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# A Bill to Fund the Electric Vehicle Industry

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** In light of cuts to national tax credits and renewable energy funding, the  
2 United States shall provide a subsidy of \$5 billion to support the growth of  
3 the domestic electric vehicle industry.
- 4 **SECTION 2.** The domestic electric vehicle industry shall include, but is not limited to,  
5 manufacturers, battery suppliers, and infrastructure development within  
6 the United States.
- 7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Energy (DOE) shall work in conjunction with the  
8 Department of Transportation (DOT) to implement the subsidy program.  
9 Annual industry reports to Congress will be provided by the DOE and DOT  
10 to determine the efficacy of the subsidy.
- 11 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on June 1, 2027. All laws in conflict with this  
12 legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by A.W. Dreyfoos School of the Arts.*

# A Bill to Subsidize the Development of Thorium Nuclear Reactors

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The United States will subsidize the development of Thorium-232, an  
2 alternative to Uranium-238 and Uranium-235.
- 3 **SECTION 2.** Thorium-232 is defined as a naturally abundant fertile isotope that must  
4 absorb a neutron to transform before it can produce energy. Uranium-235 is  
5 defined as a rare, naturally fissile isotope capable of immediately creating  
6 power. Uranium-238 is defined as a common form of natural uranium and  
7 acts as a fertile base that transforms during reactor operations.
- 8 **SECTION 3.** The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) shall be responsible for the  
9 enforcement and oversight of this legislation. Funding for this legislation shall  
10 be drawn exclusively from existing federal appropriations and shall not  
11 require the creation of new taxes or spending programs. Specifically:
- 12           A. \$1 billion shall be reallocated from Department of Energy (DOE)  
13           uranium enrichment incentive awards.
- 14           B. \$4 billion shall be reallocated from Department of Energy (DOE)  
15           C. fossil fuel research and development funding.
- 16 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2028. All laws in conflict with this  
17 legislation is hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by American Heritage School, Palm Beach Campus.*

# A Resolution to Grant Puerto Rico Independence

1   **WHEREAS,**    Puerto Rico is effectively a colony of the United States, entirely denied  
2                    meaningful political representation in the Federal government; and  
3   **WHEREAS,**    one-sided exploitative policies such as the Jones Act and FOMBPR have  
4                    been used to extract economic value from the Puerto Rican people, stifling  
5                    prosperity and financial stability; and  
6   **WHEREAS,**    the United States has a history of suppressing Puerto Rican independence  
7                    movements throughout the 20th century, including by banning  
8                    independence parties and opposition to Federal mandates; and  
9   **WHEREAS,**    statehood and the accompanying political representation is insufficient to  
10                   change the systematic exploitative and illiberal policies enforced by the  
11                   U.S. Federal Government; now, therefore, be it  
12 **RESOLVED,**   By the Congress here assembled that Puerto Rico be granted independence  
13                   from the United States of America. Puerto Rico shall be recognized as a  
14                   sovereign nation and state free from the plenary constitutional authority  
15                   of congress and the federal government; and, be it  
16 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** that Puerto Rico be invited to join the United States in a compact of  
17                   free association.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by FAU High School.*

# **A Bill to Encourage the Use of Genetically Modified Crops**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- SECTION 1.** Congress will reallocate 10% of all oil subsidies to create new subsidies for farmers that produce at least 40% genetically modified crops.
- A. 5 billion dollars will be reallocated from the Department of Defense's budget to further research and development of nutrient dense GMOs that reduce stress on soil.
- SECTION 2.** Genetically modified crops shall be defined as plants whose DNA has been altered through genetic engineering to provide the plant with desirable traits that it otherwise may not naturally possess. This includes, but is not limited to: pest resistance, herbicide tolerance and improved nutritional value.
- SECTION 3.** The Department of Agriculture is tasked with overseeing subsidy transfers with the assistance of the Department of Energy. The FDA is tasked with ensuring safety in GMO testing and usage.
- SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2027. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Martin County High School.*

# A Bill to Establish the Law Enforcement Accountability Commission (LEAC)

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1     **SECTION 1.**     An independent oversight body, hereinafter referred to as the *Law*  
2                         *Enforcement Accountability Commission (LEAC)*, shall be established to  
3                         investigate all allegations of misconduct by state, local, and federal law  
4                         enforcement officers. No agency shall investigate its own personnel.
- 5     **SECTION 2.**     The LEAC shall be vested with the following powers and responsibilities:  
6                         A. Membership shall consist of appointed, professionally trained  
7                         investigators, auditors, and legal experts who have not served as sworn  
8                         officers in any law enforcement agency within the preceding five (5)  
9                         years.  
10                        B. The Commission shall have full subpoena power, authority to compel  
11                        testimony, and access to evidence necessary to ensure impartial  
12                        investigations.  
13                        C. Final investigation reports shall be published to the public within  
14                        ninety (90) days of case closure, with redactions permitted only when  
15                        required to preserve ongoing judicial proceedings.  
16                        D. The Commission shall issue quarterly public reports detailing activities,  
17                        expenditures, and aggregate findings, with exceptions only when  
18                        disclosure would compromise active investigations.  
19                        E. All Commission proceedings and reports shall prioritize transparency,  
20                        accountability, and restoration of public trust in law enforcement  
21                        institutions.
- 22     **SECTION 3.**     Funding for the LEAC shall be secured by reallocating 0.5% of federal law  
23                         enforcement assistance grants annually into a dedicated oversight fund  
24                         managed by the Commission.
- 25     **SECTION 4.**     This legislation shall take effect beginning on January 1, 2027.
- 26     **SECTION 5.**     All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Olympic Heights High School.*

**Recycling Enforcement to Abate Landfills  
(REAL) Act**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** Recycling facilities shall be required to meet verified minimum recycling  
2 rates and ensure proper processing and repurposing of recyclable  
3 materials.
- 4 **SECTION 2.** For the purposes of this legislation:
- 5       A. "Recyclable material" shall be defined as materials accepted for  
6 recycling under applicable state or federal guidelines, such as paper,  
7 glass, and plastic.
- 8       B. "Recycling facility" shall be defined as any commercial entity that  
9 receives and processes recyclable materials in order to prepare  
10 them for reuse.
- 11       C. "Recycling rates" shall be defined as the percentage of incoming  
12 recyclable material that is actually processed into recycled materials  
13 and sent to manufacturers.
- 14 **SECTION 3.** All recycling facilities shall be required to achieve a minimum recycling rate  
15 of 80% annually. Any facility failing to meet this standard shall be subject  
16 to penalties as illustrated in Section 4.
- 17 **SECTION 4.** Facilities that knowingly misreport recycling rates or fail to meet the  
18 minimum recycling rate shall face:
- 19       A. Civil penalties of up to \$50,000 per violation per day.  
20       B. Possible suspension or revocation of operating permits.
- 21 **SECTION 5.** All penalties collected by this legislation shall finance a Recycling Integrity  
22 Fund, which will work to support the improvement of recycling  
23 technologies and to benefit companies using recycled materials in their  
24 products.
- 25 **SECTION 6.** In order to enforce this legislation:
- 26       A. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) shall oversee the  
27 implementation of this legislation and may conduct random audits  
28 and inspections on recycling facilities.
- 29       B. Recycling facilities shall submit annual third-party verified reports to  
30 the EPA that detail incoming material volumes and recycled output  
31 volumes, as well as disposal methods.
- 32       C. This legislation shall take effect in FY 2028. All laws in conflict with  
33 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Palm Beach Central High School.*

# A Bill to Improve Training and Regulation of ICE

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) shall require enhanced  
3 training and increased regulation for all ICE officers to ensure lawful,  
4 humane, and professional enforcement of immigration laws.

5 **SECTION 2.** For the purposes of this legislation:

6 A. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) shall be defined as a federal  
7 agency within the Department of Homeland Security responsible for  
8 enforcing immigration laws.

9 B. Enhanced training shall be defined as mandatory instruction in  
10 constitutional rights, de-escalation techniques, and appropriate conduct  
11 when interacting with civilians.

12 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) shall oversee  
13 enforcement of this bill. DHS shall ensure ICE officers complete the  
14 required training and may impose disciplinary actions on officers who  
15 fail to comply.

16 **SECTION 4.** This policy shall be implemented one year after passage to allow time  
17 for congressional approval, budget allocation, and completion of  
18 required training for current ICE officers. All new ICE officers must  
19 complete the enhanced training prior to active duty.

20 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.  
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*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Palm Beach Gardens High School.*

## **A Bill to Sanction Qatar**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Federal Government shall sanction Qatar by  
3 limiting all forms of trade conducted with Qatar until improvements are  
4 made regarding human rights in Qatar.

5 **SECTION 2.** Improvements include but are not limited to providing safe working  
6 conditions, eliminating gender segregation, and terminating persecution of  
7 the LGBTQ+ community. Sanctions are defined as economic and trade  
8 restrictions placed on a country. Human rights are rights inherent to all  
9 human beings, regardless of race, sex, nationality, ethnicity, language,  
10 religion, or any other protected status ensuring the protection of these  
11 rights.

12 **SECTION 3.** The Department of State (DoS) and the Department of Commerce (DoC)  
13 will oversee enforcement of this legislation.

14 A. The Department of State will provide spot checks to monitor if  
15 requirements are met in order to lift sanctions.

16 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect upon passage.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Suncoast Community High School.*

# An Act to Dissolve the ATF

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) is hereby  
2 dissolved.
- 3 **SECTION 2.** Dissolution shall be defined as the complete abolishment of the ATF and  
4 the reassignment of its functions.
- 5 **SECTION 3.** All functions previously exercised by the ATF shall be reassigned as follows:  
6 A. Enforcement of firearms-related federal laws shall be transferred to the  
7 Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).  
8 B. Enforcement of alcohol- and tobacco-related federal laws shall be  
9 transferred to the Department of the Treasury, specifically the Alcohol  
10 and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB).  
11 C. All ATF employees shall be reassigned to the FBI or TTB as necessary.
- 12 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect immediately upon passage. All laws in  
13 conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Wellington High School.*

# **A Bill to Restore Justice to the U.S. Active Duty Military**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** When the President of the United States wishes to federally deploy any form  
2 of active duty military forces, they must submit a petition to Congress. If  
3 Congress approves their proposal within fifteen calendar days, the active  
4 duty force may be deployed.

5 **SECTION 2.**

6 A. "Active duty military forces" include actors such as the Army, Air Force,  
7 Marines, National Guard, and all full-time enlisted military personnel.

8 "Deployment" includes only military deployments on domestic soil or waters.

9 B. The procedure for the deployment of National Guard personnel by state  
10 governments shall remain unchanged.

11 **SECTION 3.** This bill will become effective on March 1, 2026

12 **SECTION 4.** The Department of Justice shall oversee the implementation of this  
13 legislation.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by West Boca Raton Community High School.*

# The Safe Rides and Slides Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All amusement and water parks operating within the United States shall be  
3 required to comply with federal baseline safety standards for ride and attraction  
4 inspection, maintenance, and operator training.

5 **SECTION 2.** Let these definitions be used:

- 6 a. “Amusement park” refers to any permanent or traveling facility  
7 open to the public that operates mechanical rides or attractions for  
8 entertainment.
- 9 b. “Waterpark” refers to any facility open to the public that operates water-  
10 based attractions, including slides, wave pools, lazy rivers, and aquatic rides.
- 11 c. “Ride or attraction” refers to any mechanical, electrical, or water-based  
12 device designed to carry or entertain guests.

13 **SECTION 3.** The Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) shall oversee enforcement of  
14 this legislation through its existing inspection and oversight programs.  
15 Inspections may be conducted by state-certified or federally recognized third-  
16 party inspectors operating under CPSC guidelines. Mechanical and water-based  
17 rides shall undergo mandatory safety inspections at least once every twelve  
18 months. Amusement and water park operators shall be required to provide  
19 standardized safety training for ride operators and lifeguards. Parks that fail to  
20 comply may be subject to fines, temporary attraction closures, or suspension of  
21 operating licenses.

22 **SECTION 4.** These requirements shall take effect beginning in the 2027 operating season.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by William T. Dwyer High School*