needed appropriations.

13 **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of Defense shall seek funding through the normal
14 budgetary process sufficient for the construction outlined in Section 2.
15 The Secretary of the Navy shall ensure execution of the program without
16 cancellation.

17 **SECTION 4.** This shall take effect at the start of fiscal year 2021.

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

Introduced by the National Speech & Debate Association; adapted from S. 3258, as introduced in the 116th Congress



NATIONAL CONGRESSIONAL DEBATE

2020 HOUSE FINAL ROUNDS LEGISLATION

Access to Counsel Act of 2020

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Section 235 of the Immigration and Nationality Act is amended by adding the
3 following: The Secretary of Homeland Security shall provide a meaningful
4 opportunity for any individual detained for inspection to consult with counsel
5 not later than one hour after the inspection process commences and as
6 necessary until the conclusion of the process.

7 **A.** The Secretary may not accept Form I-407 - Record of Abandonment of
8 Lawful Permanent Resident Status - from a lawful permanent resident
9 subject to secondary or deferred inspection without providing such
10 individual a reasonable opportunity to seek advice from counsel prior to the
11 submission of the form unless such lawful permanent resident waives, in
12 writing, the opportunity to seek advice from counsel.

13 **SECTION 2.** Counsel refers to an attorney who is a member in good standing of the bar of
14 any state, territory, or district of the United States or an individual accredited by
15 the Attorney General to represent a covered individual in immigration matters.
16 A covered individual refers to a person subject to secondary or deferred
17 inspection at an immigration or customs checkpoint.

18 **SECTION 3.** Nothing in this Act, or any amendment made by this Act, may be construed to
19 limit a right to counsel under Section 292 of the Immigration and Nationality
20 Act.

21 **SECTION 4.** This shall take effect 180 days after the passage of this act.

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

Introduced by the National Speech & Debate Association; adapted from H.R. 5581, as introduced in the 116th Congress

Domestic Terrorism Prevention Act of 2020**Domestic Terrorism Prevention Act of 2020**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Offices shall be created within the Department of Justice, Department of
3 Homeland Security, and Counterterrorism Division of the Federal Bureau of
4 Investigation dedicated to monitor, analyze, investigate, and prosecute
5 domestic terrorism, particularly as a result of white supremacism.

6 **SECTION 2.** Within their respective agencies, these Offices shall administer and report upon
7 the effectiveness of training to combat influences which may lead to domestic
8 terrorism and racially-based hate crimes.

9 **SECTION 3.** After the establishment of the Offices, the Attorney General, Director, Secretary
10 of Homeland Security, and the Secretary of Defense shall establish an
11 interagency task force to analyze and combat White supremacist and neo-Nazi
12 infiltration of the uniformed services and Federal law enforcement agencies.

13 **SECTION 4.** No later than six months after the passage of this Act, and twice a year
14 thereafter, the Secretary of Homeland Security, Attorney General, and Director
15 of the FBI shall report to Congress the progress toward the creation of these
16 offices, and the statistics related to the growth or decline of cases of domestic
17 terrorism, hate crimes, or white supremacist activity as monitored by the
18 Offices.

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

Introduced by the National Speech & Debate Association; adapted from H.R. 5602, as introduced in the 116th Congress

Global Health Security Act of 2020

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 2 **SECTION 1.** The President shall establish a Global Health Security Agenda Interagency
3 Review Council to:
- 4 **A.** Provide policy-level recommendations to participating agencies on Global
5 Health Security Agenda (GHSa) goals, objectives, and implementation.
- 6 **B.** Facilitate interagency engagement and resolve interagency disputes
7 concerning GHSa goals.
- 8 **C.** Review progress and work to resolve challenges in achieving United States
9 commitments under the GHSa.
- 10 **D.** Conduct an overall review of the GHSa within 180 days for submission to
11 the President and appropriate congressional committees.

12 **SECTION 2.** The Council will develop an annual report regarding progress achieved and
13 challenges regarding the United States Government's ability to advance the
14 GHSa across priority countries.

15 **SECTION 3.** The council shall consist of representatives, serving at the Assistant Secretary
16 level or higher, from each cabinet level department and will be chaired by a
17 member of the National Security Council appointed by the President.

18 **SECTION 4.** This shall take effect on August 1, 2020.

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

Introduced by the National Speech & Debate Association; adapted from H.R. 2166, as introduced in the 116th Congress

A Resolution Seeking the Return of the USS Pueblo to the United States Navy

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- 1 **WHEREAS,** the USS Pueblo, which was attacked and captured by the navy of North Korea
2 on January 23, 1968, was the first ship of the United States Navy to be hijacked
3 on the high seas by a foreign military force in more than 150 years; and
4 **WHEREAS,** one member of the USS Pueblo crew, Petty Officer Duane Hodges, was killed in
5 the assault, while the other 82 crew members were held in captivity, often
6 under inhumane conditions, for 11 months; and
7 **WHEREAS,** the USS Pueblo, an intelligence collection auxiliary vessel, was operating in
8 international waters at the time of the capture, and therefore did not violate
9 the territorial waters of North Korea; and
10 **WHEREAS,** the capture of the USS Pueblo resulted in no reprisals against the Government
11 or people of North Korea and no military action at any time; and
12 **WHEREAS,** the USS Pueblo, though still the property of the United States Navy, has been
13 retained by the Government of North Korea for more than 50 years, was
14 subjected to exhibition in the North Korean cities of Wonsan and Hungham, and
15 is now on display in Pyongyang, the capital city of North Korea; now, therefore,
16 be it
17 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that the House of Representatives—
18 (1) desires the return of the USS Pueblo to the United States Navy;
19 (2) would welcome the return of the USS Pueblo as a sign of good faith from the
20 North Korean people to the American people; and
21 (3) directs the Clerk of the House of Representatives to transmit copies of this
22 resolution to the President, the Secretary of Defense, and the Secretary of State.

Introduced by the National Speech & Debate Association; adapted from H.R. 479, as introduced in the 116th Congress

Teacher Diversity and Retention Act

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Competitive grants shall be awarded to institutions of higher education which
3 have a teacher or school leader preparation program and serve predominately
4 racially diverse, socioeconomically diverse, or gender diverse populations.

5 **A.** These grants will establish Augustus F. Hawkins Centers of Excellence at
6 these institutions for the purposes of recruitment, training, and retention of
7 diverse candidates into the teaching profession.

8 **SECTION 2.** Grants shall be provided to each state department of education, and the
9 institutions described in Section 1 for the development of social and emotional
10 learning training.

11 **A.** All states shall require certification in social and emotional learning as part
12 of their full teacher certification. All teacher preparation programs must
13 include social and emotional learning as a requirement for graduation.
14 Failure to do so will result in the forfeiture of future grant funding.

15 **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of Education will oversee the development of these programs and
16 shall annually report to Congress as to their effectiveness.

17 **A.** The programs shall receive an appropriation of \$100,000,000 for each of the
18 next five fiscal years.

19 **SECTION 4.** This shall take effect at the start of the 2021-2022 school year.

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

Introduced by the National Speech & Debate Association; adapted from H.R. 4288, as introduced in the 116th Congress