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Preliminary Round Legislation

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101. A Resolution to US-xit

1 **WHEREAS,** The US is currently a member of the United Nations (UN), an
2 international organization whose resolutions and initiatives may
3 conflict with US interests; and

4 **WHEREAS,** The US contributes significant financial resources to the UN, creating
5 an ongoing fiscal obligation that impacts the federal budget; and

6 **WHEREAS** Participation in certain UN bodies and agreements may subject the
7 US to external political pressures and non-binding resolutions that
8 influence domestic and foreign policy decisions; and

9 **WHEREAS,** The principle of national sovereignty holds that the US government
10 should retain primary authority over its laws, policies and
11 international commitments without undue external influence; now,
12 therefore, be it

13 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled formally calls for the withdrawal of
14 the US from the UN and the termination of all financial contributions
15 to the organization.

Introduced for Legislative Debate by FCDI Staff.

102. A Bill to Save Energy

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All newly manufactured residential or commercial electrical
3 appliances capable of delayed operation in the US shall be equipped
4 with smart scheduling technology. This technology will allow the
5 appliance to automatically delay operation until periods of reduced
6 electricity demand unless overridden by the user.

7 **SECTION 2.** Smart scheduling technology is defined as a system that allows an
8 appliance to detect or receive signals indicating electricity demand
9 and automatically adjust operation times accordingly. Appliances
10 capable of delayed operation include, but are not limited to,
11 dishwashers, washing machines, clothes dryers, electric vehicle
12 chargers and any other household or commercial devices that can
13 safely postpone operation without significantly impacting
14 functionality.

15 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Energy shall oversee the implementation of this
16 legislation.

17 A. The Department of Energy shall issue mandatory certifications for
18 applicable appliances and may levy fines for non-compliant
19 manufacturers or retailers of up to \$1,000 per violation.

20 B. The Department of Energy shall create recommendations
21 identifying cities or population centers and types of appliances for
22 which manual override of smart scheduling should be restricted.

23 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2027.

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

Introduced for Legislative Debate by FCDI Staff.

103. A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Repeal the 17th Amendment

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

7 **ARTICLE --**

8 **SECTION 1:** The 17th amendment to the Constitution is hereby
9 repealed.

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

Introduced for Legislative Debate by FCDI Staff.

104. A Bill to Fix the US Immigration System

12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

13 **SECTION 1.** The following measures will be taken to fix the US immigration system:

- 14 A. 100 million dollars shall be allocated to the Department of
15 Homeland Security to provide advanced training for agents of US
16 Immigration and Customs Enforcement, including instruction in
17 immigration law, case processing, human trafficking identification,
18 investigative techniques and other enforcement-related
19 operational procedures;
- 20 B. 500 million dollars will be allocated for the construction and
21 maintenance of immigrant detention centers;
- 22 C. 250 million dollars will be allocated to immigration courts to hire
23 additional judges and maintain facilities; and
- 24 D. A 5-million-dollar grant shall be given to any law schools that
25 incorporate immigration law curriculum as a graduation
26 requirement.

27 **SECTION 2.** Immigrant detention center is defined as any federally operated or
28 contracted facility used to detain individuals pending immigration
29 proceedings.

30 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Homeland Security in conjunction with the
31 Department of Education shall oversee the implementation of this
32 legislation.

33 A. The Department of Homeland Security shall oversee the
34 enforcement of Sections 1A-C.

35 B. The Department of Education shall implement Section 1D.

36 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect FY 2027.

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

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105. The Arctic Protection Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The following measures will be taken to secure the US interests in the Arctic
3 Circle:

- 4 A. The construction of Arctic-deployable A2/AD systems;
- 5 B. Investment in dual-use Arctic infrastructure, such as airfields, ports,
6 satellite stations and other security infrastructure;
- 7 C. Deployment of Arctic domain awareness systems, including undersea
8 sensors, unmanned undersea vehicles and aerial vehicles;
- 9 D. Construction and deployment of four heavy and five medium polar
10 icebreakers within ten fiscal years; and
- 11 E. Construction and deployment of a fleet of modular ice-capable patrol
12 ships using Canada’s Harry DeWolf–class and/or Finland’s forthcoming
13 Pohjanmaa-class as building templates.

14 **SECTION 2.** A2/AD systems are defined as anti-access, area denial systems designed to
15 prevent adversaries from entering a specific area or to limit their operational
16 capacity within that area. Dual-use Arctic infrastructure is defined as
17 installments that support both civil and military operations.

18 **SECTION 3.** The Department of War shall oversee the implementation.

- 19 A. The Secretary of War shall issue an annual report to Congress detailing
20 the progress of infrastructure and ship building.

21 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect FY 2027.

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

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106. A Bill to Reform the Federal Reserve Bank

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Federal Reserve System shall be restructured to enhance democratic
3 accountability and institutional balance to:

- 4 A. Establish single eight-year terms for members of the Board of Governors,
5 subject to at-will removal by the President;
- 6 B. Nationalize the regional Reserve Banks;
- 7 C. Grant all Reserve Bank presidents permanent voting rights on the Federal
8 Open Market Committee (FOMC); and
- 9 D. Subject the Federal Reserve’s operating budget to a five-year
10 congressional appropriations process.

11 **SECTION 2.** Nationalize is defined as transferring ownership and operation to the US
12 government. Permanent voting rights are defined as full and continuous
13 authority to cast binding votes at all scheduled and emergency meetings of
14 the Federal Open Market Committee.

15 **SECTION 3.** The Department of the Treasury, in conjunction with the Government
16 Accountability Office, shall oversee the implementation of this bill.

- 17 A. The Department of the Treasury shall oversee the transfer of ownership
18 and reorganization of the regional Reserve Banks.
- 19 B. The Government Accountability Office shall conduct annual audits to
20 ensure compliance with Section 1D.

21 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect FY 2027.

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

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107. The STAMP (Structurally Terminating Article I Mail Powers) Act

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

7 **ARTICLE --**

8 **SECTION 1:** The Postal Clause of Article I, Section 8, Clause 7 of the
9 Constitution of the United States is hereby repealed.

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

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108. A Bill to Support Democratic Transition in Iran

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The US shall remove all economic and financial sanctions imposed on
3 Iran upon certification that Iran has conducted a free, fair and
4 internationally monitored democratic national election resulting in the
5 peaceful transfer or retention of power.

6 **SECTION 2.** Free and fair democratic election is defined as a national election
7 that: (1) permits universal adult suffrage without discrimination; (2)
8 allows opposition parties to organize, campaign and access media
9 without government interference; (3) is administered by an
10 independent electoral authority; and (4) is monitored and certified as
11 credible by internationally recognized election observation
12 organizations. Sanctions are defined as all economic, financial and
13 trade sanctions imposed by the US government through statute or
14 emergency powers.

15 **SECTION 3.** The Department of State, in conjunction with the Department of the
16 Treasury, will be responsible for implementing this legislation.

17 A. The Department of State shall assess whether the election meets
18 the criteria defined in Section 2;

19 B. Consult with international election monitoring bodies; and

20 C. Submit a report to Congress within 30 days of the conclusion of
21 the election.

22 D. Upon certification, the Department of the Treasury shall take all
23 necessary regulatory actions within 60 days to terminate
24 sanctions.

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

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

Introduced for Legislative Debate by FCDI Staff.

109. The SCALE (Shortened Calendar for Academic Learning and Efficiency) Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Public high schools receiving federal funding shall transition to a
3 mandatory four-day instructional week while maintaining current
4 annual instructional hour requirements.

5 A. Students will attend in-person classes four days per week, with
6 the fifth weekday reserved for teacher planning, tutoring or
7 optional enrichment programs.

8 **SECTION 2.** Public high schools are defined as any secondary school serving
9 grades 9–12 and receiving federal education funding.

10 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education shall oversee implementation of this
11 legislation.

12 A. States must submit compliance plans within one year of passage.

13 B. States failing to implement Section 1 shall risk 20% of federal
14 education funding.

15 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on FY 2028.

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

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110. A Bill to Prohibit Corporate Stock Buybacks

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Publicly traded corporations within the US are hereby prohibited from
3 repurchasing their own shares on the open market. Section 240.10b-18
4 of title 17, Code of Federal Regulation, is hereby abolished.

5 **SECTION 2.** Publicly traded corporations are defined as any corporation whose
6 securities are registered under Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act
7 of 1934.

8 **SECTION 3.** The US Securities and Exchange Commission shall oversee the
9 implementation of this bill.

10 A. Any corporation found to have conducted a stock buyback shall be
11 subject to penalties of at least three times the value of the repurchased
12 shares and may face suspension of securities trading privileges.

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

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

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