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Legislation Items for Round 1



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A Bill to Limit the Usage of AI to Combat Environmental Degradation

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** The United States shall establish regulations on the development and use of artificial intelligence (AI) to limit the usage of this tool to enhance our current environmental circumstances.
3. **SECTION 2.** **A.** "Environmental degradation" shall be defined as harm or damage to the Earth or living beings caused by human activity, including but not limited to, water scarcity, air and water pollution, toxic hardware waste, and excessive energy consumption.
4. **B.** "Limiting the usage of AI" shall be defined as implementing restrictions, to prevent excessive or harmful utilization of AI systems that negatively impact environmental sustainability.
5. **SECTION 3.** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), shall work together to oversee the enforcement of this legislation.
 6. **A.** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), shall ensure that there are regulations in place to ensure the development of AI systems while considering environmental conservation.
 7. **B.** The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), shall oversee the efficiency and effectiveness of this bill. The NIST shall also enforce standards for integrating environmental metrics into AI frameworks. These efforts would aim to ensure data transparency from AI business.
 8. **C.** Any business that breach these regulations will face a fine of \$50,000 for each violation.
9. **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2026. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

A Bill to Abolish Plea Bargaining

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** The practice of plea bargaining in criminal cases is hereby abolished.
3. **SECTION 2.** Plea bargaining shall be defined as an arrangement between a prosecutor and a defendant whereby the defendant pleads guilty to a lesser charge in exchange for a more lenient sentence.
4. **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice will oversee the implementation of this bill.
5. **SECTION 4.** This Bill will go into effect on January 1, 2028.
6. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation shall hereby be declared null and void.

A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Require a Supermajority to Confirm Nominees for Cabinet Positions

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

ARTICLE -

7. **SECTION 1.** **A.** A supermajority of a two-thirds vote is required to confirm all future nominees for
8. cabinet positions;
9. **B.** Any actions taken by members of the cabinet not confirmed by the aforementioned
10. supermajority requirement are null and void; and
11. **C.** All current cabinet members are exempt from this amendment.
12. **SECTION 2.** The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

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Legislation Items for Round 2



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A Bill to Defund For-Profit Charter School

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** This bill amends the definition of a charter school in the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to exclude for-profit schools from receiving federal funding.
3. **SECTION 2.** Section 4310 shall now include the following language: A charter school is defined as a publicly funded, independently operated school that is established by a chartering authority. A charter school shall not be classified as a for-profit entity, nor shall it be operated, overseen, or managed by a for-profit entity, including through a contract with a for profit charter management organization (CMO) or education management organization (EMO).
4. **SECTION 3.** Charter schools that meet the following criteria will remain eligible for federal funding: operated by a nonprofit organization; do not outsource core administrative functions to for-profit entities; may still contract with for-profit vendors for ancillary services, including but not limited to food services, payroll processing, facilities maintenance, transportation, and classroom supplies.
5. **SECTION 4.** The Department of Education shall oversee the implementation of this bill and ensure compliance through annual audits and reporting requirements.
6. **SECTION 5.** Federal funding for charter schools that do not comply with the requirements shall not be renewed beyond the 2025-2026 academic year. Existing nonprofit charter schools and traditional public schools are not affected by this legislation.
7. **SECTION 6.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

A Resolution to Ban the Ten Commandments From Classroom Settings to Ensure Separation of Church and State

1. **WHEREAS**, Many states and schools have enacted policies requiring that the Ten Commandments be put in classroom settings; and
2. **WHEREAS**, the Ten Commandments are an explicitly religious document; and
3. **WHEREAS**, the United States is not a theocracy, with a constitutional requirement that government shall not establish an official religion; and
4. **WHEREAS**, promoting a specific religion can cause harm to young children's perception of their own culture, identity, and sense of self; now, therefore, be it
5. **RESOLVED**, That the Congress here assembled prohibit the mandatory placement of the Ten Commandment in classroom settings.

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A Resolution to Grant Puerto Rico Independence

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

Legislation Items for Final Round



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A Bill to Support Venezuelan Migrants

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** The United States Government shall allocate \$500 million to the Peruvian government to supplement their efforts to support Venezuelan migrants within Peru's borders.
3. **SECTION 2.** The Department of State will be responsible for distributing aid to the Republic of Peru. Aid will be distributed in the following allocations:
 6. **A.** \$250 million will be earmarked for building infrastructure related to resettlement, including housing and transportation infrastructure.
 7. **B.** \$150 million will be earmarked for training and resources to the National Police of Peru to combat Tren de Aragua.
 8. **C.** \$100 million will be allocated for direct payments to refugee support organizations operating in Peru.
10. **SECTION 3.** The Department of State will deploy a monitoring and evaluation framework to determine the efficacy of the aid. The framework should include spot checks and financial auditing to ensure that aid is being used to its maximum efficiency.
11. **SECTION 4.** Enforcement of this legislation is entrusted to the Department of State. Congress may terminate aid early if reports indicate that it is being used for illegitimate purposes.
13. **SECTION 5.** This legislation will take effect on July 1, 2026. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

A Bill to Ban Fracking in the United States

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** Hydraulic fracturing for the extraction of oil or natural gas shall be banned nationwide, and all new permits for hydraulic fracturing operations shall be prohibited.
3. **SECTION 2.** Hydraulic fracturing (fracking) shall be defined as the process of injecting high-pressure fluids, chemicals, or proppants into subterranean rock formations to create fissures that release oil or natural gas. Oil and natural gas extraction operations shall include drilling wells, fracking wells, reinjection wells, and all associated well-site infrastructure. Existing wells shall refer to any fracking well that is currently active as of the effective date of this legislation.
4. **SECTION 3.** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) shall enforce this legislation.
 5. **A.** All existing fracking wells must cease operations within five years of this bill's enactment.
 6. **B.** The EPA shall oversee the safe plugging, sealing, and restoration of all decommissioned well sites.
 7. **C.** A \$10 billion transition fund shall be created to support energy-sector workers and communities economically dependent on fracking.
8. **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1st, 2027. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

A Bill to Invest in Nuclear Energy to Expand America's Clean Energy Capacity

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** The United States federal government shall construct 25 nuclear reactors and develop deep geological repositories to securely store nuclear waste.
 4. **A.** The DOE shall oversee the construction of at least one federally operated deep geological repository, designed for long-term underground containment of nuclear waste.
 7. **B.** Site selection shall prioritize geologically stable regions, minimal groundwater intrusion risk, and compliance with environmental and safety standards.
 9. **C.** Construction shall include excavation, engineered containment barriers, environmental monitoring systems, and long-term access controls.
11. **SECTION 2.** Nuclear reactor shall be defined as an electrical generation facility that utilizes the controlled fission of uranium molecules to produce electricity. Deep geological repository shall be defined as a storage facility for the purpose of securely containing nuclear waste underground for a minimum period of 1,000 years.
15. **SECTION 3.** The Department of Energy (DOE) shall oversee all construction, siting, licensing, and operation of the reactors and repositories.
 17. **A.** \$50 billion annually shall be appropriated over ten years for the construction of reactors and geological repositories.
 19. **B.** The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) shall ensure safety compliance.
 20. **C.** The DOE shall manage transportation of nuclear waste to the repository and monitor long-term environmental safety.
22. **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on December 1st, 2026. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.