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A Bill to Reduce the Digital Divide

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** United States constituents with an annual household income of \$30,000 or
2 less will have a standardized 25% discount on any Internet Service
3 Provider's (ISP) internet plans offering speeds of 100 megabits per second
4 or lower, in an attempt to reduce the digital divide. ISPs will absorb the
5 cost of the discount.
- 6 **SECTION 2.** "Internet Service Provider" will be defined as a company that provides
7 internet service to consumers.
- 8 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) shall oversee the
9 enforcement of this legislation. ISPs that fail to meet the legislation's
10 requirements will be subject to a 5% decrease in their domestic revenue
11 annually, assuming noncompliance continues.
- 12 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on July 31, 2026. All laws in conflict with this
13 legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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

A Bill to Increase Housing Affordability

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall subsidize the building of 5 million single-family
2 homes by 2036.
- 3 **SECTION 2.** The Department of Housing and Urban Development is responsible for
4 selecting credible companies in good standing to carry out this plan along
5 with developing quality, room type, and square footage standards for
6 subsidized houses. The HUD shall target subsidies at locations that have
7 applicable laws favorable to mass construction, areas with high demand,
8 and areas with a high success probability rate.
- 9 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) shall be
10 responsible for implementing this legislation.
- 11 A. This program shall have a budget of \$160 billion per year for 5 years
12 with the goal of all construction being finished by 2036.
- 13 B. For every \$150,000 in subsidies, companies must produce one single-
14 family home or for every \$400,000 in subsidies, companies must
15 produce one multifamily home with 4 units all within 2 years.
- 16 C. Multifamily homes built under this program shall not be subject to
17 density, lot size, parking, open space, design standards, or special use
18 permits restrictions with these exemptions being granted on a case-by-
19 case basis by the HUD.
- 20 D. Inspectors shall be assigned to inspect random homes. Should any
21 home have a serious quality issue, all subsidies to that company will be
22 halted.
- 23 E. The Department of Housing and Urban Development shall be allocated
24 \$500 million per year to cover administrative costs of transactions,
25 developer certification, and hire 1,600 more inspectors to spot-inspect
26 developed houses.
- 27 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect on July 4, 2026. Applications to the
28 program and building planning shall begin immediately. All laws in conflict
29 with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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

A Bill to Terminate and Reverse Alligator Alcatraz

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** Alligator Alcatraz is the informal name for a migrant detention center
2 located in Everglades National Park, Florida. Essentially a holding cell
3 used to house suspected undocumented people. Due to the unhygienic
4 and inhumane conditions, as well as the environmental destruction that
5 it is causing, Alligator Alcatraz must be disbanded and the land must be
6 given back to the State of Florida and restored to its previous condition.
- 7 **SECTION 2.** For clarity, we will use these definitions:
- 8 A. A migrant detention center is a facility used to detain individuals who
9 are suspected of violating immigration laws while their immigration
10 status is being assessed or they are awaiting deportation.
- 11 B. A suspected undocumented person shall be defined as someone
12 detained by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and placed in
13 Alligator Alcatraz.
- 14 **SECTION 3.** The Florida Department of Environmental Protection will oversee the
15 completion of this bill. The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) will
16 be in charge of placing the undocumented people into supplementary
17 facilities. The state of Florida will be given 300 million USD to demolish
18 Alligator Alcatraz and restore the affected environment. That money will
19 be from the funds that were intended to keep the facility running, which
20 will be reimbursed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency
21 (FEMA).
- 22 **SECTION 4.** This will go into effect immediately after the bill is passed.
- 23 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Clark Advanced Learning Center.

A Bill to Abolish the CIA

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The Legislative Branch will abolish the Central Intelligence
2 Agency (CIA) and assign its duties across Executive Agencies in
3 an effort to reduce unethical and covert extrajudicial operations.
- 4 **SECTION 2.** Abolish shall be defined as the cessation and dissolution of the
5 CIA's structure and powers.
- 6 **SECTION 3.** A. The following executive agencies will assume control of these
7 CIA roles and responsibilities: Department of Defense: Foreign
8 Intelligence Analysis and Dissemination; Department of Homeland
9 Security: Counterterrorism Efforts.
- 10 B. United States Foreign Policy efforts to maintain US Hegemony
11 shall be transitioned from covert operations that violate other
12 nation's sovereignty to operations that make full use of our Soft
13 Power.
- 14 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be enacted in phases with a targeted
15 completion date of January 21st 2033.
- 16 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null
17 and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by John I Leonard High School.

A Bill to Encourage the Use of Genetically Modified Crops

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** Congress will reallocate 10% of all oil subsidies to create new
2 subsidies for farmers that produce at least 40% genetically
3 modified crops.
4 A. 5 billion dollars will be reallocated from the Department of
5 Defense's budget to further research and development of
6 nutrient dense GMOs that reduce stress on soil.
- 7 **SECTION 2.** Genetically modified crops shall be defined as plants whose DNA
8 has been altered through genetic engineering to provide the plant
9 with desirable traits that it otherwise may not naturally possess.
10 This includes, but is not limited to: pest resistance, herbicide
11 tolerance and improved nutritional value.
- 12 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Agriculture is tasked with overseeing subsidy
13 transfers with the assistance of the Department of Energy. The
14 FDA is tasked with ensuring safety in GMO testing and usage.
- 15 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on July 1st, 2027. All laws in conflict
16 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.

A Bill to Protect Citizens from Criminals

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** All citizens of the United States shall be protected by the Stand-Your-
2 Ground law.

3 **SECTION 2.** The Stand-Your-Ground law shall grant a person Civil and Criminal
4 immunity when they defend themselves from the perceived threat of
5 severe bodily harm or death from another. It will also apply to anyone
6 who tries to prevent the commission of a forcible felony. It eliminates any
7 legal requirement to retreat before using force. Rights granted by the
8 Stand-Your-Ground law will not apply to anyone engaged in any unlawful
9 activity. Moreover, the members of a residence shall be justified to
10 threaten or to use lethal force to protect their person(s) and possessions
11 in the event of an invasion of their residence.

12 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice shall recognize this bill as law of the land
13 immediately upon its passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Palm Beach Central High School.

A Bill to Invest in Electric Vehicles to Combat Climate Change

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The United States government shall allocate \$25 billion annually to expand
2 electric vehicle (EV) infrastructure and invest in research to produce
3 transportation-related greenhouse gas emissions.
- 4 **SECTION 2.** Electric Vehicles (EVs) are defined as battery-powered passenger vehicles,
5 commercial trucks, and buses that run only on electricity.
- 6 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Energy (DOE) and the Department of Transportation
7 (DOT) shall oversee the implementation as follows.
- 8 A. \$15 billion per year to build a nationwide EV charging network,
9 prioritizing highways, urban centers, rural areas, and low-income
10 communities.
- 11 B. \$10 billion per year for EV research and development, focusing on
12 improving battery efficiency, reducing costs, and increasing domestic
13 production.
- 14 **SECTION 4.** Funding for this bill shall come from:
- 15 A. \$15 billion shall be gradually reduced from fossil fuel subsidies.
- 16 B. \$10 billion shall be redirected from existing federal transportation and
17 energy programs.
- 18 **SECTION 5.** This legislation will take into effect January 1st, 2026
- 19 **SECTION 6.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Suncoast Community High School.

A Bill to Redirect Surplus U.S. Food Waste to Combat Global Hunger

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall implement a program to redirect surplus
2 food waste from farms, manufacturers, and retailers to other
3 nations which are experiencing severe food insecurity through a
4 streamlined aid distribution system.

5 **SECTION 2.** Surplus food waste is defined as excess, safe-to-consume food
6 which is discarded due to oversupply, cosmetic imperfections, or
7 nearing expiration but still meeting U.S. Department of
8 Agriculture (USDA) food safety standards.

9 **SECTION 3.** The USDA shall oversee the processing, collection, and
10 distribution of surplus food.

11 A. Incentives include a 30% federal tax credit based on the
12 food's fair market value. In addition, food donors receive
13 liability protections if the food causes harm.

14 B. A logistics framework shall be established in coordination
15 with international aid organizations to facilitate efficient
16 delivery to recipient nations.

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

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Wellington High School.