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2019 PRELIMINARY ROUNDS LEGISLATION

A Bill to Ban Unpaid Internships

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall act to ban unpaid internships in the private sector
3 and establish a minimum wage for interns in replacement.

4 **SECTION 2.** An “unpaid internship” is the position of a student or trainee who works
5 at a trade or occupation in order to gain work experience yet receives no
6 monetary compensation in exchange. The “private sector” is the part of
7 the economy which is run by private individuals or groups, usually as
8 means of enterprise for profit, and is not controlled by the government.

9 **SECTION 3.** A minimum wage of \$5.25 per hour will be established for interns.

10 A. The change in labor laws shall be overseen by the United States
11 Department of Labor in conjunction with the Department of Justice.

12 B. Companies failing to abide by this bill after January 1, 2022 will be
13 susceptible to future civil lawsuits.

14 **SECTION 4.** This bill will take effect no later than January 1, 2022.

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

The AID (African Infrastructure and Development) Act

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** One billion dollars of economic and humanitarian aid and anti-corruption
3 measures will be given to every country in Central Africa every year.

4 **SECTION 2.** Central African countries will include: Angola, Cameroon, Central African
5 Republic, Chad, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon,
6 Republic of the Congo, and São Tomé and Príncipe.

7 **SECTION 3.** The US State Department will oversee the enforcement of this bill.

8 A. The humanitarian aid will be given directly to non-profit organizations.

9 These organizations are obligated to use these funds only to the help the
10 countries stated above.

11 B. Half the economic aid shall be directly to the central government of each
12 nation, while the other half will be awarded in amount of \$500,000 to
13 businesses in a lottery based system.

14 C. Anti-corruption funding will be entrusted to the African Union for use only
15 in the countries specified by this bill. The money will be used by the Union
16 to support their various conventions, resolutions, and other counter-
17 corruption measures.

18 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be put into place on the 1st of February, 2020 and shall be renewed
19 each fiscal year thereafter.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Schimelpfenig Middle School.

A Resolution to Eliminate Daylight Saving Time to Create Uniformity in the U.S.

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1 **WHEREAS,** In the United States, we are currently seeing various states and territories
2 straying further from the use of the Daylight Saving Time, inevitably
3 creating a lack of uniformity between all 50; and

4 **WHEREAS,** In states such as Arizona and Hawaii, as well as all American territories,
5 it's clear to see that they no longer practice DST and have consistently
6 proven the lack of inherent need for DST in all other 48 states; and

7 **WHEREAS,** The primary intent of the DST is to save energy, but many instances have
8 proven just the opposite becoming a constant occurrence for all states
9 still practicing the system; and

10 **WHEREAS,** The elimination of the DST is needed immediately to prove cost
11 effectiveness and efficiency throughout the United States; now,
12 therefore, be it

13 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that we eliminate the Daylight Saving
14 Time of the United States to establish unity in policies and increase
15 efficiency and economic benefits.

A Bill to Increase Funding for NASA

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall double the funding of the National Aeronautics
3 and Space Administration (NASA) of \$19.5 Billion USD to \$39.1 Billion
4 USD for the purpose of the administration's goal of human exploration.

5 **SECTION 2.** "Human Exploration" shall be defined as expanding human presence into
6 the solar system and to the surface of Mars to advance exploration,
7 science, innovation, benefits to humanity, and international
8 collaboration.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Implementation of this bill shall be overseen by the Congressional
10 Budget Office in coordination with the Department of Defense.

11 A. All means of funding shall be allocated from the United States
12 Military Budget.

13 B. The withdrawal and implementation of funding should be set in a
14 maximum time span of 10 years.

15 **SECTION 4.** This law shall go into effect in the beginning of Fiscal Year of 2025.

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

A Bill to Allow Convicted Felons to Vote to Promote Equality in America

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Federal Government shall hereby allow convicted
3 felons to vote after their sentence is completed and thereby diversify the
4 voting sector and advocate for equality within America.

5 **SECTION 2.** Convicted felons will be excluded to those who have not been convicted
6 for murder or a sexual felony. The completion of sentences includes but
7 not limited to prison, parole, and probation.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP) will oversee the enforcement of this
9 bill along with Amendment 4 , the Voting Rights Restoration for Felons
10 Initiative, in the Florida Constitution.

11 A. The BOP will oversee the organization and management of felon
12 identification files.

13 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented by January of 2023.

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

A Bill to Aid Colombia, Brazil, and Guyana to Respond to the Venezuelan Refugee Crisis**A Bill to Aid Colombia, Brazil, and Guyana to Respond to the Venezuelan Refugee Crisis**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) shall give \$1.3 billion to Colombia, Brazil, and Guyana in order to provide humanitarian services for incoming Venezuelan refugees.

SECTION 2. “Humanitarian services” shall be defined as the distribution of medical supplies, food, water, and other human necessities.

SECTION 3. USAID shall enforce this legislation and determine how much of the funding is apportioned to the stated countries.

A. The first half of the aid shall be given immediately upon passage. The second half will be granted to the named countries if USAID determines they have not excluded Venezuelan refugees from public services nor the labor market.

B. Funding for this legislation shall be diverted from the Department of Defense’s budget.

SECTION 4. This legislation shall go into effect immediately after passage.

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

A Bill to Eliminate Right to Work Laws

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Subsection (b) of section 14 of the National Labor Relations Act (29 U.S.C.
3 164) is repealed.

4 **SECTION 2.** Subsection (b) of section 14 of the N.L.R.A empowers states to pass “right
5 to work” legislation.

6 **SECTION 3.** This legislation will go into effect on October 1, 2019.

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

A Resolution to Regulate Caffeine

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- 1 **WHEREAS,** The Food and Drug Administration has claimed caffeine as a drug,
2 although not to the extent that it is needed; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** Caffeine is very addictive; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** Caffeine contains dopamine and adenosine; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** Caffeine has extreme health concerns that must be addressed; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** Extreme caffeine products, such as energy drinks, have become readily
7 available; now, therefore, be it
- 8 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that caffeine, and its health effects, be
9 analyzed by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for further
10 regulation and restriction, and
- 11 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:** Energy drinks will be available only to those individuals
12 age 18 or older for purchase.

A Bill to Provide Research Grants to Organizations Researching a Cure to Alzheimer's

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** A one-time \$150,000 grant can be applied for, for any organization
3 seeking to find a cure to Alzheimer's.

4 **SECTION 2.** The following terms will be defined:

5 Research Grant – A sum of money given by a government or other
6 organization for a particular purpose. *English Oxford*

7 Alzheimer's – Progressive mental deterioration that can occur in middle
8 or old age, due to generalized degeneration of the brain. It is the
9 commonest cause of premature senility. *English Oxford*

10 Organization - An organized group of people with a particular purpose,
11 such as a business or government department. *English Oxford*

12 **SECTION 3.** This will be implemented by the U.S. Department of Health and Human
13 Services (DHH).

14 A. The money for the grants will be drawn from the current DHH annual
15 budget.

16 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented January 1st, 2020.

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

**A Bill to Prohibit Health Insurance Providers from Setting Prices
Based on Personal Data Acquired from Data Brokers**

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Health insurance companies are prohibited from setting rates based on
3 personal information acquired from data brokers. Such information
4 would include but is not limited to any information data brokers found
5 through a person's purchases, web history, social media presence, or
6 online exchanges. Health insurance companies should be prohibited from
7 assessing a potential customer's risk factors and subsequently setting
8 prices based on this private information.

9 **SECTION 2.** A health insurance provider is a company that provides health insurance
10 to customers for a cost that varies based on a variety of factors, including
11 current health, medical history, etc. Data brokers are businesses that
12 aggregate information from a variety of sources; processes it to enrich,
13 cleanse or analyze it; and licenses it to other organizations. A risk factor is
14 a variable associated with an increased risk of disease or infection.

15 **SECTION 3.** The Dept. of Commerce shall oversee the implementation of this bill.

16 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall be implemented on December 31st, 2019.

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

A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Repeal the 22nd Amendment

A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Repeal the 22nd Amendment

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 **AMENDMENT 28**

8 **SECTION 1.** The 22nd Amendment is repealed.

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

A Bill to Repeal the Postal Reorganization Act to Abolish the United States Postal Service

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Postal Service shall be eliminated, and the Postal
3 Reorganization Act that created the independent agency repealed.

4 **SECTION 2.** The United States Postal Service is defined as the independent government
5 agency that receives, delivers, and processes mail inside of the United States.

6 **SECTION 3.** Congress will oversee the enforcement and funding of this legislation.

7 **A.** Upon the declaration of the removal of the United States Postal Service all
8 services including receiving, delivering, and processing will stop; the use of the
9 United States Postal Service as an independent agency, and as an agency in
10 general, will be eliminated.

11 **B.** Any remaining assets will be auctioned off and funds returned to the general
12 federal revenue pool.

13 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall go into effect on October 1, 2019.

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

A Bill to Repeal Section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962, that allows the President
3 to increase tariffs for reasons of national security shall be repealed.

4 **SECTION 2.** Tariffs shall be returned to rates set by the World Trade Organization
5 (WTO).

6 **SECTION 3.** Oversight and Enforcement:

7 A. The House Ways and Means Subcommittee on Trade shall be
8 responsible for oversight of this legislation.

9 B. The United States Department of Commerce and The United States
10 Trade Representative shall be responsible for the enforcement of this
11 legislation.

12 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall go into effect at the start of the 2020 United States Fiscal
13 Year.

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

A Bill to Legalize Online Poker

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Online Poker shall be legalized in all locations under the jurisdiction of
3 the United States.

4 **SECTION 2.** Online Poker is defined as a game, played over the internet, where
5 players place bets against other players based on randomized cards dealt
6 by an independent party. Poker games include, but are not limited to,
7 Texas Hold 'em, Omaha, 7 Card Stud, 5 card draw, and 2-7 draw.

8 **SECTION 3.** All Online Poker operators must obtain a license before offering games
9 within the United States. Operators must meet the following conditions
10 before acquiring a license:

11 A) All Online Poker companies must be up to date on all fees. Each
12 company must pay bi-annually 10% of all initially raked money of
13 players registered under United States residency.

14 B) All Online Poker companies must be in good standing with the
15 Interactive Gaming Council.

16 **SECTION 4.** Licensed operators may begin offering games January 1st, 2021.

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

A Resolution to Begin Implementation of the Green New Deal

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- 1 **WHEREAS,** climate change is wreaking havoc on the globe through severe weather
2 and drought; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** the United States must accept responsibility for its contributions to global
4 greenhouse gas emissions; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** the United States must play a leadership role in the global fight against
6 climate change; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** the United States must transition to a carbon free economy for the
8 survival of the planet; now, therefore, be it
- 9 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that United States Federal Government
10 begin immediate implementation of the Green New Deal.

A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Eliminate the President's Power to Pardon

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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.** The President of the United States shall **not** have power to grant
9 reprieves and pardons for offenses against the United States.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by E. A. Olle Middle School

A Bill to Require Immunization to Protect the Youth of America

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Vaccinations will be required for all children entering any K-12 school,
3 except in cases where eligible exemptions are applicable.

4 **SECTION 2.** Vaccinations will be defined as the recommended child and adolescent
5 immunization schedule for ages 18 and younger published by the Center
6 for Disease Control. Exemptions will only be defined as either: A) a
7 medical exemption (because of allergy, autoimmune disease, or other
8 factor) signed by a Medical Doctor (MD) or a Doctor of Osteopathic
9 Medicine (DO) OR B) religious exemption, proven through documentation
10 of regular religious participation.

11 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education (ED) and the Center for Disease Control
12 (CDC) will oversee this bill.
13 A. The ED will oversee the enforcement of this bill in America's schools.
14 B. The CDC will oversee the required immunization schedule.

15 **SECTION 4.** All K-12 students will be vaccinated by 2025.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Tequesta Trace Middle School

A Bill to Increase Counseling Resources in Public Schools

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Public school districts receiving funding from the federal government shall add
3 school counselors, psychologists, and social workers to meet the ratios
4 recommended by the American School Counselor Association (ASCA), the
5 National Association of School Psychologists (NASP), and the National
6 Association of Social Workers (NASW).

7 **SECTION 2.** School counselors, school psychologists, and school social workers must spend
8 at least 80% of their work time fulfilling counseling roles as defined by the ASCA,
9 NASP, and NASW.

10 **SECTION 3.** The U. S. Department of Education and the National Institute of Mental Health
11 will oversee the gradual implementation of this bill, using these benchmarks:

12 A. By the 2024-2025 school year, school districts must provide one school
13 counselor for every 500 students, one school psychologist for every 1000
14 students, and one school social worker for every 500 students.

15 B. By the 2029-2030 school year, school districts must provide one school
16 counselor for every 250 students, one school psychologist for every 500
17 students, and one school social worker for every 250 students.

18 **SECTION 4.** This law shall go into effect during the 2019-2020 school year.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by E. A. Olle Middle School

A Bill to Defund Sanctuary Cities

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** This bill shall eliminate all federal funding to the specific cities that are
3 classified as sanctuary cities to pressure said cities into abiding by federal
4 immigration statutes.

5 **SECTION 2.** A sanctuary city shall be defined as a city whose municipal laws protect
6 undocumented immigrants from deportation or prosecution, despite
7 federal immigration law. Federal funding shall be defined as everything
8 with monetary value such as federal grants that is transferred from the
9 federal governments to said local governments. The federal codes in
10 which sanctuary cities are breaking include Section 1373(a) of Title 8 of
11 the U.S. Code which states that local authorities cannot refrain from
12 sending or receiving information regarding the immigration or citizenship
13 status of people to the Department of Homeland Security.

14 **SECTION 3.** This bill will be overseen by the US Department of the Treasury and will
15 receive \$1 million in funds for implementation and enforcement.

16 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be enacted immediately after passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Schimelpfenig Middle School.

A Bill to Construct Wildlife Bridges to Reduce Deaths of Endangered Species in the United States

**A Bill to Construct Wildlife Bridges to Reduce Deaths of
Endangered Species in the United States**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall build 2,000 new wildlife bridges through all 50
3 states by 2025, with focus on areas with high populations of endangered
4 terrestrial species

5 **SECTION 2.** Wildlife bridges will be defined as an under or overpass over a multi-lane
6 highway that is covered in vegetation to allow for safe animal crossings.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of the Interior and the Department of Transportation
8 will oversee the construction of these bridges.

9 A. The Department of Transportation will oversee the construction of
10 the roads and their implementation into the highway system.

11 B. The Department of the Interior (specifically Fish and Wildlife Services)
12 will ensure that the bridges have the components necessary to be
13 safe for wildlife.

14 **SECTION 4.** Construction will begin on Jan. 1, 2020 and will be completed by Dec. 31,
15 2025

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

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2019 SEMIFINAL ROUNDS LEGISLATION

A Resolution to Amend The Constitution to Lower the Right to Vote to Age 16

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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.** The right of citizens of the United States, who are sixteen years of age or
9 older, to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by a
10 State on account of age.

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

A Bill to End Sanctions on Cuba

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States will lift its embargo on Cuba.

3 **SECTION 2.** Embargo on Cuba is defined as the restrictions on trade and travel
4 designed to harm Cuba.

5 **SECTION 3.** The Department of State and Department of Treasury will oversee the
6 implementation of and enforcement of this legislation.

7 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall be enforced immediately upon passage.

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

The American Prison Reform Act of 2019

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The US Government shall cease contracting For-Profit companies to
3 oversee or run operations of any prison. The Department of Justice shall
4 begin negotiations with For-Profit companies currently under contract,
5 with the companies receiving financial compensation. Shall the company
6 not reach an agreement with the government; the US shall nationalize
7 the prison. The Federal Bureau of Prisons shall receive 15 billion USD to
8 be used for creating and improving rehabilitation programs for all
9 inmates in all prisons.

10 **SECTION 2.** A For-Profit company shall be defined as a company whose primary goal
11 is making money as opposed to helping the community. Rehabilitation
12 programs shall be defined as programs aimed at helping inmates return
13 to society.

14 **SECTION 3.** The funds needed to buyout private prisons shall come from the
15 Department of Defense budget. The Federal Bureau of Prisons shall
16 create and oversee the rehabilitation programs.

17 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall go into effect February 1st, 2019, with negotiations until
18 January 1st, 2020 .

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

A Resolution to Condemn the People's Republic of China for Aggression in the South China Sea**A Resolution to Condemn the People's Republic of China for Aggression in the South China Sea**

- 1 **WHEREAS,** the South China Sea is a vital international waterway; and
- 2 **WHEREAS,** the South China Sea is crucial to the food security of Southeast Asia; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** The People's Republic of China continues to defy the 2016 ruling under
- 4 the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS); and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** the People's Republic of China has increased its military posture in the
- 6 South China Sea; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** the dredging operations of the People's Republic of China threaten the
- 8 ecology of the South China Sea; and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** the continued aggressive actions of the People's Republic of China
- 10 threaten the economic, financial and political security of Southeast Asia
- 11 and the entire international community; now, therefore, be it
- 12 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that the United States of America
- 13 condemns the aggression of the People's Republic of China in the South
- 14 China Sea and calls upon the People's Republic of China to immediately
- 15 end such policies in violation of the United Nations Convention on the
- 16 Law of the Sea.

A Resolution to Regulate Artificial Intelligence

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- 1 **WHEREAS,** Artificial intelligence impacts a wide range of technologies, from image
2 recognition to chatbots; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** Few regulations have been placed on the artificial intelligence
4 technology; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** Artificial intelligence is able to make decisions that affect various aspects
6 of our constituents' lives; now, therefore, be it
- 7 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled direct the National Science Foundation
8 to make a clear definition for artificial intelligence; and, be it
- 9 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That artificial intelligence will not be permitted to make any
10 decisions that directly affect the finances or health of a human being and
11 will only be used to aid in advising on those matters.

A Bill to Stop Government Shutdowns

A Bill to Stop Government Shutdowns

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** In the event of a lapse in appropriations under the normal appropriations
3 process, status quo appropriations will hereby be provided.

4 **SECTION 2.** Status Quo appropriations shall be defined as a short-term government budget.
5 A government agency shall be an agency defined by the United States
6 Government Manual. An appropriations bill should be defined as a proposed
7 law that that authorizes the expenditure of government funds, also known as a
8 budget.

9 **SECTION 3.** Every government agency will receive funds with these provisions in place.

10 A. 1/52nd of each agency's budget from the previous fiscal year will be
11 appropriated for every 7-day period.

12 B. If a new appropriations bill is not put into place three months after the first
13 usage of a status quo appropriations the previous appropriations bill shall
14 be renewed for the next fiscal year.

15 C. The Executive Office of the President and the Legislative branch shall be
16 excluded from receiving status quo appropriations.

17 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect fiscal year 2022.

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

A Resolution to Sign and Ratify the Rome Statute

A Resolution to Sign and Ratify the Rome Statute

- 1 **WHEREAS,** it is not in the best interests of the United States as a global democratic leader
2 to condemn other nations over alleged war crimes without holding ourselves to
3 the same appropriate standards agreed to by other nations, and
4 **WHEREAS,** Increased transparency of foreign policy actions taken by the United States is
5 necessary at this moment when faith in American institutions and government
6 is at an all-time low, both internationally and domestically, and
7 **WHEREAS,** The purpose of the International Criminal Court (ICC) is to assist the international
8 community in supporting democracies around the globe in a manner that denies
9 access and use of power wielded by dictators, a goal the United States
10 ostensibly supports; and
11 **WHEREAS,** Formal cooperation with the ICC better supports foreign policy initiatives as the
12 United States government would necessarily seek the support of the ICC, thus
13 legitimizing said action(s); and
14 **WHEREAS,** The public supports the United States adopting the Rome Statute, with over
15 60% of Americans supporting the United States involvement in the ICC; now,
16 therefore, be it
17 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that the United States sign and ratify the Rome
18 Statute immediately.



MIDDLE SCHOOL NATIONAL CONGRESSIONAL DEBATE

2019 FINAL ROUNDS LEGISLATION

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

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

7 **ARTICLE --**

8 **SECTION 1:** The President and Vice President shall be elected by the people of the several States
9 and the district constituting the seat of government of the United States.

10 **SECTION 2:** The electors in each State shall have the qualifications requisite for electors of the most
11 populous branch of the legislature of the State; although Congress may establish
12 uniform age qualifications.

13 **SECTION 3:** Each elector shall cast a single vote for two persons who have consented to the joining
14 of their names as candidates for President and Vice President. No elector shall be
15 prohibited from casting a vote for a candidate for President or Vice President because
16 either candidate, or both, are inhabitants of the same State as the elector.

17 **SECTION 4:** The pair of candidates having the greatest number of votes for President and Vice
18 President shall be elected.

19 **SECTION 5:** The times, places, and manner of holding such elections and entitlement to inclusion on
20 the ballot shall be determined by Congress.

21 **SECTION 6:** The Congress may by law provide for the case of the death or any other disqualification
22 of any candidate for President or Vice President before the day on which the President-
23 elect or Vice President-elect has been chosen; and for the case of a tie in any election.

24 **SECTION 7:** This article shall take effect one year after the first day of January following ratification.

25 **SECTION 8:** The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

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The Presidential Tax Transparency Act

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Subsection (k) of section 6103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is
3 amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

4 The Secretary shall disclose and make publicly available returns and
5 return information of any candidate for President or Vice President.

6 **SECTION 2.** A minimum of 10 taxable years preceding the year in which the individual
7 becomes a candidate shall be released for public view. The only
8 information which shall not be publicly available shall be social security
9 numbers, the name of any individual under the age of 18, and the home
10 address of any individual.

11 **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of the Treasury shall take responsibility for the release of
12 this information.

13 **SECTION 4.** This shall take effect on January 1, 2020.

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

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Amendments to the HUD-VASH Voucher Program

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The HUD Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing Program (HUD-VASH) will

3 be amended to include the following:

4 A. Require participation in a treatment program for at least 60-days if
5 applicants have been diagnosed with chronic mental illness or chronic
6 substance abuse disorders.

7 B. Extend the initial search term from 120-days to 200-days.

8 **SECTION 2.** The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development will oversee the
9 enforcement of this bill.

10 A. The Landlord Incentive under HUD-VASH will be tiered: \$700 for
11 every rental with a six month or less lease and \$1,200 for every rental
12 with a one year lease provided for homeless Veterans.

13 B. The Rental Guarantee Fund will now provide up to \$5,000 for
14 landlords who provide housing for homeless Veterans.

15 **SECTION 4.** This shall take effect on January 8, 2020

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

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Social Media Privacy Protection and Consumer Rights Act of 2019

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Prior to creating an account, or otherwise beginning to use, an online platform,
3 the operator of the platform shall inform the user that unless the user opts out,
4 the personal data of the user will be collected and used by the operator and
5 third parties.

6 **SECTION 2.** Information collected by the operator of an online platform which must be
7 disclosed may include geolocation data, email addresses, phone numbers,
8 government identifiers such as a social security number, password identifiers,
9 financial information which may include payment card numbers, protected
10 health information, message content, and other nonpublic personal
11 information.

12 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Trade Commission shall oversee the enforcement of this act.

13 **A.** Any data breaches which reveal information protected in Section 2 shall be
14 reported no later than 72 hours after the intrusion becomes known to the
15 online platform.

16 **B.** Violations of this act shall be treated as an unfair or deceptive act or
17 practice as defined by the FTC and shall be penalized appropriately.

18 **SECTION 4.** This shall take effect 180 days after passage.

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

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American Dream Employment Act of 2019

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Section 704 of title VII of division E of the Consolidated Appropriations

3 Act, 2018 (Public Law 115–141) is amended—

4 **SECTION 2.** by striking “eligible; or” and inserting “eligible;”; and

5 **SECTION 3.** by striking the semicolon after “owes allegiance to the United States” and

6 inserting the following: “; or (5) is a person who is employed by the

7 House of Representatives or the Senate, and has been issued an

8 employment authorization document under the Deferred Action for

9 Childhood Arrivals Program of the Secretary of Homeland Security,

10 established pursuant to the memorandum from the Secretary of

11 Homeland Security entitled ‘Exercising Prosecutorial Discretion with

12 Respect to Individuals Who Came to the United States as Children’, dated

13 June 15, 2012:”.

14 **SECTION 4.** This shall take effect immediately upon passage.

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

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